

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
JULY 27, 2026 @ 4:00 P.M.
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

Judge/Executive Elleman began the meeting by honoring Dana Hensley, long-time Garrard County Circuit Clerk, on her pending retirement on July 31, 2026. He also welcomed Bethany Denny, who will be appointed as the next Garrard County Circuit Clerk. Dana Hensley expressed thankfulness and said it's been an honor to serve this county.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Beth Carlin, District 4, was in attendance. She said she thinks there's been some confusion and people have reached out to her. She wanted to know if changes can be made to the Data Center Ordinance once it's had its 2nd reading. She also wanted to know if there's been any progress in adding a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA). Judge/Executive Elleman and County Attorney Chris Whitworth stated that the Ordinance can always be amended, with another 1st and 2nd reading. She wanted the NDA added before the 2nd reading tonight and County Attorney Whitworth said none of the Magistrates have asked him to make changes after the 1st reading. Judge/Executive Elleman said all e-mails and information that he obtained since the last meeting were given to the Magistrates in their meeting packets. He stated that it is the community's responsibility to elect the right people in the future.

Lisa Ray was in attendance. She expressed concern over the environment, the animals, and the water and how that will affect her future grandchildren. She said the noise from Data Centers runs the animals off. Judge/Executive Elleman explained that we are doing the Ordinance to try to get in front of the situation.

Stephanie Abel, District 1, was in attendance. She said there were a lot of good things about the Ordinance but has concerns that we were leaving ourselves open in terms of water protection and some of the emergency and fire considerations. She questioned the rush to proceed with the 2nd reading versus taking a moment and compiling feedback to make sure there is a very solid first Ordinance rather than making amendments later. Judge/Executive Elleman stated we need to have an Ordinance in place quickly to deter Data Centers from coming into the county. He thinks we are all getting educated about

Data Centers at the same time as there has not been a lot of education from the higher levels of government. Judge/Executive Elleman said the court would be willing to coordinate with the community on future amendments.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

At the June 8, 2026, court meeting, two Addendums were presented after the meeting of the Garrard Lincoln Solid Waste Management Area 109 Board on June 1, 2026. The meeting minutes reflected the Addendum with Rumpke of Kentucky, Inc. The second Addendum was with Rhodus Garbage Service. The Garrard-Lincoln Solid Waste Committee approved a 5-year extension of the garbage service franchise operated by Rhodus Garbage Service. The franchise continues to provide increases to timely address fuel changes in fuel charges. The Committee also approved “pass-through” increases to Rhodus when dump charges are increased. Any pass-through increases shall equal the percentage of the increase imposed for dump charges at the time of the increase. The Residential refuse collection (curbside) had a 3% increase per year through May 31, 2031. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the Rhodus Addendum by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: PLATS

Herrington Farm, LLC on Tanyard Branch. This plat was tabled at the July 13, 2026, meeting due to some water and drainage issues. Judge/Executive Elleman and Magistrate Barker have since visited the site. A motion was made to approve the plat by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

July 13, 2026, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

From:		To:
Road Fund	\$5,878.93	Road Fund
02-9200-999-0		02-6105-471-0
Reserve for Transfer		Road Salt

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

IN RE: APPROVE BILLS TO BE PAID**01 – GENERAL FUND**

Ad-IOS	\$59.99
American Response Vehicle Inc.	\$394.39
Bluegrass 911 Central Communication	\$446.58
Central Kentucky Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$195.00
Cliff Ed Irvin	\$100.00
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$115.00
Docubit	\$70.00
Dr. Lacy K. Price	\$2,520.00
Elan Financial Services	\$1,503.39
Garrard Automotive Inc	\$134.22
Garrard Co Attorney	\$4,935.84
Garrard County Sheriff	\$30,333.33
Jessamine County Detention Center	\$31,560.00
Joe Ball	\$100.00
Kevin Montgomery	\$100.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	\$2,119.13
Langham & Sons Commercial & Residential	\$2,300.00
Madison County EMS	\$7,806.57
Pitney Bowes Inc	\$112.87
Quill	\$323.29
Rumpke	\$153.68
Scarlett Murphy	\$100.00
Seybold Electric Contracting LLC	\$628.00
Tony Morgan	\$3,392.72
The W.W. Williams Co, LLC	\$1,652.00

02 – ROAD FUND

The Allen Company	\$1,245.55
Cammle Ford	\$6,075.00
Crawford Asphalt	\$9,984.00
DMB Contracting, LLC	\$329.50
Elan Financial Services	\$613.64
Garrard Automotive Inc	\$121.45
Hornback Construction Company, Inc	\$196,203.52
Mason Brother's	\$185.49
Morton Salt	\$5,878.93
Rumpke	\$90.00
Stanford Tire Center	\$271.44
Tri K Landfill	\$64.34

13 – SOLID WASTE FUND

Elan Financial Services	\$17.81
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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: SOIL CONSERVATION ANNUAL REPORT / REQUEST

Judge/Executive Elleman wanted to acknowledge that Kathy Simpson was awarded the Kentucky Conservation Employee of the Year for 2026. The Board will have a press release on July 28, 2026.

The Annual Financial Report for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, was presented. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

There will be another wire recycling event. There will also be a Recycling Event on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at 166 Precision Court in Lancaster. The items accepted include computers & hardware, printers, office equipment, televisions, telephones, CD, VCR & DVD players, headphones, digital cameras, cell phones and microwaves.

IN RE: GARRARD COUNTY LIBRARY 2026-2027 BUDGET

Laura McWilliams was in attendance. She presented a copy of their July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, budget. She brought special attention to the Capital Outlay line as they have purchased the ECU building and plan to expand the library into that building. A motion was made to approve the budget by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

The Memory Lab has taken off, and community members have digitized photos, documents, slides, VHS, DVDs, camcorder tapes, vinyl records, and cassette tapes.

This week they will put out three little libraries in the community. They are small boxes with shelves that will be stocked with free books. Members can borrow books at one of three locations: the Jaycees Ballpark playground, Natalie's Café in Bryantsville, and at Solidago in Paint Lick.

On August 5, 2026, there will be a Popup Driver Licensing Program at the library. Appointments are first-come, first-served and must be made online.

IN RE: KOHS STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT RESOLUTIONS (BLUEGRASS 911)

Russ Clark was in attendance. He presented two Resolutions for grant submission.

- A Resolution (R-7-27-26-1) of the Garrard County Fiscal Court Authorizing the Submission of an Application for the Garrard County EOC Physical Security Enhancements State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Project. This grant funds up to \$100,000.00 for security measures, such as fencing with an access gate and bollards. A motion authorizes Judge/Executive Elleman to sign all documents necessary to seek the financial support that would enable this project to move forward. A motion was made by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.
- A Resolution (R-7-27-26-2) of the Garrard County Fiscal Court Authorizing the Submission of an Application for the Bluegrass 911 Mobile Dispatch Center Acquisition State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Project (R-7-27-26-2). This grant funds up to \$600,000.00 to purchase a mobile dispatch center and the associated communications equipment to maintain dispatch services for those communities participating in Bluegrass 911 during emergency situations. A motion authorizes Judge/Executive Elleman to sign all documents necessary to seek the financial

support that would enable this project to move forward. A motion was made by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

EMA: Wanda Shelton was in attendance. The EOC roof is leaking again. She is still doing damage assessments with FEMA. They had a large jump once they hit Jack Black Rd. The Camp Nelson ramp has some dead trees that host Indiana bats. These bats will not go to their caves until October, so they have to wait on the bats to cut down the trees. There are two ramps ahead of us. Judge/Executive Elleman said Ben Naylor and Boones Creek have been repaved, and the road crew was on Broadus Branch and Old Lexington Rd W today. Jack Black will likely be next. FEMA is concerned with one area on Sad Ln.

Co Clerk: Kevin Montgomery was in attendance. They will have their annual delinquent property tax sale on August 5, 2026. There are currently 19 participants who have signed up for the sale. He expressed congratulations to Dana Hensley on her retirement. As an election officer, Mr. Montgomery received a letter from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) that said that Bethany Denny was the only person who took the Circuit Clerk's test and passed. She will have to come into his office and fill out a nominating paper and must be nominated by her party. Then she will be on the ballot in November. Jennifer Grubbs, a former Garrard County Circuit Clerk, recently passed away, as did Benita Custard, a long-time loyal poll worker.

Sheriff: Willie Skeens was in attendance. His office is looking at a couple of grants for patrol rifles. He's also working with AOC to get a reassessment on the personnel needed for the court security staff, which hasn't been done since 2011. He said the body cameras are in and are a tremendous upgrade from what they had. He said there was a recent domestic violence call, and he was able to watch live as the deputies responded.

EMS: Rebecca Sizemore was in attendance. They have one employee who just received his Paramedics license today and another will be finishing soon. There are five employees preparing for their A-EMT licenses. They would like to offer a free EMT class for high school students in the fall and the spring, if possible. This class would be longer than the 16-week regular class. They've put out bid requests for their new ambulance van, which are due prior to the next court meeting.

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

IN RE: 2026 AUDITOR REQUEST

A letter was sent to the Auditor of Public Accounts requesting approval to employ a properly licensed and qualified private certified public accounting firm (Roy W. Hunter, CPA, PLLC) to perform the Garrard County Fiscal Court audit for the year ended June 30, 2026. A motion was made to allow by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A Statement of Assets, Statement of Revenues, Statement of Appropriations, and Statement of Claims for July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, for Garrard County Fiscal Court was presented. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RESOLUTION

A Resolution (R-7-27-26-3) Adopting and Approving the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement Between Garrard County Fiscal Court, Lincoln County Fiscal Court and Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and Providers of Emergency Services of within the Counties Which Are Parties Hereto was presented. A motion authorizes and directs Judge/Executive Elleman to sign the Interlocal Agreement for provision of emergency services on behalf of the Fiscal Court of Garrard County. This matter was discussed at the June 29, 2026, court meeting. Lamb Black Road is a shared roadway located along the jurisdictional boundaries of Lincoln County, Garrard County, and Rockcastle County. The Interlocal Agreement states that Lincoln County is generally positioned to provide the fastest emergency response to Lamb Black Rd. Garrard County and Rockcastle County are able to offer assistance, if needed. A motion was made by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: 2ND READING OF DATA CENTER ORDINANCE

Judge/Executive Elleman reiterated that all responses and e-mails regarding Data Center feedback were given to the Magistrates in their meeting packets. Magistrate Davis said he appreciated the public's input and has some questions of this own on verbiage and agrees with Judge/Executive Elleman that we need to have an Ordinance in place. He said as time goes on and changes need to be made, then they'd make them. A motion was made to pass the 2nd Reading by Magistrate Barker 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