

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING  
MARCH 9, 2026 @ 6:00 PM  
15 PUBLIC SQUARE, LANCASTER, KY 40444**

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

Opening prayer by Jonathan McNeil.

Opening Pledge of Allegiance led by Willie Skeens.

**MAGISTRATES PRESENT:** Glendan Barker, Wayne Day, Chris Butner and Chris Davis

**ABSENT:** Bobby Preston

**IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeff Dembo was in attendance. He stated that when we elect officials, there's a certain amount of trust and hope that they will do what is best for the electorate and that they will follow through with everything that was promised. The way we know they've done that is by words, actions taken by supporting policies and governing bodies, and through personal actions. Mr. Dembo thought personal actions are the most powerful. On February 2, 2026, a Facebook post was made mentioning Magistrate Glendan Barker and Judge/Executive Elleman, who took it upon themselves to help clear roads in District 3 during the snow/ice storms. He said they did it not to make headlines, be re-elected, or because it was a fun thing to do, but because of their commitment to public service. On behalf of himself as a private citizen, and those who responded positively on social media, Mr. Dembo wishes to extend deep gratitude to Magistrate Glendan Barker and Judge/Executive Elleman for their actions and he's appreciative and thankful that they represent them in their community.

**IN RE: OLD BUSINESS**

At the February 9, 2026, meeting, Starr Feeback from Hawk's Nest Rd was in attendance. She expressed concern over the speed that the large trucks travel in that area. She said they come to rolling stops at the stop signs and it's a 25 MPR speed limit. She said small kids are out riding bicycles and skateboards on the roadways. She called Mr. Murphy of SGM Trucking Company to see if he would speak with the drivers and have them watch their speed, to no avail. She is worried about the safety of the children in that neighborhood. Judge/Executive Elleman and Sheriff Skeens met to discuss the issue. Magistrate Barker said he has spoken with Mrs. Feeback, and she wanted to thank the Sheriff's Department for being out at Rolling Meadows/Hawk's Nest and said traffic has slowed down and she feels a lot safer. She also wanted to thank Judge/Executive Elleman for speaking with the trucking company.

Judge/Executive Elleman referenced an article in The Central Record about the distillery. Tom Collins Distilling LLC has purchased the debt from Truist Bank. This is the first step in the parent company acquiring the property and assets of GBRE and the distillery as a whole. Overall, it's very positive for the community.

Judge/Executive Elleman included a deed for property located at KY 52 in the Paint Lick area. The court is looking at two properties in the county to build parks for the kids. They are looking to add a pavilion with picnic tables. The court thought they had a right of way deeded to them for this property, but they cannot find record of it. Judge/Executive Elleman will follow up with District 7 and will then determine if this is a viable property for a park site.

**IN RE: PLATS**

None.

**IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES**

February 23, 2026, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

**IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS**

From:		To:
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$1,179.69	General Fund 01-5005-334-0 Co Attorney Maint & Repairs
General Fund 01-5015-302-0 Sheriff Advertising	\$707.88	General Fund 01-5015-307-0 Sheriff Audit
General Fund 01-5015-521-0 Sheriff Insurance	\$1,495.67	General Fund 01-5015-307-0 Sheriff Audit
General Fund 01-5015-543-0 Sheriff License (Emails)	\$500.00	General Fund 01-5015-307-0 Sheriff Audit
General Fund 01-5015-699-0 Sheriff's Debt Service	\$5,765.05	General Fund 01-5015-307-0 Sheriff Audit

General Fund 01-5030-573-0 PVA Telephone	\$949.68	General Fund 01-5030-334-0 PVA Maint & Repairs
General Fund 01-5030-581-0 PVA Water & Sewer	\$250.00	General Fund 01-5030-334-0 PVA Maint & Repairs
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$16.54	General Fund 01-5047-569-0 Tax Administrator Refunds
General Fund 01-5081-175-0 Judicial Custodial	\$2,687.05	General Fund 01-5081-333-0 Judicial Maintenance
General Fund 01-5081-521-0 Judicial Insurance	\$873.37	General Fund 01-5081-333-0 Judicial Maintenance
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$11,439.58	General Fund 01-5081-333-0 Judicial Maintenance
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$2,000.00	General Fund 01-5081-581-0 Judicial Water & Sewer
General Fund 01-5135-336-A CSEPP Equipment Maintenance	\$1,394.56	General Fund 01-5135-578-A CSEPP Utilities
General Fund 01-5135-340-A CSEPP Vehicle Maintenance	\$1,000.00	General Fund 01-5135-578-A CSEPP Utilities
General Fund 01-5135-445-A CSEPP Office Supplies	\$1,000.00	General Fund 01-5135-578-A CSEPP Utilities
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$13,000.00	General Fund 01-5135-578-A CSEPP Utilities

General Fund 01-5140-320-A APAP Billing Fee	\$500.00	General Fund 01-5140-445-0 Ambulance Office Supplies
General Fund 01-5205-402-0 Animal Supplies	\$300.00	General Fund 01-5205-576-0 Dog Warden Travel Expense
Solid Waste Fund 13-5212-408-0 Ground Maintenance Supplies	\$1,000.00	Solid Waste Fund 13-5212-399-0 Other Contract Services (Litter)
Solid Waste Fund 13-5212-425-0 Food	\$500.00	Solid Waste Fund 13-5212-399-0 Other Contract Services (Litter)
Solid Waste Fund 13-5212-595-0 Education Program	\$2,000.00	Solid Waste Fund 13-5212-399-0 Other Contract Services (Litter)
Alcohol Beverage Fund 86-5050-566-0 ABC License	\$4,223.75	Alcohol Beverage Fund 86-5015-566-0 Sheriff Reimbursement

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

**IN RE: APPROVE BILLS TO BE PAID**

**01 – GENERAL FUND**

911 Billing Services	\$7,275.90
Ad-IOS	\$59.99
Amazon Capital Services	\$361.42
Kentucky State Treasurer	\$4,415.00
Bluegrass Emergency Response Team	\$2,750.00
Blue Moon Restrooms	\$200.00
Boundtree	\$3,444.51
Central Record	\$161.50
Central Kentucky Sheet Metal, Inc	\$2,309.37
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$300.00
Danville Office Equipment	\$455.46
Danville Office Equipment	\$276.94
Enterprise FM Trust	\$9,031.22
Garrard Quick Lube	\$261.88
Garrard Hardware	\$125.44
Garrard County Sheriff	\$30,333.33

Greenscapes	\$290.00
Harp Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,683.70
Highbridge Springs Water Co, Inc.	\$54.00
Hinckley Medical Inc	\$750.00
Kaco UI Fund	\$1,300.24
Kentucky State Treasurer	\$9,283.14
Kentucky State Treasurer	\$475.00
Lancaster Vet Hospital	\$1,354.70
Oracle Elevator Holdco, Inc	\$2,181.31
Rexel	\$15,667.47
Seybold Electric Contracting, LLC	\$2,869.54
Vencill Enterprises, LLC	\$1,657.50
Wex Bank General	\$3,293.89
Ehren Woerner	\$16.54
The WW Williams Co, LLC	\$590.00

#### 02 – ROAD FUND

The Allen Company	\$446.49
Amazon Capital Services	\$269.90
Cammler Ford	\$9,900.00
CCP Direct	\$333.65
Econo Signs	\$175.44
Enterprise FM Trust	\$8,283.15
Garrard Hardware	\$123.30
Highbridge Springs Water Co, Inc	\$29.00
Mago Construction Company LLC	\$1,127.00
Mercedes-Benz Financial Services	\$1,315.17
Moore's Mobile Service	\$100.00
Stanford Tire Center	\$597.94
Wex Bank Road	\$3,440.55

#### 13 – SOLID WASTE FUND

Enterprise FM Trust	\$337.83
Wex SW	\$110.12

#### 80 - CSEPP FUND

Garrard County Fiscal Court	\$609.91
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A motion was made to approve the bills by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

#### IN RE: APPROVE LAST MONTH'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Judge/Executive Elleman stated that in 3 years we have come a long way in going from \$1,000,000 up to \$8,800,000. He brought special attention to the Judge's Office Supplies line, which includes the purchase of three new laptops, the Tax Administrator Refunds line, which includes a reimbursement to one specific company for multiple year's annual returns, the Ambulance Medical Supplies line, which includes the purchase of a stretcher for the new ambulance, and also the Ambulance

Motor Vehicle line, which includes the payoff of the new ambulance. A motion was made to approve the February 2026 financial statement by Magistrate Butner and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

### **IN RE: CASA PRESENTATION**

Melynda Jamison was in attendance. She thanked the court for their support of the CASA program. She presented Serve Kentucky Awards, which are provided through a partnership among AmeriCorps, the Office of the Governor, and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. CASA of Lexington volunteers earn Serve Kentucky awards by giving 100 hours or more during the previous calendar year. They also give "Top CASA Volunteer" medals to volunteers who give more than 300 hours during the previous calendar year.

2025 Garrard County Statistics:

- Children abused or neglected: 125
- Estimated children with open cases: 250
- CASA volunteers: 22
- Children served: 30
- Percent served: 12%
- Garrard Volunteers Receiving a Serve Kentucky Award: 4 – including Megan Huston and Susan Maupin
- Garrard Volunteers Receiving a Top CASA Volunteer Medal: 2 – including Priscilla Miller and Linda Baker

### **IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Jeff Dembo was in attendance. He gave an update on some of the programs at the Garrard County Soil and Water Conservation District. Last year they had a Christmas tree recycling program, with 5 trees. This year there were 55 trees. This year after 1.5 weeks, they've already received more backyard conservation applications than they received all last year.

Examples of backyard conservation include:

- Rainwater harvesting
- Pollinator / butterfly gardens
- Insect and bee hotels
- Bat houses, bird houses
- Tumbling composters
- Raised bed gardens
- Water-saving irrigation
- Native shrub/tree planting
- Milkweed for monarchs
- Water feature for wildlife

This year they're allowing two rounds of projects. If an individual applies for Round 1 by April 1<sup>st</sup> and completes their project by June 30<sup>th</sup>, then they will be eligible to do a second round of projects.

Mr. Dembo requested the court's input on their Electronic Waste Recycling and the Fence Recycling days. He wanted to know if they should do one or both of the recycling days again this year. Judge/Executive Elleman and Magistrate Day prefer the Electronic Waste, but are supportive of doing both programs again if possible.

Anyone interested in additional information can contact the Conservation District Office at 166 Precision Court, Lancaster, KY or call (859) 792-2620.

**IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY/CITY OF LANCASTER COMMUNITY EASTER EVENT**

The Community Easter event will be held on April 4, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at Jaycee Ballpark in Lancaster. The county purchases approximately 4,000 eggs, as well as the city. A motion was made to approve the event by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

**IN RE: LANCASTER PARKS/REC REQUEST**

Lancaster Parks and Recreation submitted a quote from Hoover Fence Co in the amount of \$7,690.49 for the purchase of fence topper material to be installed on the outfield fencing at Jaycee Ballpark. The county does not dictate what the parks and recreation spend from their annual allocated amount. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

**IN RE: ENTERPRISE FLEET (ROAD DEPARTMENT)**

Judge/Executive Elleman and Finance Officer Montgomery have been working with Enterprise to prepare to move forward on buying the three remaining road trucks and purchasing replacements. There was a 90-day window of returning vehicles that was missed during the bad weather. A negotiation is taking place to determine the trade-in value of the old trucks. Judge/Executive Elleman would like a motion to be made to allow him to continue negotiations on replacing the old trucks. A motion was made to allow by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

**IN RE: OPEN BIDS FOR BLACKTOP AND ROAD 2026-2027**

The Allen Company presented the only bid for rock. Prices range from \$11.55 - \$16.35 per ton. All prices are FOB Dix River Stone Quarry. The quote is good through 06/30/2027. A motion was made to accept the rock/gravel bid by Magistrate Butner and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

The Allen Company presented the only bid for blacktop. Prices are as follows: Bituminous concrete base in place - \$110.95 per ton, Bituminous concrete surface in place - \$114.95 per ton, and Bituminous concrete binder in place - \$112.40 per ton. The quote is good through 06/30/2027. A motion was made to accept the asphalt bid by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

**IN RE: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT 2024 AUDIT REPORT**

A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the budget by Magistrate Butner and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

**IN RE: OPIOID LITIGATION UPDATE**

Judge/Executive Elleman presented a settlement review regarding the Remnant Defendants. He needed a motion to give him permission to sign off on the settlement. A motion was made to allow by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. 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 Butner.

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**Garrard County Judge/Executive**