

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
MAY 26, 2026 @ 4:00 PM
15 PUBLIC SQUARE, LANCASTER, KY 40444**

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

Opening prayer by Leonard Harrison.

Opening Pledge of Allegiance led by Willie Skeens.

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

ABSENT: Wayne Day

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

None.

IN RE: PLATS

Michael Riley of White Lick Rd has submitted a plat. It is being split into two tracts with an easement through the front lot to enter Tract 2. There are already two properties built on it. It does not meet the county ordinance but was approved in 1995. There are separate septic systems built on it, so Judge/Executive Elleman advised the court to go ahead and approve. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

May 14, 2026, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

From:		To:
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$1,389.74	General Fund 01-5001-101-0 Co Judge/Exec Salary
General Fund 01-5005-581-0 Co Attorney Water & Sewer	\$124.86	General Fund 01-5005-578-0 Co Attorney Utilities
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$10,521.98	General Fund 01-5047-569-0 Tax Administrator Refunds
General Fund 01-5080-581-0 Courthouse Water & Sewer	\$503.34	General Fund 01-5080-578-0 Courthouse Utilities
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$8,743.50	General Fund 01-5081-333-0 Judicial Maintenance
General Fund 01-5140-303-0 Ambulance Billing Fee	\$500.00	General Fund 01-5140-574-0 Ambulance Training
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$5,434.75	General Fund 01-5205-103-0 Dog Warden Deputy Salary
General Fund 01-9200-999-0 Courthouse Reserve	\$7,500.00	General Fund 01-5401-446-0 Rec Park Logan Hubble
Road Fund 02-9200-999-0 Reserve For Transfer	\$1,000.00	Road Fund 02-6105-578-0 Road Utilities

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
Animal Care Center	\$60.00
Blue Moon Restrooms	\$230.00
Cape Electrical Supply	\$9,242.68
Central Kentucky Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$890.00
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$250.00
Doreen Taylor	\$29.84
Elan Financial Services	\$1,160.62
Garrard Co Attorney	\$5,435.84
Jessamine County Detention Center	\$26,920.00
Jessamine Humane Society	\$3,185.00
Johnson Controls Fire Protection	\$600.00
JW Docks, LLC	\$7,500.00
Kentucky Emergency Management Assn	\$166.00
Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical	\$800.00
National Band & Tag Company	\$114.59
Nesco Service Company	\$10,492.14
Quill	\$121.24
Rumpke	\$144.99
Seybold Electric Contracting LLC	\$621.38
Stanford Tire Center	\$934.80
US Bank KY Pooled Checks	\$5,250.00

02 – ROAD FUND

Elan Financial Services	\$914.83
Mago Construction Company LLC	\$2,533.75
Performance Feeds LLC	\$133.70
Rumpke	\$772.50

13 – SOLID WASTE FUND

Elan Financial Services	\$17.81
Rumpke	\$4,000.00

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: ROAD NAME RESOLUTION

Councilman Brandon McGlone read Resolution R-05-26-26. This Resolution is adopting the symbolic name of "SP4 Robert L. Campbell's Homegoing Way" for Waterworks Road, adjacent to Duncantown Cemetery, to honor the deceased interred there.

Specialist 4th Class Robert “Bobby” L. Campbell entered the military soon after his 1966 graduation from Garrard County High School, where he was the MVP of the Golden Lions basketball team his senior year. While enjoying a “cease fire”, the North Vietnamese launched a surprise attack on the 25th Infantry, of which Campbell was a member. Twenty-three Americans died, including Bobby, who was only twenty-one years old. Campbell is believed to be the only veteran that died in action who is buried at Duncantown Cemetery.

Per the Resolution, the stretch of road currently designated as Waterworks Road, which runs parallel to Duncantown Cemetery, shall be symbolically designated as “SP4 Robert L. Campbell’s Homegoing Way” for approximately .5 miles before the cemetery entrance and approximately .5 miles beyond its entrance. The designation is entirely symbolic and intended solely for the purpose of civic honor, commemorative signage, and public recognition. For all official purposes, including mail delivery, navigation, emergency services (911), and legal documentation, the street shall continue to be recognized by its official name of Waterworks Road.

A motion was made to pass the Resolution by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

OLD RAILROAD GRADE ROAD BRIDGE CONTRACT

On May 15, 2026, Judge/Executive Elleman, Co Attorney Whitworth and Cammle Ford had a meeting to open bids regarding the Old Railroad Grade Road bridge. There were two bids submitted: one from Westwood Pressure Washing Company in the amount of \$452,208.81 and the other for Hornback Construction in the amount of \$469,163.10. The bid sheet stated the contractor must be prequalified by the state Transportation Cabinet at the time of the bid. Westwood Pressure Washing Company, at the time of the bid, was still going through the approval phase. Star Smith with Westwood was in attendance. He stated that as long as they were prequalified at the time of the bid announcement then the state of Kentucky considers them prequalified. Judge/Executive Elleman said he had reached out to the Transportation Cabinet, and it was up to the Court to determine the approval. Judge/Executive Elleman recommends going with Hornback Construction for the bid since they met the initial qualifications of being prequalified. There is a grant to cover the cost of the construction of the bridge. A motion was made by Magistrate Barker to accept the bid from Hornback Construction and was seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Garrard County Schools: Kalem Grasham and Choe Sargent were in attendance. They recently had a ribbon cutting ceremony with Thomas More University. Mr. Grasham said that several years ago they had a grant for the Education Workforce Development. The whole goal of the grant was to build state-of-the-art healthcare facilities for students and to partner with a higher education institution to bring higher education into our community. This led to the recent partnership with Thomas More University. Mr. Sargent will be the Director of the new bluegrass education center. He said there will be dual-credit opportunities to allow students to have credits going into college, as well as workforce development. Thomas More University wants to come to the community and see what they need and how they can serve in Garrard County.

Animal: Brittany Fain was in attendance. The shelter is currently full. They have already gone through the \$10,000.00 TNR grant funding for cats. They have 29 dogs and 38 cats and kittens. Surrounding counties have shut down cat intake.

EMA: Wanda Shelton was in attendance. The National Weather Service is calling for more storms today and tomorrow. They are watching the Kentucky River levels, which are staying steady at fifteen feet. The FEMA reimbursement checks should be in soon. She was notified that Madison County got a donation and secured a WOW cart, a compact mobile water treatment system that can produce up to 10,000 gallons of drinkable water per day and roughly 1-gallon of disinfectant bleach solution per hour during disaster response. There is no update for the boat ramp.

Road: Kenneth Creech was in attendance. They're fixing potholes, they've made a round with the bushhogs, and the mowtrim is in Buckeye.

Bluegrass 911: Russ Clark was in attendance. They've implemented an AI program for quality assurance on calls and in the first month in the testing mode they're at 97% passing.

Co Clerk: Kevin Montgomery was in attendance. The election last week went smoothly. He wanted to thank the precinct officers for their hard work, Whitaker Bank for bringing breakfast, First Southern National Bank for bringing lunch, and then Farmers National Bank for taking snack bags and waters for the afternoon. He wants to ask other counties how much they pay their precinct officers. Next Tuesday will be the filing deadline for schoolboard members for District 1 and District 5, and also Soil Conservation. On June 2, 2026, they will have a public drawing for any candidates. Councilman Brandon McGlone expressed his appreciation to Kevin Montgomery and to those who ran for office.

Judge's Office: The Personnel Policy will be on the next meeting agenda, and the Administrative Code will be on the last agenda of June. Departments have done a great job trying to stay within their budget this year.

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

IN RE: EMS OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Not needed at this time.

IN RE: BLUEGRASS 911 LEASE AGREEMENT

A Lease Agreement was presented between Garrard County Fiscal Court and Bluegrass 911 for the EOC building in the amount of \$5,000.00 per month. The lease term is for twelve months, beginning July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2027. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: 1ST READING OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

A Budget Amendment for FY 2025-2026 was presented to increase the Alcohol Beverage Fund by \$16,907.59 to include unanticipated revenues from ABC Fees. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: 1ST READING OF AMENDED BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE

At the May 11, 2026, meeting, Tim Scott stated that a lot of the older buildings cannot meet the new building code requirements. He would like the Fiscal Court to adopt the 2018 International Existing Building Code (IEBC) for older buildings that are being refurbished. Judge/Executive Elleman determined

that this will be attached to our existing Ordinance, resulting in an Amendment. A motion was made to approve the amendment by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: 2026-2027 ALCOHOL TAX RATE

A Calculation Form for Alcohol Regulatory Fee in First Year Following Repeal of Prohibition was presented. KRS 243.075 authorizes cities with a population of less than 20,000 based on the most recent decennial census that are wet through a local option election to impose a regulatory fee not to exceed 5% upon the gross receipts of the sale of alcoholic beverages of each establishment located in the city. The calculated rate of the fee was estimated at 5.3%. Judge/Executive Elleman recommends setting the rate at 5%. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: 2ND READING OF 2026-2027 BUDGET

No changes were made by the Department of Local Government after the 1st reading review. A motion was made to approve the 2nd reading by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE 2026-2027 EMPLOYEE PAY RATES

A listing of all county positions was presented with pay rates effective July 1, 2026. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Barker 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 Preston and seconded by Magistrate Barker.

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

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

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

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Garrard County Judge/Executive