

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
APRIL 27, 2026 @ 4:00 PM
15 PUBLIC SQUARE, LANCASTER, KY 40444**

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

Opening prayer by J.T. Prewitt.

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

None.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

Magistrate Day said he spoke to the state department about shouldering on KY 954. They are trying to obtain the correct funds for the project. They are also looking at working on the intersection at the end of KY 954/KY 21. There was no timeline given.

IN RE: PLATS

KY 954 - Mrs. Pingleton. There will be 4 lots with a private road. It fits all the county specs. A motion was made to approve the preliminary plat by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

April 13, 2026, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Butner and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

April 22, 2026, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

From:		To:
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$535.00	General Fund 01-5005-578-0 Co Attorney Utilities
General Fund 01-5010-368-0 Co Clerk Tax Bill Preparation	\$500.00	General Fund 01-5010-445-0 Co Clerk Office Supplies
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$800.00	General Fund 01-5030-578-0 PVA Utilities
General Fund 01-5080-429-0 Courthouse Gasoline	\$1,500.00	General Fund 01-5080-578-0 Courthouse Utilities
General Fund 01-5080-521-0 Courthouse Insurance	\$1,378.62	General Fund 01-5080-578-0 Courthouse Utilities
General Fund 01-9200-9990 Courthouse Reserve	\$7,000.00	General Fund 01-5081-578-0 Judicial Utilities
General Fund 01-5135-336-A CSEPP Equipment Maintenance	\$1,383.30	General Fund 01-5135-334-A CSEPP Building Maintenance
General Fund 01-5140-320-A APAP Billing Fee	\$11.64	General Fund 01-5140-481-0 Ambulance Uniforms
General Fund 01-5140-320-A APAP Billing Fee	\$1,039.95	General Fund 01-5140-574-0 Ambulance Training

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

IN RE: APPROVE BILLS TO BE PAID

01 – GENERAL FUND

Ad-IOS	\$59.99
Blue Moon Restrooms	\$230.00
Bluegrass 911 Central Communications	\$1,383.30
Bob Allen	\$255.26
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$200.00
Docubit	\$70.00
Elan Financial Services	\$646.86
First Response of the Bluegrass	\$430.00
Garrard Co Attorney	\$4,935.80
Government Forms and Supplies	\$1,591.42
Heather Jackson	\$275.00
Pearson Education Inc.	\$609.95
Performance Feeds LLC	\$142.87
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power	\$1,030.28
Quill	\$102.56
Rumpke	\$144.99
Visual Edge It, Inc	\$147.90

02 – ROAD FUND

Cammle Ford	\$9,000.00
David Walton	\$100.00
Garrard County Clerk	\$9.00
Performance Feeds LLC	\$47.96
Rumpke	\$90.00
Stanford Tire Center	\$479.67
Crawford Asphalt	\$4,100.00

13 – SOLID WASTE FUND

Elan Financial Services	\$17.81
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79 – VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

Elan Financial Services	\$450.47
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A motion was made to approve the bills by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE LAST MONTH'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

None.

IN RE: BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Christopher Crowder was in attendance. He read an update from Doug Goens regarding Garrard Mills, The Gathering Place and The Mill House. Garrard Mills is a project to restore the historic mill. The

primary challenge has been finding contractors willing to take on a project of this nature and that has caused a delay in renovations. The Gathering Place is an event barn project. There is currently a legal matter that has temporarily paused progress, but they estimate there is about a month and a half of work remaining. The Mill House closing will take place on April 28, 2026. Repairs to the existing Subway building will begin as soon as possible. They are also considering the idea of incorporating a media studio into The Mill House. Mr. Goens appreciates the continued support from the community and local leadership. These projects are not just about restoring buildings, they're about preserving history, creating opportunity, and building something meaningful for the future of Garrard County.

IN RE: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROCLAMATION

Councilman Brandon McGlone read the Proclamation. Judge/Executive Elleman has proclaimed the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month. He encourages all residents, local businesses, schools, and the community to increase their understanding of mental health, commit to supporting those in need, and promote the available resources within our region. A motion was made to accept the proclamation by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

Mr. McGlone proceeded with his own personal viewpoints regarding mental health.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Animal: Brittany Fain was in attendance. The shelter is currently full, with a few recent adoptions. The TNR Program is going well. They will be trapping cats on Hamilton Ave starting April 28, 2026.

Co Clerk: Kevin Montgomery was in attendance. The month of April is for boat registrations. They are getting ready for the May 19th primary. May 5th is the last day for requesting absentee ballots. Excused in-person voting will be May 6th-8th and May 11th-13th. In-person no excuse early voting will be May 14th-16th. Mr. Montgomery extended appreciation to the EMS, fire personnel and the Sheriff's office personnel for the professionalism extended to his family in the recent loss of his stepfather.

EMA: Wanda Shelton was in attendance. CSEPP has presented the County with a Certificate of Appreciation. The Fish and Wildlife had a few stipulations regarding the permit for the Camp Nelson boat ramp. We have received 3 checks for a total of \$23,747.40 from FEMA for Harmon's Lick, labor, material, etc. We are waiting for another check for approximately \$73,000 that is in the EHP review process. There will be some storms coming in tonight and updates will be posted to social media.

Road: Kenneth Creech was in attendance. They are mowing and running the mow trim. The mow trim is currently on Long Branch/Back Creek and the mowers are in the Cartersville area. They did a cut through off of Pine Crest/US 27 and it was patched by Crawford Asphalt. They've done some ditching on Locust and coal patching down in Buckeye by No Ferry.

Sheriff: Willie Skeens was in attendance. They've turned over 277 delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office.

Bluegrass 911: Russ Clark was in attendance. They have applied for a grant for new radio consoles. They are still answering 98% of their calls within 10 seconds.

EMS: Rebecca Sizemore was in attendance. The education program is doing well and the 911 call volume is down. The trucks are currently running well.

Mrs. Sizemore inquired as to whether the EMS department can have their own bank account set up to aid in grant requests. This should streamline the process of tracking grant funds. A motion was made to allow the opening of an account for Garrard County Fiscal Court (EMS Grants) by Magistrate

Preston and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor, other than Magistrate Davis, who abstained from the vote. A motion was also made by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston to allow Judge/Executive Chris Elleman and Treasurer Jennifer Seagraves to be signers on the new bank account. All in favor.

PVA: Property assessments are over \$1.1 billion, up by 7.5%.

Judge's Office: Windstream, Charter, Spectrum and Atmos are running new fiber in the county. Please exercise patience. We are working on updating the Administrative Code and the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual. Judge/Executive Elleman and Road Foreman Creech have looked at the road at Tanyard Branch on the Swope property. The court has not approved the final plat on the subdivision. He has requested a meeting with the developer. Bid sheets are posted for the Old Railroad Grade Rd bridge and will be accepted until May 15, 2026. The budget workshop went well. The new road department trailer is in. The litter clean-up started today. Pressure washing has been completed on the courthouse. The Rural Heritage Festival is upcoming. The courthouse will be closing at noon on Friday, May 8th. The salt bid will be posted in The Central Record soon. A meeting has taken place with Ephraim McDowell regarding the stand-alone emergency room for the grant funding. Kelly Baker from KYTC is working on the property on KY 52 for the new park. Judge/Executive Elleman will be in Washington, DC on Wednesday of this week.

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

IN RE: PROPOSED USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC FUNDS

No members of the public had any comments.

For county road aid (CRA), Judge/Executive Elleman submitted his list of roads that need to be blacktopped. The County Road Aid total is \$400,000.00. He is looking at the following:

- Chenault Bridge Rd - 1.5 miles of roadway
- Burly Drive - .25 tenths of a mile of roadway
- Longview Court - .20 tenths of a mile of roadway
- Long Branch Drive - .25 tenths of a mile of roadway
- Ashlock Drive - .25 tenths of a mile of roadway
- Brooks Lane - .10 tenths of a mile of roadway
- North Street - .05 tenths of a mile of roadway
- Kemper Lane - 1.2 miles of roadway
- Dorton Drive - .50 tenths of a mile of roadway
- Old Richmond Road - .60 tenths of a mile of roadway

Judge/Executive Elleman submitted his list of Flex/Discretionary Funds to be used for blacktop. For Flex, he has allocated nothing as we used a lot of the funding we had from last year. For Discretionary, he is looking at 4.2 miles of roadway on Gillespie Pike and 1.66 miles of roadway on Buckeye Road. The Discretionary Fund total is approximately \$530,000.00.

For Local Government Economic Assistance Funds (LGEA), there are funds allocated toward an economic development director, a contribution to the senior citizens center, and a monitor for the EMS department.

A motion was made to accept the proposed usage of the CRA / LGEA funds by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: 1ST READING OF 2026-2027 BUDGET

All budget line items were discussed during the budget workshop held on April 22, 2206. The only change on that date was to add in the purchase of an ambulance van to aid in transports. The total budget is \$26,501,332.00. A motion was made to approve the 1st reading by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE STANDING ORDERS FOR 2026-2027 BUDGET YEAR

Standing orders are bills that can be paid without prior court approval. This consists of payroll, utilities and debt service payments. A motion was made to approve the standing orders list by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge/Executive Elleman needed a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation. A motion was made by Magistrate Butner and seconded by Magistrate Preston.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. No action was taken.

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn by Magistrate Butner and seconded by Magistrate Davis.

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Garrard County Judge/Executive