

**GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
HON. CHRISTOPHER T. ELLEMAN PRESIDING
SEPTEMBER 28, 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, Chris Butner and Chris Davis

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Katie Farthing with State Farm Insurance was in attendance. Her office participated with the Heart of Kentucky United Way Day of Caring on September 15th. This year they cleaned up at Logan Hubble Park and put up red basketball nets on the basketball courts there. She has some additional red basketball nets that she's interested in placing in other areas of the county.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

At the September 14, 2026, court meeting, Judge/Executive Elleman received permission from the court to look for a replacement box truck for the recycling center at a cost of up to \$20,000.00. One has been purchased from Docubit for \$15,000.00.

Judge/Executive Elleman and Co Attorney Whitworth have met with residents of Turkey Foot Ridge Road as they have had three members of their board resign. It is the Judge/Executive's job to appoint new members. David Drew, David Heckman and Jonathan Kidwell are his nominees. This is a rolling 3-year term that should be staggered. A motion was made to approve the three nominees as board members by Magistrate Day and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: PLATS

None.

IN RE: APPROVE COURT MINUTES

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

IN RE: APPROVE TRANSFERS

From:		To:
General Fund	\$4,250.00	General Fund
01-9200-999-0		01-5005-334-0
Courthouse Reserve		Co Attorney Maint & Repairs
Solid Waste Fund	\$15,000.00	Solid Waste Fund
13-9200-9990		13-8099-723-0
Reserve For Transfer		Box Truck

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**

Amazon Capital Services	\$695.96
Central Kentucky Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$5,120.00
Connecta Satellite Solutions LLC	\$1,208.48
Docubit	\$70.00
Elan Financial Services	\$1,350.59
Environmental Waste Systems	\$89.00
Kentucky State Treasurer	\$810.00
Garrard Co Attorney	\$4,935.84
Kentucky Association of Counties	\$469.00
Logo Shack	\$157.50
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power	\$1,088.32
Seybold Electric Contracting LLC	\$930.00
Teleflex	\$2,200.00
Winners Circle Painting	\$8,500.00

02 – ROAD FUND

The Allen Company	\$1,259.18
Benge Farm Supply Inc	\$599.76
Crawford Asphalt	\$8,554.00
Elan Financial Services	\$99.99
Rumpke	\$90.00
Stanford Tire Center	\$82.89

13 – SOLID WASTE FUND

Docubit	\$15,000.00
Elan Financial Services	\$17.81

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

IN RE: APPROVE LAST MONTH'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

None.

IN RE: PROTECH IT

Drew Meaux with Protech was in attendance. They offer IT solutions and IT support for Bluegrass 911. He is interested in looping the EMA computers and the county courthouse computers into one center. They would also offer support and consultation for general technology at the courthouse. For the county's portion of the agreement, it would be about \$375.00/month. Judge/Executive Elleman said we would follow up at the next court meeting.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Animal Control: Brittany Fain was in attendance. They are cracking down on writing citations, partially due to another case of rabies being confirmed locally. They donated wet food and flea shampoo to Lincoln County to aid in a recent hoarding case. They have eight open dog kennels, but the cat and puppy rooms are full.

Co Clerk: Kevin Montgomery was in attendance. November 3, 2026, is the general election. October 5, 2026, is the last day to register to vote. The absentee portal opened last Saturday, September 19, 2026. October 20, 2026, is the last day to request an absentee ballot. The early excuse voting will be held on October 21-23, 2026, and again on October 26-28, 2026. Early voting will be held on October 29-31, 2026, at the Garrard County Court House. The auditors are currently working on his 2025 audit.

EMS: Rebecca Sizemore was in attendance. The EMT-B Winter 2026 class is filling up, which will start in November. They're looking at potentially 20 participants, with 5 scholarships being given to students. The new van still needs to be painted. They are fully staffed. Judge/Executive Elleman thanked the EMS department for being at the local school sporting events and the fair activities.

Sheriff: Willie Skeens was in attendance. His office is preparing for property tax season. The bills will be mailed out on October 1, 2026. An online option will be available to pay this year and the drive-through will be open as well.

PVA: Brian Swinney was in attendance. His office is working on property taxes as well. He advised anyone who has an address correction to let his office or the Sheriff's Office know as quickly as possible. His office renovations are underway. They are starting to work some in the north end of the county.

Bluegrass 911: Russ Clark was in attendance. They were able to obtain a grant for radio consoles. The grant was a little over \$200,000 and they're getting \$159,300 back from the state. They've started a QA program. The first month that it was in effect they were at 89.04%. It has grown to 91%. Several people are consistently hitting 100% and about 98% of the calls are being answered in under 10 seconds. He's still waiting to hear back on the Homeland Security Grant.

Co Attorney: Chris Whitworth was in attendance. The painting is finished in his office.

Judge/Executive: The mow trim is fixed and back out. They had a joint IDA meeting with the city and county. The fish fry had a good turnout. The LART request (Discretionary Fund) has been submitted. The Judge's Conference has ended. Judge/Executive Elleman has met with The Allen Company to go over blacktop scheduling. The new Victim's Advocate will start work on October 15, 2026. Tomorrow is the bridge dedication between Boyle County and Garrard County on the James "Jim" Herring Memorial Bridge. The new road trucks are still being worked on with Enterprise. There has been a farm safety event. Judge/Executive Elleman and Co Attorney Whitworth have signed a Quitclaim Deed regarding sections of bypassed roadbed (as a part of reconstructed KY 52) and associated right of way that will be eliminated from the State Primary Road System and maintenance responsibilities transferred to the County of Garrard. More specifically, "Garrard County: Old Kentucky 52 Various Transfers: Roadbed and Associated Right-of-Way: KYTC Official Order 112831". This deed includes all the property that we thought had been conveyed to the county several years ago and includes the potential location for the new park. We'll be doing coal patching and fixing potholes before winter. The road department is finishing up the creek bed work they've been doing at Tanyard Branch and Locust Lane. There is a Buckeye Road cleanup day scheduled for October 17, 2026. The fall litter cleanup roads will be on the October agenda. We were awarded \$3,264.68 in unclaimed property. We're waiting for the final check to clear in order to submit reimbursement for the Old Railroad Grade Rd bridge project. Concrete has been poured at the Veteran's Memorial site and there will be a dedication ceremony for the Space Force flag.

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

IN RE: KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET (FLEX/RS)

FY25 Authorized RS Projects involved 3.314 miles on KY 563 (Wolf Trail). More specifically, BMP 9.553 (Ky 1971); EMP 12.867 (KY 39).

FY26 Authorized RS Projects involved 2.775 miles on KY 1355 (Sugar Creek). More specifically, BMP 8.089 (Jim Clark Rd); EMP 10.864 (US 27). Also, 1.314 miles on KY 1845 (Rodgers Rd). More specifically, BMP 0.0 (US 27) and EMP 1.314 (Ridge Runner Rd).

FY27 Recommended RS Projects involve 2.274 miles on KY 563 (Poor Ridge Pike). More specifically, BMP 6.951 (Jack Turner Branch); EMP 9.225 (Lanham Ln), for a total of \$274,000.00.

A motion was made to accept the FY 27 Recommended RS Projects by Magistrate Preston and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

FY27 Recommended RS Projects using FLEX Funds involve 0.328 miles on KY 563 (Poor Ridge Pike). More specifically, BMP 9.225 (Lanham Ln); EMP 9.553 (KY 1971), for a total of \$80,000.00.

A motion was made to maintain the \$80,000.00 in County FLEX Funds for use on county roadways and not RS roadways by Magistrate Barker and seconded by Magistrate Preston. All in favor.

IN RE: BLUEGRASS 911 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Judge/Executive Elleman asked the Court to approve his recommendation of adding County Attorney Whitworth and Sheriff Willie Skeens to the Bluegrass 911 Board. A motion was made to approve by Magistrate Davis and seconded by Magistrate Day. All in favor.

IN RE: KY TRANSPORTATION CABINET SURPLUS AUCTION

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Annual Equipment Online Auction is coming up. Registration will begin on October 12, 2026, and will end on October 20, 2026. Auction logistics include heavy-duty trucks, snowplows, tractors, mowers, assorted parts and equipment, and more. Judge/Executive Elleman said he and the Magistrates and the Road Foreman could drive up and look at any items of interest, if needed.

IN RE: US 27 BYPASS UPDATE

Judge/Executive Elleman said the final design for the US 27 Bypass is complete. Brian Swinney with PVA printed out a section from 34 to Bastin Rd which includes multiple areas where the new road jumps US 27. This will impact a new subdivision that is being developed, as well as six to twelve current houses. Right-of-ways will likely be purchased by the summer/fall of 2027. The bypass design will be uploaded to the county website.

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