

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
APRIL 13, 2026 @ 6:00 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, Chris Butner and Chris Davis

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brandon McGlone from the Lancaster City Council was in attendance. He wanted to express appreciation to the court for donating money to Lancaster Parks and Recreation and for their help in taking care of the children in our community.

Michael Powers and Freddie Green were also in attendance. They gave an update on the issue with the Benny Swope property at Tanyard Branch that they had presented to the court at the November 10, 2025, meeting. Mr. Green has a 12-foot easement that is being directly impacted. Legal counsel is involved but the project is still going forward. Judge/Executive Elleman said the final plat has not been presented to the court, and the road is not yet up to specs. County Attorney Whitworth suggested they follow the advice of their legal counsel.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

The Garrard County Justice Center has an emergency request to repair or replace the cooling tower. Two estimates were presented: one to remove/replace the existing cooling tower and the other to remove/replace damaged coil sections and drift eliminations in the cooling tower. At this time, the Department for Court Facilities has not made a decision on how to proceed.

The pressure washing of the courthouse is delayed by one week and will begin on Friday, April 17, 2026.

There will not be a meeting at the KYTC this year. They will instead come to present here to discuss the Flex/Rural Secondary Agreement funds.

The Allen Company project at Rogers Rd/Sugar Creek will be completed before July 1, 2026.

The old Subway building is under contract.

The Easter Egg hunt went well.

IN RE: PLATS

None.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

March 30, 2026, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

From:		To:
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$114.13	General Fund 01-5005-334-0 Co Attorney Maint & Repairs
General Fund 01-5015-699-0 Sheriff's Debt Service	\$299.25	General Fund 01-5015-302-0 Sheriff Advertising
General Fund 01-5015-699-0 Sheriff's Debt Service	\$15,376.25	General Fund 01-5015-334-0 Sheriff Maint & Repairs
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$114.12	General Fund 01-5030-334-0 PVA Maint & Repairs
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$3,200.00	General Fund 01-5065-446-0 Election Equipment
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$15,000.00	General Fund 01-5081-333-0 Judicial Maintenance
General Fund 01-5135-336-A CSEPP Equipment Maintenance	\$740.83	General Fund 01-5135-334-A CSEPP Building Maintenance

General Fund 01-5135-340-0 DES Vehicle Maintenance	\$1,000.00	General Fund 01-5135-445-0 DES Office Supplies
General Fund 01-5135-336-A CSEPP Equipment Maintenance	\$1,600.00	General Fund 01-5135-573-A CSEPP Telephone
General Fund 01-5140-543-0 Ambulance License (Emails)	\$1,000.00	General Fund 01-5140-445-0 Ambulance Office Supplies
General Fund 01-5140-543-0 Ambulance License (Emails)	\$66.69	General Fund 01-5140-445-A Ambulance Furniture
General Fund 01-5205-403-0 Animal Food	\$1,000.00	General Fund 01-5205-576-0 Dog Warden Travel Expense
Road Fund 02-6105-334-0 Maint & Repairs - Building	\$3,500.00	Road Fund 02-6105-336-0 Maint & Repairs - Equipment
Road Fund 02-6105-699-0 Road Debt Service	\$1,000.00	Road Fund 02-6105-581-0 Road Water & Sewer
Road Fund 02-9200-999-0 Reserve for Transfer	\$5,600.00	Road Fund 02-8099-739-0 Road Equipment

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

IN RE: APPROVE BILLS TO BE PAID

01 – GENERAL FUND

911 Billing Services	\$5,749.28
Airgas USA, LLC	\$1,108.94
Amazon Capital Services	\$1,189.48
Animal Care Center	\$60.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	\$4,415.00
Boundtree	\$5,758.69

Caltopo LLC	\$800.00
Central Record	\$494.40
Central Kentucky Sheet Metal, Inc	\$5,120.00
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$150.00
Danville Office Equipment	\$773.37
Danville Office Equipment	\$481.01
Dr. Lacy K. Price	\$630.00
Enterprise FM Trust	\$7,311.12
Environmental Waste Systems	\$89.00
Garrard Quick Lube	\$801.75
Garrard Automotive Inc	\$89.22
Garrard Hardware	\$142.77
Garrard County Sheriff	\$30,333.33
Garrard County Rural Heritage	\$1,000.00
Greenscapes	\$1,166.00
Harp Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,683.70
Highbridge Springs Water Co, Inc.	\$10.00
Johnson Controls Fire Protection	\$1,903.11
Kentucky County Judge Executive Assoc	\$1,847.00
Kentucky Department of Revenue	\$5.89
Knowink	\$3,200.00
Lindsey's Garage Doors	\$15,540.00
Nuesynergy	\$150.00
Quill	\$123.34
Reliable Fire Protection Service	\$2,512.75
Sarah Bryant Law PLLC	\$43.60
Seybold Electric Contracting, LLC	\$8,626.00
Wex Bank General	\$5,627.37
Whitney Pinkney	\$362.00
The W.W. Williams Co, LLC	\$1,933.92
Jessamine County Detention Center	\$26,820.00

02 – ROAD FUND

The Allen Company	\$4,390.78
Benge Farm Supply Inc	\$4,301.44
John Deere Financial	\$244.42
Dukes A&W Enterprises	\$2,572.58
Econo Signs	\$3,080.30
Enterprise FM Trust	\$8,444.27
Garrard Automotive Inc	\$383.67
Garrard Hardware	\$15.54
Highbridge Springs Water Co, Inc	\$21.00
Mercedes-Benz Financial Services	\$1,302.15
Moore's Mobile Service	\$100.00
Power Plan	\$244.42
Reliable Fire Protection Service	\$838.25
Stanford Automotive LLC	\$147.90
Stanford Tire Center	\$1,076.10
Tri K Landfill	\$21.89
Weldquip	\$29.22
Wex Bank Road	\$4,736.78
Joe Smith	\$5,600.00

13 – SOLID WASTE FUND

Enterprise FM Trust
Wex SW

\$5.00
\$183.06

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 went over the balance in each statement fund. A motion was made to approve the March 2026 financial statement by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Judge/Executive Elleman announced that Ephraim McDowell Health (EMH) will be building a freestanding emergency department in Garrard County. They have received \$5,000,000.00 in state funding. The money will not be released until they purchase land in Garrard County first.

There will also be a \$1,500,000.00 state allocation to Garrard County for economic development and some water/sewer projects that may be used for new parks. Judge/Executive Elleman expressed his appreciation to David Meade for all the hard work he's done for Garrard County.

The Garrard Mill and S&L are both under construction.

Meetings have taken place with several homeowners over the bypass and the purchase of rights-of-way.

IN RE: GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S UPDATE

David Meade, Speaker Pro Tempore, was in attendance. He gave an update on the following:

- HB 213 – will provide county governments the ability to re-employ retired police officers without paying retirement contributions
- SB 104 – establishes a 25-foot safety zone around first responders while they are working
- The US-27 bypass has been completely designed. Purchase of rights-of-way will begin soon. Construction is planned for 2029.
- The economic development funding needs some corrections on language to make sure it can be used for parks.
- The \$5,000,000.00 for Ephraim McDowell will resort back to the state if they do not purchase property in Garrard County.
- Garrard County did not have any roads meeting scoring requirements for repairs. Lancaster will be getting funds for Crab Orchard St, Arvin Dr, Martin Luther King Dr, Owsley and Highland Ave for repaving.
- There will be \$5,000,000.00 for school facilities construction for Garrard County.
- The RGL mega site has funding to run water from Danville to Lincoln and then from Lincoln to Rockcastle.

IN RE: NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROCLAMATION

Clerk Seagraves read the Proclamation. Judge/Executive Elleman proclaimed the week of April 13th through April 18th, 2026, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and citizens safe. Special thanks were expressed to Russ Clark and staff at Bluegrass 911. A motion was made to approve the Proclamation by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING

An estimate was presented from Wilson Construction in the amount of \$4,275.00 to remove six windows and install 2 picture windows on the front of the County Attorney's office. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: LOGAN HUBBLE PARK

Optic Engineering was hired to look at the dam at Logan Hubble Park. Optic sent a recommendation of putting in a box culvert to address the violation found. This will be an expense for both Garrard County and Lincoln County. Atmos has paid \$25,000.00 for an easement, and the Garrard portion of the funds has gone to Lincoln County. A motion was made to keep the funding at Lincoln County and to spend on Logan Hubble by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

Chris Davis, in his role at First Southern National Bank, is heading up a fundraiser for Logan Hubble Park. The primary focuses are on the basketball courts and the volleyball court. This includes replacing all 6 basketball goals, repairing the surface, clearing weeds and debris, refilling the volleyball court with sand, and installing new posts and a net. The project goal is \$15,000.00.

IN RE: GARRARD-LINCOLN SOLID WASTE

Wanda Shelton was announced as the new Director of Solid Waste for Garrard County. This will be paid for by Lincoln County since it is a joint effort. A motion was made to approve the position by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: LITTER SPRING CLEAN-UP

Swartz will once again be doing the spring litter cleanup for Garrard County. Darrick Gilbert presented a list of roads that total 86.31 miles. A motion was made to approve the list by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: SCHEDULE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING (BUDGET WORKSHOP)

A special-called meeting will take place on April 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse. This will be the annual budget workshop to go through next year's budget in its entirety. Flex/Discretionary blacktop funding, use of county road aid, and the Local Government Economic Funds will be discussed.

IN RE: AUDIT REPORT FISCAL COURT

The fiscal year June 30, 2025, audit report was presented. There were no findings. One recommendation was made to add a new fund code and to open a bank account for the Alcohol Beverage Control licenses and regulatory fees. A new account was opened in July 2025. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the audit by Magistrate Preston 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 Preston and seconded by Magistrate Day.

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Garrard County Judge/Executive