

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
FEBRUARY 23, 2026 @ 4:00 PM
15 PUBLIC SQUARE, LANCASTER, KY 40444**

The meeting was called to order by Judge/Executive Chris Elleman.

Opening prayer by Daryl Hodge.

Opening Pledge of Allegiance led by Willie Skeens.

MAGISTRATES PRESENT: Glendan Barker, Bobby Preston, Wayne Day and Chris Davis
MAGISTRATES ABSENT: Chris Butner

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

None.

IN RE: PLATS

Preliminary - Highbridge Rd – existing private road with trailers on it. It will be turned into four parcels. Currently the private road does not fit the standards of our Ordinance. The surveyor will put into the description that the private road will be torn out and brought to our standards.

Tanyard Branch on the back side of Whitney Lane (Ballard Estate). Currently landowners want to buy the undeveloped land. There will be four parcels.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

February 9, 2026, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

From:		To:
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$45.28	General Fund 01-5001-212-0 Judge Incentive
General Fund 01-5005-578-0 Co Attorney Utilities	\$100.00	General Fund 01-5005-334-0 Co Attorney Maint & Repairs
General Fund 01-5135-336-A CSEPP Equipment Maintenance	\$4,812.50	General Fund 01-5135-322-A CSEPP Dispatch
General Fund 01-5140-320-A APAP Billing Fee	\$245.46	General Fund 01-5140-574-0 Ambulance Training

A motion was made to approve the transfers by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE BILLS TO BE PAID

01 – GENERAL FUND

AD-IOS	\$59.99
Airgas USA, LLC	\$1,507.18
Animal Care Center	\$55.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	\$8,830.00
Bluegrass 911 Central Communications	\$4,812.50
Bluegrass Community Action	\$1,000.00
Chris Elleman	\$5,445.28
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$300.00
Danville Office Equipment	\$332.88
Danville Office Equipment	\$476.20
Elan Financial Services	\$1,642.11
Environmental Waste Systems	\$89.00
Ephraim McDowell Regional Hospital	\$60.00
Garrard Automotive	\$317.87
Garrard Co Attorney	\$4,935.80
Greenscapes	\$665.00
Lancaster/Garrard Do Industrial Dev	\$15,000.00
Jessamine County Detention Center	\$28,840.00
Kentucky County Judge Executive Assoc	\$395.00
KMCA	\$75.00
Knights Technologies	\$99.00
Lexington Brain & Cognition	\$630.00
Garrard County Payroll Account	\$1,430.48

Performance Feeds LLC	\$65.94
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power	\$1,037.37
Quill	\$23.07
Garrard County Road Fund	\$921.80
Rumpke	\$133.17
Stanford Tire Center	\$747.00
Wanda Shelton	\$63.46

02 – ROAD FUND

The Allen Company	\$691.27
Central Record	\$84.00
John Deere Financial	\$1,254.61
Elan Financial Services	\$1,360.19
Garrard Automotive Inc	\$234.80
Meade Tractor	\$1,140.87
Performance Feeds, LLC	\$274.52
Rumpke	\$90.00
Stanford Automotive LLC	\$415.47
Stanford Tire Center	\$476.42
Weldquip	\$383.09

13 – SOLID WASTE FUND

Elan Financial Services	\$646.81
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86 – ABC FUND

Garrard County Sheriff	\$12,255.72
Garrard County Fiscal Court	\$3,063.93

A motion was made to approve the bills by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE LAST MONTH'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

None.

IN RE: KCJEA (JUDGE ASSOCIATION) COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM PRESENTATION

At the November 24, 2025, meeting, Judge/Executive Elleman said that the KCJEA will be implementing a new program consisting of \$1,000 donations back to all 120 counties over a 4-year period. This year Garrard County was chosen. Judge/Executive Elleman decided to award The Garrard County Ministerial Association and The Garrard County Community Food Bank with \$500.00 each. Both organizations are located in Garrard County as non-profit organizations and are registered as 501(c)(3). Checks were presented to both organizations.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Animal Control: Brittany Fain was in attendance. They've been running more calls due to weather. Numbers are pretty good right now – twenty dogs in custody and ten dogs waiting to come in. They've had four clinics for spay/neuter of cats. Community members are starting to see cats with ear tips, which means they've been seen. The gutters are falling due to the recent ice storm. There's a tree down.

Bluegrass 911: Russ Clark was in attendance. They've purchased some new equipment with the \$68,000 grant that they got last year. He's working on a \$200,000 grant now for new radio consoles. Currently they are fully staffed. When the weather is better, they'll look at getting a dumpster area put down. The grant is not open yet regarding installing a fence.

EMA: Wanda Shelton was in attendance. The EOC telephones have been switched to Windstream. They thought the Poor House tower had been struck by lightning, but now they're not sure. This affects communications in Cartersville. There's nothing new from Fish and Wildlife. She's still trying to see if we can be reimbursed for recent salt use.

EMS: Rebecca Sizemore was in attendance. Patient revenues were low last month but she is looking into the reason. We should be back on target this month. There are some new hires in training and they're fully staffed. There will be two upcoming July graduates from paramedic school and four as Advanced-EMTs. She is now ready to open the Assistant Director position back up. The education department is doing well. Truck #5 has mechanical problems and will probably have to be taken to the dealer. Judge/Executive Elleman said we may look into purchasing a van to help with transfers.

PVA: Brian Swinney was in attendance. They just finished up their quad work on the east end of the county. The county still shows steady progress – overall about 6.7% growth, with 8.9% residential growth. The Eagle View project is helping out with farm parcels. These numbers don't show new construction. They have about \$15,000,000 - \$20,000,000 in construction. They've had a lot of calls about Homestead exemptions.

Judge's Office: He and Sheriff Skeens have spoken with the SGM Trucking Company over the issue presented at the February 9, 2026, meeting. We've received a permit and they're working with Cammle Ford on the Old Railroad Grade Road Bridge. Asphalt and rock bids will be posted in the newspaper soon. He requested a list of blacktop needs from the Magistrates. He's hoping to hear something soon on the Discretionary Funds request. A meeting will take place next month with KYTC. Occupational tax forms have been mailed. He and Magistrate Davis met with a landowner in north Garrard on a potential location for a new park. The new Enterprise truck bids for the road department are being worked on. The budget workshop should be around mid-April. The sale of the Bushnell building on the square fell through. Optic is working on the plan of action review on the dam at Logan Hubble. He's working with The Allen Company on a road design. The flag raising ceremony for the new EMS building will take place on Wednesday at noon. We're working on the new Administration Code and Personnel Policy handbooks. The exit interview with the auditor on Fiscal Year 2025 has been completed. There is some data centers drama on Facebook, but the court has not been contacted over it.

A motion was made to accept the department updates by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACT

The Garrard County Health Department has presented a contract with the Garrard County Fiscal Court which agrees to reimburse them for Adult Tdap vaccinations, TB skin tests, and TB assessments, with a maximum cost of \$500.00. This contract is effective from July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. A motion was made to approve the contract by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

The Blue Grass Community Action Partnership (BGCAP) is requesting \$1,000 for Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) to provide services for individuals in Garrard County/Lancaster that include utility assistance, transportation assistance, education assistance, and rental assistance. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

An estimate was presented from Upward Prowash LLC in the amount of \$1,350 to pressure wash the porches and steps and the columns and ceilings of the courthouse. A second estimate was presented from Upward Prowash LLC in the amount of \$5,200 to clean the bell tower and rent an 85' lift. A motion was made to approve both estimates by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Willie Skeens was in attendance. He presented a check to the court in the amount of \$68,257.25 in 2025 excess fees. A motion was made to accept the check by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

They completed a lot of indoor repairs during the last year and replaced the outdoor gutters. They're working on becoming accredited. They're revamping their policies and procedures. They have eight full-time deputies that take 100% of their calls. Evan Preston just left to go work for the state as an ABC Agent. They've hired another Narcotics Enforcement Officer.

Sheriff Skeens submitted a quote from Lindsey's Garage Doors in the amount of \$15,450 to replace five garage doors at their building. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY CLERK

Kevin Montgomery was in attendance. March will be farm tags and April will be boat tags. The election commission just got approved for their county wide election plan, which stayed the same with three voting centers and three voting precincts.

County Clerk Montgomery presented a check to the court for \$225,000 for 2025 excess fees. A motion was made to accept the check by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: FY2025 GARRARD COUNTY KENTUCKY COURT OF JUSTICE FACILITY AUDIT REPORT

The audit of the Garrard County Kentucky Court of Justice (KCOJ) facility for the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 (FY 2025) has been completed. Garrard County appears to be recording the receipt and expenditure of court facility fees appropriately. A listing of Unauthorized Expenses was included for Charter Communications, one air freshener bill, and one US flag bill. The estimated cost for FY 2025 was \$199,300 and the actual cost was \$193,929.32. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day.

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Garrard County Judge/Executive