

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
15 PUBLIC SQUARE, LANCASTER, KY 40444**

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

Opening prayer by Bro. John.

Opening Pledge of Allegiance led by Willie Skeens.

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

IN RE: CONSTITUTION PROCLAMATION

Members of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) were in attendance. Clerk Jennifer Seagraves read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17 - 23, 2026 as Constitution Week. Judge/Executive Elleman asks all citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties. A motion was made to approve the Proclamation by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sherrie Johnson was in attendance. She attended the Bluegrass Area Development District's Tourism, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting in July. They have representatives from Clark, Jessamine, Mercer, Scott, Estill, Lincoln, Nicholas, Boyle, Harrison and Madison counties, but for several years there was no one to represent Garrard County. The purpose of the meeting was to talk about all the things that Garrard County did to celebrate America 250. She mentioned that the library had some programs, the Barbeque Festival, the Rural Heritage Festival, and there were activities by the Garrard County Homemakers, the Garrard County Art Council, the DAR, the Historical Society, and the local school system. The next meeting will be held in October in Carlisle and then in November at ECU.

The annual Veteran's Luncheon is planned for November 6, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lancaster Baptist Church Family Life Center. Judge/Executive Elleman said the concrete would be poured, and the new Space Force flag will be hung at the Veteran's Monument prior to the luncheon.

Jaime Leger was in attendance. He is a Perry Rogers Rd resident and has made consistent efforts to clean up litter along the end of that road. He would like to create an event that focuses on cleaning up Buckeye Rd. He is interested in establishing a committee that includes magistrates, church leaders, members of county government, sponsors, etc. Judge/Executive Elleman said he would be

willing to help with the clean-up, but we'd have to have permission since it's a state road. The time frame for the event would likely be spring of 2027.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

Judge/Executive Elleman would like permission to reapply for discretionary funding for use on Gillespie Pike. The request has been denied the last two years. A motion was made to allow by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

Judge/Executive Elleman presented a request from Vantage Point asking permission to run fiber optic cable in Garrard County right of ways. The letter specifically states, "The fiber is considered a transport fiber and would not provide services to the residents or businesses of Garrard County." Since there is no benefit to the county, no action will be taken.

Painting in the County Attorney's Office should be completed soon and construction on the PVA Office is underway.

The GOP Fish Fry will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Logan Hubble Park.

The mow trim went down today and will cost \$16,500.00 for replacement parts.

The IDA will have a joint meeting with the city and the county on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. at the Garrard County Extension Office.

The Judge's Conference will be held in Hopkinsville this week.

The Recycling Center box truck purchased a couple of years ago for \$1,500.00 has started having problems. Judge/Executive Elleman would like permission from the court to look for a replacement. A motion was made by Magistrate Barker to allow Judge/Executive Elleman to look for a replacement at a cost of up to \$20,000.00. A second was made by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: PLATS

None.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

August 31, 2026, minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

<u>From:</u>		<u>To:</u>
General Fund	\$77.50	General Fund
01-9200-999-0		01-5005-334-0
Courthouse Reserve		Co Attorney Maint & Repairs

General Fund
01-9200-999-0
Courthouse Reserve

\$45,656.00

General Fund
01-8099-723-A
Sheriff Vehicle

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

IN RE: APPROVE BILLS TO BE PAID

01 – GENERAL FUND

911 Billing Services	\$6,529.59
Airgas USA, LLC	\$1,166.83
Amazon Capital Services	\$190.39
American Response Vehicle Inc	\$198.55
Animal Care Center	\$60.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	\$4,415.00
Blue Moon Restrooms	\$230.00
Boundtree	\$6,999.78
Danny's Termite & Pest Control	\$50.00
Danville Office Equipment	\$488.56
Danville Office Equipment	\$379.33
Danville Office Equipment	\$436.90
Enterprise FM Trust	\$6,405.37
Galls	\$8.50
Garrard Quick Lube	\$381.50
Garrard Automotive Inc	\$454.16
Garrard Hardware	\$294.18
Gary Yeomans Frankfort	\$45,656.00
Garrard Country PVA	\$52,330.00
Garrard County Sheriff	\$30,333.33
Greenscapes	\$1,370.00
Harp Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,683.70
Highbridge Springs Water Co, Inc.	\$10.00
Holland RMM of Louisville	\$774.93
Howard Carpenter Flooring	\$275.00
Jessamine County Detention Center	\$29,760.00
Kentucky Coal & Mineral County	\$300.00
Kentucky Uniform, Inc	\$387.09
Knights Technologies	\$1,104.00
Mike's Auto and Tint	\$450.00
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power	\$1,009.75
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Service	\$169.29
Rockcastle County Detention Center	\$1,095.54
Rumpke	\$160.99
Sarah Bryant Law PLLC	\$396.80
Stanford Tire Center	\$178.37
Wanda Shelton	\$61.44
Wex Bank General	\$6,256.23
Whitney Pinkney	\$154.80
Anthem Sports LLC	\$2,523.56

02 – ROAD FUND

The Allen Company	\$2,547.19
Amazon Capital Services	\$18.28
Benge Farm Supply Inc	\$3,815.40
Cammle Ford	\$9,637.50
John Deere Financial	\$368.81
Enterprise FM Trust	\$7,116.47
Garrard Automotive Inc	\$341.39
Garrard Hardware	\$162.53
Highbridge Springs Water Co, Inc	\$38.50
Hornback Construction Company	\$120,382.78
Mago Construction Company LLC	\$2,582.50
McCoy Construction & Forestry	\$2,518.15
Moore's Mobile Service	\$100.00
Moore's Tire & Welding	\$1,540.83
Performance Feeds LLC	\$51.97
Power Plan	\$125.43
Solid Ground Consulting	\$1,550.00
Stanford Automotive LLC	\$358.33
Stanford Tire Center	\$1,106.18
Weldquip	\$15.15
Wex Bank Road	\$7,304.40

13 – SOLID WASTE FUND

Enterprise FM Trust	\$226.38
Stanford Tire Center	\$159.95
Wex SW	\$206.07

79 – VETERAN'S MEMORIAL FUND

Performance Feeds	\$47.49
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A motion was made to approve the bills by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: APPROVE LAST MONTH'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Judge/Executive Elleman stated that we are still solid in our General Fund. A motion was made to approve the August 2026 financial statement by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: OLD RAILROAD GRADE ROAD BRIDGE FINAL REPORT

Cammle Ford was in attendance. He and Judge/Executive Elleman met with Corey from the state for the bridge inspection. Everything went well. The bridge has been completed and looks to have come in under budget. They are in talks about future grant funded bridge projects in the Buckeye area.

IN RE: COUNTY CO-OP PROGRAM

The EMS department has a current senior who is doing the school co-op program. Judge/Executive Elleman would like permission to be able to pay the student minimum wage, or \$7.25/hr. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: PAINT LICK/CARTERSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT 2026 TAX RATE

The real property tax rate remains the same at 6.0 cents per \$100.00. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the rate by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Butner. All in favor.

IN RE: GENERAL FUND/ROAD FUND ACCOUNT

Judge/Executive Elleman and Treasurer Seagraves have reached out to DLG to determine if we can move money from the General Fund into the Road Fund to cover black-top damage due to the recent flooding. We have been given permission to do so. Judge/Executive Elleman would like to transfer \$150,000.00 in hopes that FEMA will come back and reimburse the county for the damage. Jack Black Rd is in bad shape and requires a full 2.1 mile of repairs. We have also had repairs on Boone's Creek and Ben Naylor Road. There is uncertainty as to the timing of a reimbursement from FEMA. A motion was made to approve the \$150,000.00 transfer from the General Fund into the Road Fund by Magistrate Preston. A second was made by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: JACK BLACK ROAD

Judge/Executive Elleman presented a request to repair damages to Jack Black Rd. The damage equates to 2.1 miles (including two sections past the bridge). The roadway is 11 feet wide, and he recommends a 1.25-inch blacktop when repaired. The estimated cost is \$110,000.00. A motion was made by Magistrate Preston to give him permission to call The Allen Company and get this road on their books. A second was made by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: HERRINGTON HILLS SUBDIVISION

An estimate was presented from Crawford Asphalt in the amount of \$8,554.00 to repair seven sunken areas on Herrington Hills/Rice Bend Rd. A motion was made to move forward with the repairs by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Barker. All in favor.

IN RE: COUNTY HALLOWEEN DATE/TIME

Judge/Executive Elleman recommends that the court follow the same time/date as the City of Lancaster for Halloween festivities. Halloween trick-or-treating will be set for 5:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st for all county residents.

IN RE: OTHER

Sheriff Skeens and County Attorney Whitworth have been asking for years to have a Victim's Advocate for the county. The position used to be grant funded but now does not have money to cover it. Misti Davis has recently retired from being a Victim's Advocate in Boyle County and she would be brought

in to fill the position. She cannot be paid through the County Attorney's Office without going through PAC, which would require the salary to be based on years of experience, making it too expensive. Judge/Executive Elleman proposes that the county apply \$20,000.00 for this position, the Sheriff's Office \$10,000.00 and the County Attorney's Office \$5,000.00, for a total salary of \$35,000.00. Victim Advocates essentially assist victims of crimes, particularly domestic violence. Marsy's Law requires certain notifications be given to the victims. The state requires that these services be provided but does not help pay for them. This newly created position would be implemented in October and would be part-time with no paid benefits. A motion was made to move forward by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Davis. All in favor.

IN RE: MAGISTRATES COMMENTS

Magistrate Davis expressed appreciation to the road department for cleaning up over forty tires that were dumped on Cathole Bend.

Several pothole issues were brought up, including on Long Branch, Canoe Creek, Woodridge, Boone's Creek, Forks Church Road and Papermill. Judge/Executive Elleman said the road department has been doing a lot of culverts.

Magistrate Day brought up the need for spraying on the roadsides to help with the mow trim. Issues could emerge if the spray impacted someone's personal property. Judge/Executive Elleman said we would need to buy the equipment to do it and get someone who is certified.

Judge/Executive Elleman said he could share a 15-year detailed report on the General Fund created by Treasurer Seagraves.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

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

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Garrard County Judge/Executive