

Powell County Fiscal Court  
Regular Called Meeting  
Date: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Powell County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)  
33 Commerce Drive  
Stanton, Kentucky 40380

**AGENDA**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Invocation
- V. Approval of Clerk's Report (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 & December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025)
- VI. Approval of Bills Submitted for Payment
- VII. Approval of Treasurer's Financial Statement
- VIII. Approval of Treasurer's Transfers
- IX. Old Business
- X. Department Head Updates
- XI. Magistrate District Updates
- XII. Public Comments

Items to be discussed

- Powell County Tourism Director Pete Fingerson
- Eric Willaims
- Auto Bank Drafts for Utilities
- Resolution for Hazardous Duty Retirement for Sheriff's Deputies
- Dale Allen – Appointment to the Powell County Airport Board
- Jackie Everman – 2025 Incentive
- Appointment to the Powell County Industrial Board
- Closed Session KRS 61.610 ( C ) ( F )

- XIII. Other
- XIV. Next Regular Meeting, Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- XIV. Adjournment



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Presiding: Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive  
Present: Connie Crabtree, Fiscal Court Clerk, Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Chad Patton, Magistrate Brian McKinney, CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, E911 Director Justin Rice, Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer, EMS Director William Puckett, Assistant EMS Director Arlene Rogers, Eric Williams, Adam Brown, Pete Fingerson, Billy Hood, Michael Whitehurst, Nathan Hall, EMA Director John Koontz, Ruth Jones, Cory Graham, LeAndre Knox, Darrell Billings, Michael Frazier and Keith Mason (Wife)

County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes called the meeting to order  
County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance  
Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen led the prayer

Roll Call for the following members: A quorum was established

- County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Present
- Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Absent
- Magistrate Dennis Combs – Present
- Magistrate Mike Lockard – Present
- Magistrate Brian McKinney – Present
- Magistrate Chad Patton – Present

**Meeting Minutes of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, Special Meeting:**

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the meeting minutes of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, special meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

**Meeting Minutes of December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting:**

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving meeting minutes of December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

**Claims submitted for Payment:**

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving all claims submitted for payment. Motion passed unanimously

**Treasurers Transfers: Cash, Budget and Interfund Transfers:**

The Treasurer presented all transfers to members of the court for approval:

**Interfund Transfers:**

- Transfers from General Fund to Ambulance Fund - \$95,000.00
- Transfers from General Fund to Grants Fund - \$20,000.00
- Transfers from General Fund to Jail - \$420,000.00

**Cash Transfers:**

Transfer From General Fund to Dispatch Fund - \$3,116.61 (Dep correction)

**Budget Transfers**

- General 01-9200-999 Reserve for Transfers - \$73,000.00
- General 01-9100-599 (A) Misc TEBCO Local Occupational Tax Incentive - \$73,000.00
- EMS 09-9200-999 Reserve for Transfers - \$16,000.00
- EMS 09-5140-398 Medical Director for Powell County EMS - \$16,000.00

**Budget Transfers for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report** Total all Funds - \$906,005.00

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor approving the Cash, Budget Transfers to balance 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report other Cash Transfers and Interfund Transfers.

**12/1/25 – 12/31/25 Financial Statement & Cash Balance Summary:**

The Treasurer presented the 12/1/25 – 12/31/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary for court approval.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the 12/1/25 – 12/31/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary.

Motion passed unanimously

**Old Business:**

Judge Barnes made it aware they had received the Hollerwood least agreement with the needed changes suggested by members of the court. The lease agreement can be approved at this time pending the Department for Local Government approval.

The lease agreement will then advertise, and a date will be set.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the Hollerwood Lease Agreement pending the Department of Local Government approval.

Motion passed unanimously

**(Approving the quote to letter, stripe and put county emblem on EMS Tahoe)**

Magistrate Dennis Combs asks if anything has been done regarding stripping county vehicles so that they can be identified. EMS Director William Puckett had a quote to letter and put the county emblem on the EMS Tahoe.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting to approve the quote to letter, stripe and put the county emblem on the EMS Tahoe.  
Motion passed unanimously

Magistrate Brian McKinney said he had talked to Brian Derickson about doing it and L& M Graphics can also do stripping and lettering. He said he would talk with Judge Barnes next week to get a count of how many vehicles will need stripping.

**Department Head Updates:**

**E911 Director Justin Rice:**

Justin gave the total call count the came into the E911 Center for the month of December 2025 and the total of 2025.

<b>December 2025:</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>
Clay City Fire Department – 40	Clay City Fire Department – 914
Clay City Police Department – 153	Clay City Police Department -1,559
Middlefork Fire Department – 18	Middlefork Fire Department - 499
Powell County EMS – 266	Powell County EMS – 3,153
Powell County Animal Control – 49	Powell County Animal Control - 419
Powell County Coroner – 3	Powell County Coroner - 45
Powell County Sheriff's Office – 350	Powell County Sheriff's Office – 5,048
Powell County SAR – 0	Powell County SAR - 59
Stanton Fire Department – 277	Stanton Fire Department - 729
Total CAD – 1,198	Stanton Police Department – 3,607
CAD Average Per Day – 39	

Regarding NCIC, they are waiting to hear back from the State to move forward with the next step but do have the approval to purchase the software.

**CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock:**

CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock let members of the court know CSEPP is officially closed out but waiting for FEMA to say so. Once the FEMA letters are received, they will make an inventory and switch out any equipment with a value of \$5,000.00 and over to EMPG. FEMA requires anything purchased with federal funds because CSEPP must maintain its original purpose which was for emergency services. For instance, we could not put a community college in the EOC, but we can maintain dispatch and could even put in other offices such as the Sheriff's.

Kevin told members of the court they had an End of Celebration meeting. Everyone was appreciative of things we had received through CSEPP over the years. Kevin said he would like to thank the Fiscal Court, volunteer fire departments, EMS, E911, SAR and any other emergency services.

**Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden:**

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden let members know they had been working on getting some dump sites cleaned up along the roads. The Kentucky Dam Village meeting will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Tim told members if they were interested in going the hours could be towards their incentive. A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor approving for Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden to attend the Kentucky Dam Village Meeting July 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Motion passed unanimously

**Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy:**

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy let members know they have been working on gravel roads and had issued several pipes permits. They have been working on salt trucks along with their snow and ice removal equipment. Patrick told members they had an issue with overtime. The road department's overtime is different from others due to them being on call. He cannot schedule to the minute when he must call out his workers to clear trees out of roadways or for snow and ice removal or other things of this nature. He would like to get members of the court thoughts on this. There was a holiday in a week where the road workers had overtime hours which were not planned and these hours were credited toward regular time instead of overtime. Judge Barnes said in his opinion if an employee is called out, they should have a minimum of two hours and get paid overtime. Our policy and procedure manual says anything after 40 hours will then accrue overtime. If members of the court decide to change anything regarding overtime the policy and procedure manual would have to be amended. Several years ago, the road department's time sheets were changed. There used to be a line on them that read On-Call. Judge Barnes said he has no idea who changed the time sheets. Magistrate Chad Patton said the change should be anything that is considered an emergency call out with a minimum of two hours. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**Opioid Liaison LeAndre Knox:**

Opioid Liaison LeAndre Knox let members of the court know the Recovery Ready application is close to being finished. They are currently working with the chamber and as soon as they get those questions answered they will be able to file the application and start the process to apply for a Recovery Ready community. At their last meeting the advisory council took what they already had in their application and scored it. They did identify some strengths we have in our community and have some opportunities to

grow. LeAndre along with Stacy Crase plan to go around and talk to several individuals about anti-stigma training, which the community has a huge gap in. It asks in the application that local government have anti-stigma training employers, and our community members will be able to offer this. LeAndre has been asked to sit on the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Commission. The commission is made up of 20 people from around the state that will come together in the next six to seven months to look at gaps within the state and make recommendations to the State Opioid commission for the next fiscal budget.

LeAndre gave the 2025-year end report for overdoses in the county. The toxicology report from the coroner's office showed 12 confirmed overdose fatalities in the county for 2025. During the months of February, June and October there were zero confirmed fatalities however our suspected overdoses increased, and Naloxone was administered 29 times.

**EMA Director John Koontz:**

EMA Director John Koontz let members of the court know they were still dealing with FEMA. They changed a couple of roads and during this process FEMA lost our paperwork. They are now working on Rose Lane, Star Gap, Fish Trapp, Rose Spur and Neal Silva. John let them know the sirens were being tested electronically on a weekly basis. The siren was down at the Headstart, but Ricky had fixed it. John said we need to think about what we need to do with the siren at the headstart because they will be moving to the new building. The head start program allowed us to use electricity for that siren. We maybe could check on getting solar panels. Magistrate Dennis Combs asked if we were thinking about putting more sirens up. Kevin told him we do not have enough in the budget now but planned on looking into it for the upcoming budget. We have looked at putting sirens on Neal Silva Road, Black Creek Road and possibility at Natural Bridge, but this would be the fiscal court's decision. We should have enough equipment for three sirens at this time. Magistrate Chad Patton ask about putting one at West Bend. Kevin told him this would be a great place for one. Magistrate Patton said he had gotten approval from Earl to put one on Neal Silva Road. Kevin said we need to make sure there is a signed 25-year agreement when doing so.

**County Attorney Robert King: No Discussion:**

**EMS Director William Puckett:**

EMS Director William Puckett let members of the court know the EMS has been busy. They had 117 runs during the month of December and should be receiving our new ambulance soon. William received quotes for some new monitors. The ones we have currently are old and do not work properly. The prices are good for now but beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> the prices for both will increase by 7 percent.

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We would like to purchase two ventilators, but he talked with Judge Barnes, and the Judge is not opposed in getting two but said we should just purchase one at this time. This new ventilator would be used on their front-line ALS ambulance and would work well with the monitors they have now.

**Quote was submitted by Zoll Medical Corporation**

- (1) X Series Advanced Monitor/Defibrillator – 12 – Lead ECG, Pacing, SpO2, SpCO, EtCO2,BVM,NIBP, CPR Expansion Pack - \$35,595.70
  - (1) OneStep Cable, X Series - \$367.77
  - (1) X Series Carry Case, Premium - \$433.88
  - (1) Cable Sleeve Propaq/ X Series, Zoll Blue – 42.20
- Total: - \$35,939.55 plus \$500.00 (because of not doing trade in) - \$36,439.55**

- (2) Z Vent Portable Ventilator -\$29,821.80
  - (2) Ventilator Carrier (white) Eagle II - \$851.32
  - (2) ZOLL Ventilator Rescue Backpack, G3 QuickBooks Blue -456.48
- Vent – PM Only 5 years, Point of Sale w/battery replacement - \$6,400.00
- Total: \$37,129.60 plus \$400.00 (because of not doing trade-in)- \$37,529.60**

This discussion was tabled until the next meeting so that members of the court can have time to look over the quote and figure out what our best options would be.

William told members of the court they do offer a 5-year maintenance plan on the monitors which would be \$15,000.00 to \$16,000.00 annually.

William let members of the court know Judge Barnes along with CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock had gone to pick up the EC4 ambulance.

**( Approval to pay – off Chevrolet Ambulance Serial # 1GBEGRC77M1194505 financed through DE LAGE LANDEN PUBLIC FINANCE LLC) Contract # 500-50248453**

Judge Barnes discussed the 2021 Chevrolet Ambulance we have financed with DE LAGE LANDEN PUBLIC FINANCE LLC. We have been making payments on this ambulance for several years. Judge Barnes ask members of court if they would agree to paying it off.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of paying off the remaining balance of the Chevrolet Ambulance Serial # 1GB3GRC77M1194505 financed through DE LAGE LANDEN PUBLIC FINANCE LLC. Contract # 500-50248453 in the amount of \$16,507.16.

Motion passed unanimously

**Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer:**

Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer said he would like to thank the community for donations we received for our Christmas stockings.

Brandon let members know we have been blessed with dry cat food. He plans to partner with a couple of churches to give some of the cat food away to the community to show our appreciation. During the month of December, the shelter had a total intake of 16 dogs. 18 were rescued, 4 were adopted and 4 were reclaimed. There was a total of 11 cats, 9 were rescued and 9 were adopted.

John is getting the new building completed and the new fence should be installed in February. Brandon also let members know they had rescued 9 dogs from a very bad environment earlier today.

Magistrate Brian McKinney asks Brandon what the status was regarding the internet and security cameras. Brandon told him they had two cameras installed now but the shelter needs a couple more. The internet is good currently.

**Assistant E911 Director Arlene Rogers: - No Discussion**

**Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen – No Discussion**

**Magisterial District Updates:**

**Magistrate Chad Patton:** Everything good. Ask who has been taking care of the trash at Hollerwood. Judge Barnes said it would go between Hollerwood and the Industrial Board. Magistrate Dennis Combs said he would bring it up at their next meeting. We may possibly get the inmates to help.

**Magistrate Brian McKinney:** Had a few road issues but they have been taken care of.

**Magistrate Dennis Combs:** Ask about the Nuisance Ordinance . It is now enforced. The ordinance had the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and has been published.

Magistrate Chad Patton ask what the steps are regarding the Nuisance ordinance. Judge Barnes said they would like to give the person an opportunity to clean the site up, but we also want to respect the neighbors. We could give them around a month to clean it up and then if not, the county attorney could get involved.

**Magistrate Mike Lockard:** Requested that each department head get an inventory list of their equipment, trailers, chainsaws and tools.

Judge Barnes said everything should have a label on it.

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes:** Wants to thank all department heads for what they do. He said we get complaints on gravel roads, but people need to understand that in the wintertime is not a good time to work on them.

**Public Comments:**

**Adam Brown:**

Adam asked members of the court where they advertised appointments to councils and boards. Judge Barnes said they do not advertise them because the appointment names come from the

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board itself. The Judge told Adam is anyone is interested they can contact them. The appointments go between the city and the county. It's just not the fiscal court doing the appointments. Darrell Billings told him Beech Fork is formed by a KRS statue and there are only five commissions in Kentucky. It has its own set of bylaws and rules.

Adam asks how they planned on advertising the lease agreement for Hollerwood. Judge Barnes told him we will use social media and newspapers. We usually used the paper in Montgomery County due to it being a large newspaper.

Judge Barnes said if someone is interested in getting a copy of the contract they can contact him. Adam asks about the Litter Abatement line in the county budget. He asks if it could not be used to clean up the trash at Hollerwood. Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden told him the litter abatement is for roadside clean up only.

Adam asks if the Nuisance Ordinance was new. Judge Barnes told him it was amended to the other one.

**Michael Frazier:**

Micheal told members of the court back in 1970 Boy Cress was a seventeen-year-old from Clay City who became one of the youngest people to attend the University of Kentucky and then went to law school. He later became the highest bar taker in the commonwealth and then general counsel to Ashland Oil and general counsel to the governor.

In 1985 there was a 22-year-old nursing student from Powell County that became the first in a ring of 45 people that was arrested when they stood up for their constitutional rights because he believed differently. He fought this all the way to the supreme court for eight years.

There was an individual that wanted to serve his country. He dedicated his life to serving our community. He later started a car lot and got into state politics and how wonderful representatives have been in his personal compacity. He is running for state representative today.

There was an individual who sat in a garage in Clay City who created a bow and duck call.

There was a 43-year-old in Richmond that invented a crystalized hydraulic system that later became the system to bring Toyota Industry to Kentucky.

Michael is here tonight to say we as Powell Countians should be proud of who we are.

We are at the start of the new year, and he hopes we can say the prayer and anthem that this will be the year for Powell County.

Micheal thanked Judge Barnes, Cory Graham, Jailer Lacy, Darrell Billings and members of the fiscal court.

Judge Barnes thanked Michael for what he did.

**Tourism Director Pete Fingerson: Updates**

Tourism Director Pete Fingerson let members of the court know that 55,000 people visited the welcome center in 2025. He let them know they are in the process of hiring their first marketing intern.

They have been working on a specific Powell County brochure, and it should be ready in the next couple of months. It will have an individual map of Clay City, Stanton, Slade and then a whole map of the county. They are trying to highlight businesses, shops, restaurants and all amenities.

Pete will be attending events in Louisville and Cincinnati in the next couple of weeks.

We had the county wide trash pickup in November. There were around 40 people that participated in this event. There was around 2000 pounds of trash collected. We hope to continue this event every year.

He will be attending the Destination Frankfort event in March with the Kentucky Traveling Association.

Pete said they are planning to increase their resources at the visitor center. Members of the court thanked Pete for coming to the meeting to give updates regarding tourism.

### ***Eric Williams: Creech Road***

Eric Williams was present at the meeting to ask if members of the court had time to find any type of discovery, expiration of documents to prove that the easement provided by Charlie Hood resident of 1057 Hardwicks Creek Clay City Road. Have we found anything proving this is a county road. Supervisor Patrick Mcoy told him we had found some things and are still looking. He has been in communication with Bluegrass Area Development to help with road lists and maps.

Patrick found out where the state first published maps of Powell County in 1937. The second time it was published was in 1954. The one in 1937 did not have a road list with it.

Eric said in 1954 there was probably the expansion of Little Creek up to Estill County line. He also said the maps on KYTC were a travel roadway. He dropped off a document off to Judge Barnes that shows there is a supreme court ruling that regardless of any maintenance without the proper documentation going through the process that is required to make a county road or turn an easement or donation land into a county road is not a county road and any funds put into this county road are illegal for the county to do. If you do not have any records, then the supreme court ruling says it does not matter even if you have a county map.

Patrick said the roadway before Creech Road is on both maps that he just mentioned. One map of 1954 is listed under a different name, so he thinks about what happened between 1954 and 1998 when the last map was published in this series somewhere down the line the name has been changed. There was a request between 2010 from KYTC, and the county was basically saying that Creech Road under that name even though it was published on their own map with a CR number, but they could not find record of that CR number.

During September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, fiscal court meeting says that Creech Road was listed on the 1998 map but appears on the state list as a private road. The Judge told court members that money would be sent to fixed bridge when confirmed as a county road. The motion carried confirming Creech Road CR 1244 is a county road. The older maps do not show the name Creech Road. Patrick is still looking for information on what it was previously. He thinks it was adopted under a different name then the name was changed and not updated with the state.

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Eric said in 1951 when Beech Hood purchased the land and then became Charlie Hood's land in the 1970's. Charlie Hood then made an easement deed to the back property in 1994. This is the only document he can find Powell County.

Eric said they want it to be a county road; they just want to follow the process. If you look at the KRS statutes of what it requires a county to make it a county road. He said nothing exists and he does not care what's on the map or what Magistrates voted on if you do not follow the process per the supreme court ruling it's not a county road.

Judge Barnes asks him what he wants. Eric told him they want it to become a county road, and Clara Smith would have to be the one that would issue a deed, but they want to follow the process. Eric said they are getting ready to deed off lots that will abut to this county road to family members that may want to build a house on the other side. Himself and Karen are getting ready to build. Judge Barnes asks him what we need to do to fix this. Eric told him we need to follow the KRS statute and see if there is anything there is the county road adoption policy.

Magistrate Chad Patton asks him if they wanted to change the name. Eric said that would be up to Clara.

County Attorney Robert King said he believes in what Eric is saying but we need to give Patrick more time to look for documents. Patrick said we are at a disadvantage because the fiscal court order books for back in the day are not indexed very well.

Robert told him if the public travels the road for a period of 15 years, then it becomes a public passway but does not make it a county road and the only way it can be claimed is through deed or imminent domain or adopting the road through the road adoption policy and without these things it's a public passway. He thinks Patrick may be looking under the wrong name to see if it was ever adopted into the county road system, he just needs more time to look for other documents.

Eric asks if it was a prior road that became a CR why did it take until 2012 or 2013 to get a street sign. Robert told him we run into this often,

Robert said the fiscal court is a court of record and if it cannot provide an adoption in or deed in then it will need to be adopted into the county road system.

Eric said a road name change can come before a fiscal court, but the Judge Executive makes the decision, and the fiscal court makes the decision of road signs and road work and before the court voted on it this was not right.

Judge Barnes said we are a team and six people are better than one but if it comes down to it, he will make the decision.

After discussion members of the court told Eric to allow us three months to research for more documents.

No Action taken

**Auto Bank Drafts for Utilities & Phones:**

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving to allow auto bank drafts for utilities and telephone bills.

Motion passed unanimously

**Resolutions: Forms 7005 & 7008- Transferring from Non-Hazardous to Hazardous Coverage for Powell County Sheriff's Department: County Attorney Robert King read the Resolutions to members of the court. (Form 7005)**

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the adoption of Resolution Form #7005 Transferring from Non-Hazardous Coverage to Hazardous Coverage in accordance with KRS 61.592 Powell County Fiscal Court will comply with all the statutory requirements to make the County Employees Retirement System hazardous duty coverage available for all eligible employees who are working under approved positions with the Powell County Sheriff department. Motion passed unanimously

**(Form 7008)**

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the adoption of Resolution Form 7008 Transferring from Non-Hazardous Coverage to Hazardous Coverage in accordance with KRS 61.592 ( 1) ( b) . Powell County Fiscal Court will comply with all statutory requirements to make County Employees Retirement System hazardous duty coverage available for all eligible employees wo are working under approved positions with the Powell County Sheriff's department. Motion passed unanimously

**Appointment to the Powell County Airport Board:**

Magistrate Dennis Combs asked who was on board currently.

The following people are now serving

Chuck Donaldson, Billy Estes Tom Delippo, J.R. Wallace, Perry Sloan, John Skidmore, Glen Salyers, and Steve Mann.

Dale told members of the court they had trouble keeping a chairman in the past years. They need the project to be finished, the road to be finished and the safety zone finished.

Dale has volunteered to be on the board and as of now there is not an eligible chairman. Judge Barnes said no one else wants to be the chairman because they do not want the responsibility which is hindering the project from getting completed. There is a certain amount of money that must be spent so we need to do something quick.

Judge Barnes said he has asked around for someone to be the chairman, and no one has been interested so Dale said he would. County Attorney Robert King said he can vouch that Judge Barnes has ask for someone to be the chairman.

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A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the appointment of Dale Allen to the Powell County Airport Board.

Motion passed unanimously

***Jackie Everman – 2025 Incentive***

A letter was received from the Department of Local Government showing where Jackie Everman successfully completed her 2025 Incentive and is due \$5,302.12.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor approving payment to Jackie Everman in the amount of \$5,302.12 for completion of her 2025 incentive.

Motion passed unanimously

***Appointments for Powell County Industrial Board:***

***(Appointment of James Clark)***

Judge Barnes said James Clark has been a non-voting member on the Powell County Industrial Board for several years and now they are asking for him to be appointed as a voting member of the board. This appointment will replace John Brewer due to him retiring from the board.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the appointment of James Clark to the Powell County Industrial Board as a voting member.

Motion passed unanimously

***(Appointment of Debbie Tipton)***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney approving the re-appointment of Debbie Tipton to the Powell County Industrial Board.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Opposed

Motion passed 4-1

***Closed Session: KRS 61.810 (C) (F)***

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of going into closed session.

Motion passed unanimously

**Court Resumes:**

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Denis Combs with all members present voting in favor of resuming the meeting.  
Motion passed unanimously

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes made it clear there was no action taken in closed session.

**Approval of payment for Medicaid/Medicare Invoice:**

Judge Barnes let members of the court know we had received a notice from Medicaid/Medicare. Back in the Covid days Medicare/Medicaid adjusted their rates on ambulance services. The invoice we owe is around \$26,000.00 but they are going to be reimbursing us around \$10,000.00. The invoice needs to be paid by the end of January.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving payment for the Medicaid/Medicare invoice \$  
Motion passed unanimously

**Suspension of Kaitlyn Hinds without Pay until Further Notice Due to Her Being**

**Arrested: This incident did not happen while she was working, nor did it happen in Powell County. She will be suspended until she is proven guilty or innocent.**

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the suspension of Kaitlyn Hinds without pay until further notice. This suspension will be in effect until the case is resolved. This suspension is to take effect immediately.

Motion passed unanimously

The next regular meeting will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.**

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

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Eddie Barnes

Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive

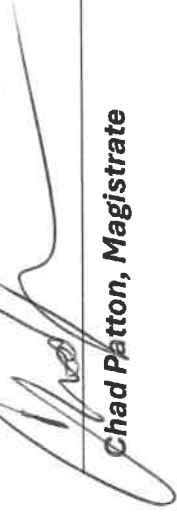


Dennis Combs, Magistrate

Mike Lockard, Magistrate



Brian McKinney, Magistrate



Chad Patton, Magistrate