

Powell County Fiscal Court  
Regular Called Meeting  
Date: August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
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. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Public Comments-
- V. Clerk's Report (July 8, 2025)
- VI. 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. District Updates
- XII. New Business

Items to be discussed

- Janell Dixon – Office of Disaster & Recovery
- Powell County Tourism Director Pete Fingerson
- Opioid Abatement Litigation Documents
  - Purdue Plan
  - Authorization to sign GESA Agreement
  - 9 Defendant Settlements – Participation Form
  - Sandoz Participation Form
- Motion to approve Pay Estimate #9 Codell Construction (EMS Project)
- Ordinance – Street Legal Special Purpose Vehicles
- Lions Club
- Motion to approve State Mutual Agreement
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Amendment #1
- Zach Bradshaw – Roof @ Jail (Insurance Claim)
- Alpha Cleaning Service – Courthouse Floors
- 2025 County Tax Rates
- Resolution for BGADD & HB 723 for Clay City Industrial Park
- Resolution for Beech Fork Water Commission
- Resolution/Agreement CPPP (FD14) Funds
- Curbside Trash Pickup
- Bid Opening for Gooseneck Trailer
- Motion to approve Purchase of Skid Steer for Road Department
- Closed Session KRS 61.810 (C) (F)

- XIII. Other
- XIV. Motion to Adjourn
- XIV. Next Meeting September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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Presiding: Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive

Present: Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer Connie Crabtree, Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Chad Patton, Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Brian McKinney, County Attorney Robert King, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, Animal Control Officer/Powell Patriot Brandon Farmer, Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel, EMA Director John Koontz, CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock, Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton, E911 Director Justin Rice, Ambulance Director Authur Ashley, Assistant Ambulance Director Arlene Rogers, Ruth Jones, Jessica Faulkner, Brian Billings, Road Laborer Billy Hood, Road Laborer Michael Whitehurst, Michael Kelso, Leandra Knox, Tourism Director Pete Fingerson, Jeff Hensley and Reuben Turner.

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 – Present**  
**Magistrate Dennis Combs – Present**  
**Magistrate Mike Lockard – Present**  
**Magistrate Brian McKinney - Present**  
**Magistrate Chad Patton – Present**

***Public Comments:***

***(Ruth Jones)***

Ms. Ruth Jones was present at the meeting to ask if members of the court could give her an update on the water issues regarding Beech Fork. Judge Barnes told Ruth he had been to several meetings in Frankfort asking for funding. There is a meeting planned for the first week of September. Judge Barnes, along with Industrial Authority Director Craig Dawson and Powell County Tourism Director Pete Fingerson will be in Frankfort on August 28<sup>th</sup> testifying before the appropriation and revenue

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committee about problems we have. They will be asking for funding for several projects. We are estimating around 9 million dollars to get the Beech Fork Water Commission in operation. The Red River Wastewater Authority needs 1.2 million dollars to upgrade their equipment. We also plan to ask for 6 million dollars for Powell's Valley Water District so that the water lines can be updated from 6 inch to 8 inch. Judge Barnes said Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton was also present at the meeting asking for funding for a body scanner at the detention center. Ruth said she appreciates them going to the meetings. She asks if all the meetings were held in Frankfort. Judge Barnes told her just the ones asking for funding.

### ***Billy Estes – Powell County Airport Board***

Billy Estes was present for the meeting to discuss the Airport lease agreement. Judge Barnes asks Billy to explain about the lease agreements and fair market value in the contract. The last paragraph in the contract talks about fair market value being released after 20 years at the same price, but Billy said the contract should say it would be released at whatever the fair market value would be in twenty years. Currently it's 4 cents a square foot and anyone building a new hanger gets that's piece of land at this price for twenty years and at the end of the twenty years they would have the option to renew. Judge Barnes said the money from the leasing of hangers goes to the airport not the fiscal court. County Attorney Robert King, along with Billy and Perry, had a meeting and put together something they thought would be accepted. A few days later he gets a call from Hanson saying it sounded like they had negotiated a lease and asked if they could see it. Robert sent a copy to them, and they replied to him that it would not work. Billy asks Robert what Hanson had to do with the airport or the county. Robert asks if the airport board had approved Hanson. Billy said he was not sure because it had been several years ago. Robert suggested him along with Hanson and the airport board have a meeting to discuss things. He wants to make sure he understands their relationship. Somebody has hired Hanson to help facilitate the projects that are being done with the grant money. They said the FFA would never approve the contract like it was. Robert went to the Mt. Sterling airport board and spoke with them about their contract. Hanson said the contract was great, except for the fact when they come back in twenty years and renew their lease it would create a problem with the FFA. Judge Barnes asks for a copy of the contract so he can send it to the Kentucky Division of Aviation to get their opinion. If they see a problem with the contract, then they can contract FFA to see what they say.

### ***Minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the minutes of the July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously

***Bills Submitted for Payment:***

Magistrate Mike Lockard asked about the claim being paid out of the juvenile services line. The claim shows it's for adults. County Treasurer told him she would check on adding an appropriate line to cover this expense in the future.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving all bills submitted for payment.

Motion passed unanimously

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

The Treasurer presented all transfers to members for court approval:

***Interfund Transfers:***

Transfer from General Fund to Grants: \$22,000.00

Transfer from General Fund to Ambulance Fund: \$85,000.00

Transfer from General Fund to Dispatch Fund: \$25,000.00

Transfer from General Fund to Jail Fund - \$60,000.00

Transfer from Opioid Fund Settlement to Opioid Settlement Fund - \$500,000.00

Budget Transfer Journal – Transfers made to balance 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report – Totalling - \$2,773,622.80

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving all Cash, Budget and Interfund Transfers.

Motion passed unanimously

***Financials 7/1 25 – 7/31/25: Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary:***

The Treasurer presented the 7/1/25 – 7/31/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary for court approval.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the 7/1/25 – 7/31/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary for court approval.

***Old Business:***

***Bid Opening for Asphalt:***

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes let it be known the only one bid received was from Hinkle Contracting Company, LLC.

Hinkle Contracting Company, LLC hereby submits bids on the following asphalt paving items as advertised.

**Under 25 Miles**

CL2 ASPH Base 0.75D PG64-22 (In Place) - \$100.00/TN

CL2 ASPH SURF 0.38D PG64-22 (In Place) - \$107.35/TN

**Greater Than 25 Miles**

CL2 ASPH BASE 0.75D PG64-22 (In Place) - \$104.00/TN

CL2 ASPH SURF0.38D PG64-22 ( IN Place) - \$111.40/TN

This bid is for County Roads only. Other work will be priced separately.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving the bid submitted by Hinkle Contracting Company LLC for all asphalt rates under 25 miles and greater than 25. Motion passed unanimously Members of the court thanked Rueben for attending the meeting.

### ***Department Head Updates:***

#### ***CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock:***

**CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock** once again told members of the CSEPP Program is coming to an end. During these last two months Kevin has asked the County Judge Executive and members of the fiscal court for approval to move forward as rapidly as possible with purchases and clearing of invoices and checks so they can be submitted to Frankfort for reimbursement if the purchases are within the CSEPP budget. All members of the fiscal court along with the County Judge Executive agreed to grant CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock permission to make purchases and pay the invoice promptly so that it can be submitted to Frankfort for reimbursement. After October 1<sup>st</sup> we will no longer be reimbursed for things such as batteries for lights outside. If we do not have the authority to move forward with paying the invoice , getting the check cleared and processed or we may not get this reimbursement in time.

Next month Kevin will bring recommendations to members of the court for a particular HVAC which will cost around \$2,100.00 per year to maintain it. The CODERED will be due October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. He has a quote for Everidge and OnSolve. Kevin recommends we go with OnSolve because we already have the database for it. The batteries for the lights out in the front parking lot have been ordered and should be here by this Thursday. Hopefully by the next meeting the parking lot will have lights which should last overnight.

As of August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, all the GB Nerve gas has been destroyed. The VX is remaining but still has some residual canisters and containers that will need to be decontaminated but the chamber is broken at this and could take up to three months for repairs.

The closeout will begin October 1<sup>st</sup> with no extensions. Once it does start the county has three months to close out. Everything will be transferred over to the EM Director which will then be EMPG. Anything that goes out to the county as far as equipment will have to be maintained mission. If there is anything we can wrap into emergency preparedness, then the equipment can be assigned accordingly.

Judge Barnes asks Kevin to tell everyone how much the CSEPP Program brings to Powell County per year. Kevin said the CSEPP budget has been over \$300,000.00 for the past several years and there have been times in the past it's been around one million. Judge Barnes said the things we are having to do like the E911 service fee on water bills and occupational taxes is because of the CSEPP program closing out. Ms. Jessica Faulkner said she thought the \$5.00 service fee on the water bills

was to help because of CSEPP. Judge Barnes said the funding from the service fee will go directly into the E911 account. She thanked Judge Barnes for the clarification.

**EMA Director John Koontz:**

**EMA Director John Koontz** let members know he attended the BERT meeting.

We have been approved for the BERT trailer which will be paid for by them.

John attended a FEMA meeting. CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock said we should be getting funds for the DR64 project and have already received funding for the DR60 project.

We are still processing funding on the DR6411 Project.

**E911 Director Justin Rice:**

**E911 Director Justin Rice** read off the calls that came in the dispatch for the month of July.

Clay City Fire Department – 55

Clay City Police Department – 127

Middle Fork Fire Department – 46

Ambulance Service – 260

Animal Control – 12

Coroner's Office – 5

Sheriff's Office – 425

Search & rescue – 6

Stanton Fire Department – 39

Santon Police Department – 33

**E911 Director Justin Rice** spoke about Hollerwood Park. He said they get calls all the time about people getting stuck which are non-emergency calls; They are just stuck in a hole and needing pulled out. Justin suggested getting a list of numbers of local people that would be willing to assist if people were stuck. If they do not have the ability to call, then the dispatcher could call them at their discretion.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen said he knew a couple of people that specialize in this. They have special equipment to use just for that. Magistrate Brian McKinney suggested they call Nick Rose to get the list of numbers they could call. Justin said he will contact Nick to get a list. This list of numbers can be handed out to people for non-emergency calls.

**(Approval to move Kristen Farmer to a full-time position for Powell County E911)**

**E911 Director Justin Rice** asks for court approval to move Kristen Farmer to a full-time position.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor of moving Kristen Farmer from a part-time position to a full-time position for Powell County E911.

Motion passed unanimously

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**E911 Director Justin Rice** has been working with Tourism Director Pete Fingerson regarding addressing the upper end of the county. We are having trouble getting in compliance with our ordinance.  
Pete is going to send out a letter to all the people on his contact list in hopes that this will help.

***Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer:***

**Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer** has been the new Animal Control Officer for a couple of weeks. He has been checking the equipment at the animal shelter to see what is needed. The shelter received around \$900.00 from the raffle he done at the corn festival. He has a bin set at Ace Hardware in hopes of getting some donations such as dog and cat food along with any other supplies. He has been in contact with KACCA to get him and Raymond trained and certified.

**( Approving for Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer to attend KECCA conference)**

**Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer** would like to attend a conference September 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. He filled out paperwork for a scholarship but just in case it does not go through he asks them to approve payment for registration, a t shirt and lodging.  
A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving payment for registration a T-shirt and lodging for Brandon Farmer to attend the KECCA conference September 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.  
Motion passed unanimously

***(Discussion about chipping animals)***

**Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer** is looking into chipping our animals. We already have the scanner to do this. He is estimating the cost for the rest of the equipment needed to be around \$500.00.

Magistrate Dennis Combs told him to get a quote for things he will need for this.  
Brandon asks Prince Detailing to give him a quote to strip their vehicles. He has ordered a couple of magnets to use on the vehicles so they can be identified when going onto people's property responding to calls.

**(Approval of Uniform allowance for the Powell County Animal Shelter)**

**Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer** asks for a uniform allowance so they can purchase some Muck boots, T-shirts and polos.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of allowing a uniform allowance in the amount of \$300.00 per person.

Motion passed unanimously



**Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer** let members of the court know they are now a part of the Kroger Community Awards Program which will help the shelter. This program is at no cost to the people. They will donate 4% of what they spend at Kroger. You can register for your choice of charity using the Kroger App.

***Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden:***

***(Moving Andrew Bailey to a full-time position at the Powell County Transfer Station)***

**Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden** asked for court approval to move Andrew Bailey from a part-time position to a full-time position.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney, seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of moving Andrew Bailey from a part-time position to a full-time position at a rate of pay of \$14.00 for the Powell County Transfer Station.

Motion passed unanimously

***(Approval of two self-dumping containers)***

**Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden** let members of the court know we would be getting two self-dumping containers to go on the trucks. These containers will be paid for out of the Recycling Grant. He will need to stay overnight in Indiana so he can bring the containers back. He got approval from the state to pay for lodging expenses out of the grant. Tim asks for court approval to pay for other related expenses during this stay.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of paying other related expenses during this stay.

Motion passed unanimously

***(Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden attending SWANA Conference)***

**Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden** asks for court approval for him to attend the SWANA convention November 12<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio. The amount to access the exhibition hall will be \$700.00, which is a three-day pass.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor approving Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden to attend the SWANA convention in Columbus, Ohio November 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. This motion also approves the \$700.00 fee for access to the exhibition hall and other related expenses relating to this conference. Motion passed unanimously

***(Approval to pour concrete around cages the Powell County Animal Shelter)***

**Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden** told members of the court himself along with the inmates are going to pour concrete around two of the 30x30 pins at the animal shelter. Tim said he estimated the cost to be around \$4,000.00 and should only take a couple of days to complete. A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor allowing Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden along with the inmates to pour concrete around two of the 30x30 pins at the Powell County Animal Shelter. This

motion also approves all expenses relating to this project. The funds will come out of the general fund.

Motion passed unanimously

Brandon said he appreciates them willing to do this. Magistrate J.L. Bowen said he appreciates all the departments working together. Judge Barnes said he appreciates the directors, assistant directors and all employees of each department for doing a great job. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel – No discussion**

**Opioid Abatement Liaison LeAndrea Knox – No Discussion**

**EMS Director Arthur Ashley:**

**EMS Director Arthur Ashely** asks for court approval to hire three new employees.

EMT Nathaniel Moore, EMT A Wesley Combs and EMT Clayton Patrick.

Arthur told members of the court one employee had resigned due to family dynamics and two others resigned after an event in Clay City. The two employees walked out in the middle of a shift. Arthur said if they had not resigned, he was going to fire them because you cannot walk out during a shift. In legal terms this is abandonment. He could have reported them to KBEMS (Kentucky Board Emergency Medical Services) for doing this.

**( Approval hiring EMT Nathaniel Moore as a full-time employee for the EMS Service)**

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving the hiring of EMT Nataniel Moore as a full-time employee for EMS.

Motion passed unanimously

**(Approval of hiring EMT Wesley Combs as a full-time employee for the EMS Service)**

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the hire of EMT A Wesley Combs as a full-time employee for EMS.

Motion passed unanimously

**( Approval of hiring EMT Clayton Patrick as a part-time employee for the EMS Service)**

EMS Director Arthur Ashley told members of the court Clayton will be part-time as of now but if he completes his EMT A with high marks and good evaluations he will then consider hiring him full-time when a position comes available.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate J.L. with all members present voting in favor approving the hire of Clayton Patrick as a part-time EMT for EMS

Motion passed unanimously

Magistrate Brian McKinney asks Authur if he plans to have any classes locally. Arthur told him EMT classes should begin at the end of September or the first of October and continue ED should begin after this.

**EMS Director Arthur Ashley** let members know the EMS made 260 ambulance runs, and the transfers have increased. They had to turn down a couple bigger transfers such as Pikeville to Louisville and Lexington to Knoxville due to not having trucks available at that time. They plan to pick up the new ambulance on Thursday and EC 1 will be delivered on Friday. We should be receiving the KBEMS grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 soon.

The first part of the grant will be used for six I pads. Four of them will be used on the ambulances and the other ones will be for the supervisors. This will keep the EMT's and Paramedics from carrying around heavy computers. The plan is to mount the computers in the trucks so they will be able to see the mapping and information coming from dispatch.

The iPad will have all the information on it so it will be easier to send it to our billing agency. Arthur plans to purchase more body cameras. He will have two cameras per ambulance so he can see everything that goes on. The Power loads are supposed to arrive on Thursday. Once they arrive the wiring will need to be run from the ambulance to the base. Stryker will be installing these for us.

The new building should be completed by September 1<sup>st</sup> and the guys from the road department will be working on the side of the building.

ESO, which is the information used for patients, will give the ability for E911 to push their information into the ambulances and computers. They have assigned Arthur a representative he will be working with.

E911 Director Justin Rice gave the Professional Services Amendment NR.03 to Agreement NR.379 CIS Computer Services Agreement to Judge Barnes so that he could let County Attorney Robert King review it before signing. This agreement provides dispatch services for the Powell County ambulance service, law enforcement and Fire agencies.

As soon as Robert reviews the agreement and finds it good, County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes has the authority to sign it. Arthur has been working on Protocols and polices for the past two weeks.

During the last meeting there were a couple of items that were tabled.

Authur brought these items back before court for approval.

#### **(ProCare Services)**

**EMS Director Arthur Ashley** told members of the court in the past CSEPP paid for a three-year maintenance plan for Pro Care Services, but the county will now be responsible for paying. It will be for the following items.

4 PowerPro ProCare - \$5,299.20

4 Life Pak ProCare - \$7,299.20

2 Lucas ProCare - \$2,846.40

Total - \$15,444.80

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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 three-year maintenance contract for Pro Care Services in the amount of \$15,444.80  
Motion passed unanimously

**(First Arriving)**

**EMS Director Arthur Ashley Arthur** presented a proposal from First Arriving. This proposal is for a dashboard that will show important things for the day such as policy & procedures, memos, etc. Everyone coming in for their shifts will be able to view this dashboard.

Breakdown as follows:

Dashboard Setup - \$995.00

Dashboard Subscription with Hardware - \$799.00

Total - \$#1,794.00

Dashboard licenses automatically renew for successive twelve (12) months unless canceled in writing by Client at least 30 days to the end of Term renewal date. Prices quoted shall be a firm fixed price for one (1) year. Prices will escalate by 3% per year starting at renewal date, and only one price escalation shall be allowed within a twelve (12) month period.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving the proposal from First Arriving.

Motion passed unanimously

**EMS Director Arthur Ashley** lets members of the court know the new maintenance supervisor is doing a great job. He also bragged on two county road department employees Billy Hood and Michael Whitehurst for coming out all hours of the night and day to help with maintenance and repairs. They have been a great asset for our EMS.

Magistrate Dennis Combs asked if there were questions on some bills submitted for payment. Arthur told him they used drill and slotted brakes on the front of the ambulances this time. The reason for this is because the front brakes take most of the use and this is a better option.

***Assistant EMS Director Arlene Rogers – No discussion***

Arthur also bragged on Arlene for doing a great job. She has taught him a lot since he started working for us.

***Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen*** told members of the court our County Judge has been working so hard. He has gone to several meetings advocating Powell County.

***Judge Executive Eddie Barnes*** said he would like to thank County Attorney Robert King for always helping with legal advice.

**Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton:** The detention center has 240 inmates. There are 229 males and 11 females. They also have 175 state inmates and are down 9 SAP inmates. They made calls to see if they could possibly get some more.

Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer has now been trained so he can take inmates out to work.

#### ***District Updates:***

**Magistrate Chad Patton:** Road Department has been working on his requests. He promised the Clay City Fire Department he would ask about fixing their air conditioning in one of their trucks.

Judge Barnes said we do not know about these issues unless they tell us.

Judge Barnes suggested letting Billy and Micheal from the road department look at it first.

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen:** Bragged on our county road department for mowing and grading.

**Magistrate Brian McKinney:** Had a few complaints about our roads being in bad condition, we are expecting it to be because of Rumpke's garbage trucks. Brian asks Robert if there were any updates regarding Homestead. He told him he had been talking with Patrick and if the court wanted to move forward with this they could. Judge Barnes said he feels we should because those residents need some recognition. They cannot help what someone else has done. Robert said there are two ways to handle it. We could try and grandfather it in saying it was in existence before we made any restrictions on subdivision roads, or we can make it fit under the policy as it exists now. One of the things needed is a right-of-way from the landowners. Magistrate McKinney told Robert all the landowners he had spoken with were willing to give a right-of-way to the county. Robert said the issue with this is there is no way to make a right-of-way through there. There is statue that reads the county road foreman can recommended a deviation from the 30 feet if there are insinuating circumstances. He has been working with Patrick on getting a list of things he feels that may relate to our policy. Once the list is complete Patrick could bring it before court to see if it can work under the policy. Deciding this puts Patrick under a lot of stress. If he makes a request to court that says we should deviate from this or that it's in compliance and then finds out it's not, then it's on him. Patrick could decide he cannot make this recommendation.

**Magistrate Brian McKinney** gave an update on broadband.

Mtn. Telephone will be turning on services in the Nada area and construction is in the North Bend area. They are saying within nine days they should be finished with all the construction.

Spectrum has completed all projects in Powell County and has no plans currently for further expansion. The lady is supposed to call Brian tomorrow with a map showing places they may consider in the future. Crystal Broadband should be starting in a few weeks with the grant they got 2 1/2 years ago. They are saying Hardwick's Creek, Frames Branch, Little Hardwick's Creek and Furnace Mountain can be completed in three months but there is no way construction can be completed in this time. The problem with this is no other provider can apply for a grant to service these areas because Crystal Broadband has tied up with the first grant. Kentucky has 1.1 billion

dollars but there is a freeze on the monies because they are transferring to satellite internet such as Star Link.

**Magistrate Dennis Combs:** Ask if a discussion was made on Michael Kelso's ditching issue.

Judge Barnes told him it would be discussed in closed session.

Dennis asks about Mill Stone and Frames Branch bridges. Judge Barnes told him they are working on it. They have spoken to Craig Lindon about it. We are looking at around \$250,000.00 per bridge. We have applied for the 80/20 emergency funds for these projects but have not heard back currently.

Clay City Fire Department did get a quote to fix their air conditioning, and the city is going to pay for it.

Dennis said kudos to the road department and help from the inmates for addressing things he calls about.

**Magistrate Mike Lockard:** Wants to thank David and the inmates for striping the parking lot around the courthouse.

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes:** Has been several meetings in the past months. He is going to Louisville in the morning for the Governor's Local Issue Conference. They will be picking up the new ambulance in North Carolina on Thursday. The ambulance provider is paying for a motel room for the Judge, Arthur, Mike and Billy.

Judge Barnes let it be known we have ordered another ambulance.

He said people were saying all he wants to do is buy ambulances and they are correct because it's important to have ambulances for the safety of our people. We are doing the best we can for our community.

He has also been working on getting funding for our infrastructure, water and sewer and the Clay City Industrial Park.

**Brian Billings** told members there are a lot of communities that are doing good and a lot that are struggling but Powell County is one that is doing good. The tourism here is at an all-time high.

### **New Business:**

**Janell Dixon – Office of Disaster and Recovery – No Show**

**Powell County Tourism Director Pete Fingerson:**

Judge Barnes told everyone that Pete does a wonderful job.

Magistrate Brian McKinney asks who else is employed at the tourism office. Along with Pete there is 6 other people. A Part-time Assistant Director and 5 part-time front desk employees.

Powell County Tourism Director Pete Fingerson let members know they just finished installation of a 22.5-kilowatt solar panel system along with 2 EB chargers at the visitor's center. This makes us the first tourism commission in the state if not the entire southeast region of the United States to be

Net-Zero in turns of energy consumption. They received some grant money for this, so it was only \$6,000.00 out of pocket. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the visitor's center. There will be folks there from the state level. Pete invited members of the court to attend.

During the months of June and July there were a total of 13,900 visitors that came into the Welcome Center. We are one of the top-most visited welcome centers in the state.

Pete plans on sending a letter to all cabin owners asking them to properly address their property.

They will be setting up at the State Fair September 14<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. They have something called

Fellowship of the Gorge which consists of Powell, Lee, Wolfe, Estill, Menifee and Stanton.

The Natural Bridge Artisan Festival and quilt show is coming up this weekend at the Natural Bridge Campground which is right behind the visitor's center. The quilt show will be held inside the visitors' center.

Pro-Fest is coming up on August 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Meadow Green Park.

Pete got invited from the Kentucky Department of Tourism to go on a media mission to New York City in September.

On the Friday of Labor Day weekend, they are having the Wildflowers and Ferns of the Red River Gorge Event hosted by Danny and Judy Dorson. It will be held at the visitors' center.

Judge Barnes thanked Pete for attending the meeting and giving us updates.

### ***Zack Bradshaw:***

Reference to the roof repair at the Powell County Detention Center. We will need an invoice before payment can be made.

Mr. Bradshaw was not present for the meeting.

### ***Boyd Caterpillar: Purchase of a 2025 275-05 Caterpillar Track Loader with attachment for Road Department:***

**Road Department employee Billy Hood** told members of the court a skid steer is needed so they can move rock and fix the roadway easier than using an excavator.

They tried out a Kubota from Holbrook Equipment and two Caterpillars from Boyd Cat. They like the 275-05 Caterpillar Track Loader best. These are state contract prices, so no RFP will be needed.

Magistrate McKinney said he did notice they had a freight charge listed. Billy said they could go pick it up to save this charge. The price submitted from Holbrook was \$81,400.00 and the price

submitted from Cat Boyd was \$120,707.00. Even though Holbrook was a lesser quote Billy told members they would rather have one from Boyd Cat.

There are two options for Preventative Maintenance. Filters are to be provided for first two years or 1,000 hours or In Shop PM Service. Billy said they would like to choose the filters to be provided for first two years or 1,000.00 hours.

Payment Schedule as follows:

Machine Price - \$120,707.00

1-5 Payments - \$21,938.61

Final Payment #6 - \$29,200.00

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the lease purchase from Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation for a 2025 275-05 Caterpillar Track Loader with attachment in the amount of \$120,707.00 choosing the option for filters for the first two years or 1,000 hours. This motion authorizes and directs Treasurer Connie Crabtree and Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign all paperwork needed for this purchase and to issue the first payment due in the amount of \$21,938.61. The check will be made payable to Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation. Motion passed unanimously

**Jessica Faulkner** told Billy and Michael her dad said thanks for fixing Gritters Ridge. They did a wonderful job.

***Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden: Powell County Annual Parade Float Expenses***

Tim told members of the court the last few years he has put a float in the annual parade to represent the transfer station and county recycling. He asks members of the court to approve candy, supplies and materials for the float.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting to approve \$1,200.00 for the purchase of candy, supplies and materials for the float to put in the annual county parade. Motion passed unanimously

Brain Billings told members of the court there would be a job fair on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, looking to hire around 35 people for ATS and Central Bridge.

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 61.810 ( C ) ( F ). Motion passed unanimously

***Meeting Resumes:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members voting in favor of resuming the meeting. Motion passed unanimously

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes let it be known that no action was taken in closed session.



***Cost Approval for an Appraisal for Property owned by County on KY 1036:***

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor approving the cost of an appraisal for property owned by the county located on KY 1036.

Motion passed unanimously

***Approval to fix Drainage Issue on Stokley Loop:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to repair the drainage issue located on Stokley Loop.

Motion passed unanimously

***Opioid Abatement Litigation Documents – Approval to Sign Purdue Pharma Plan and participate in the (GESA) Sackler Settlement.***

County Attorney Robert King told members we needed to take two actions by vote of the court so we can secure opioid funding.

- ***Vote on Purdue Pharma Plan*** – The court has submitted a settlement they say is appropriate. Our attorney involved in this case highly recommends that we take a vote to sign and accept this settlement.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor authorizing and directing Treasurer Connie Crabtree and Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign paperwork associated with the Purdue Pharma Plan regarding the Opioid Abatement Litigation.

Motion passed unanimously

- ***Sign Governmental Entity Settlement (GESA) Sackler Participation Agreement***

County Attorney Robert King said the attorney involved in the case highly recommended that we participate in this settlement.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor to participate in the (GESA) Sackler settlement. This motion authorizes and directs Treasurer Connie Crabtree and Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to DocuSign paperwork associated with the (GESA) Sackler Participation Agreement.

Motion passed unanimously

***Pay Estimate #9 Codell Construction (EMS Project):***

Pay Request #9 submitted from Codell Construction for the EMS Project in the total amount of \$417,705.37 was submitted to members of the court for payment approval.

Atlas Enterprises - \$2,488.00 Codell Construction Company - \$415,217.37

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving Pay Request #9 submitted from Codell Construction for the EMS Project for Atlas Enterprise in the amount of \$2,488.00 and Codell Construction Company in the amount of \$415,217.37.

Motion passed unanimously

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***Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden: Bid Opening for a Trailer: Recycling Grant***

**Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden** received two bids for a trailer. The purchase of this trailer will be taken out of the Recycling Grant.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes opened the first sealed bid submitted from Double D Trailer

(1) 24x83 – 14K HD Gravity GN Trailer - \$14,685.65

Judge Executive Eddie Basrne opened the second sealed bid submitted from CRS Auto & Trailer Sales Inc.

(1) 2026 Gatormade Tandem Axle Tilt Gooseneck – 18K GVWR - \$15,500.00

Magistrate Brian McKinney asks Tim why he would rather have a gooseneck trailer than a regular one. Tim told him he could get around better with a gooseneck while doing the Kirby's. Magistrate Dennis Combs asks him if he could pull the side by side with a gooseneck. Tim told him the side by side could ride on the gooseneck.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of buying from the local vendor CRS Auto & Trailer Sales Inc for a 2026 Gatormade Tandem Axle Tilt Gooseneck Trailer in the amount of \$15,500.00. Time frame on production 2-3 weeks. Motion passed unanimously

***Discussion of Curbside Garbage Pickup.***

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden gave members of the court a breakdown of what it cost for doing curbside county garbage pickup. Tim was asked to get a quote together due to Rumpke tearing up our county roads. Magistrate J. L. Bowen said he remembers the county having garbage pickup years ago and people would get mad if we had trucks were down or their garbage wasn't picked up. Magistrate Mike Lockard agreed with Magistrate Bowen. Magistrate Brain McKinney said he liked the idea, but the timeline is so tight with the deadline being November 1<sup>st</sup>. Tim told them the trucks he quoted to do the garbage service may be a little less than the quote. Rumpke continues to tear up our county roads. Magistrate McKinney asked if we could negotiate with Rumpke about using smaller trucks. Magistrate Patton said he has already asked them in the past and there has been no change. This discussion was tabled until a later time

***Ordinance of the Powell County Fiscal Court Relating to Street-Legal Special Purpose Vehicles***

Whereas 2025 Ky. Acts ch.89 became law on March 26, 2025, and allows for the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on certain highways within the Commonwealth of Kentucky if allowed by ordinance of the local government within whose jurisdictional boundaries the highway is located.

The Ordinance lists sections:

Section 1. Definitions

Section 2. Designated Highways

### Section 3. Exceptions

### Section 4. Prohibitions

2025 Senate Bill 63 (SB63) allows statutorily qualified ATV's UTV's, minitrucks, pneumatic-tired military vehicles and full-sized special purpose vehicles to utility roads within counties upon passage of a fiscal court ordinance within that county.

The discussion of this Ordinance was tabled until the county attorney can review it.

No Action was taken

### ***Lions Club:***

Lions Club president Dean Rogers came to the July fiscal court meeting asking for a county contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 to use for expenses during the mudsling and demolition derby at this year's annual fair. In the past the county used county employees and jail inmates to help but due to legalities we can no longer do this. After discussion members of the court agreed to the contribution contingent, they signed a contract prepared by County Attorney Robert King between the county and the Powell County Lions Club.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen approving the contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 to help with the cost of manpower during the mudsling and demolition derby at the Powell County annual fair contingent they sign a contract between the county and the Powell County Lions Club.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes - Aye

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Abstained due to being a board member

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Motion passed

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### ***Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement &***

### ***Resolution:***

This Agreement is between each local entity in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that officially approves and adopts the Agreement and thereby becomes a party to the Agreement. Each party agrees to execute the Agreement and provide mutual aid and assistance to other parties under the terms and conditions contained herein.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

This motion authorizes and directs County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes and CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock to sign the agreement and resolutions pertaining to the Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement/Resolution.

Motion passed unanimously

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Budget Amendment #1**

Jail 03-4726 – Insurance Proceeds - \$15,000.00

Jail 03-5101-334 Building Repairs - \$15,000.00

**Zach Bradshaw: Empire Roofing and Exteriors– Powell County Detention Center –**

**Repair Roof:**

- Tear off, haul and dispose of comp. shingles – 3 tabs
- Ice & Water Barrier
- Roofing felt – 15 lb.
- R&R Drip Edge
- Asphalt starter – Universal Starter Course
- 3 Tab 25 YR-comp shingle roofing w/out felt
- Additional charge for high roof
- Remove Additional Charge for high roof
- R&R Continuous ridge cent – shingle over style
- R&R Hip/Ridge cap-cut from 3-tab composition shingles
- R&R Flashing – pipe jack
- R&R Furnace vent – rain cap and storm collar 6”
- Step Flashing
- R&R Flashing – galvanized
- Roofing felt- 15 lb. – double coverage/low slope

The roof wall to roof flashing will need to be removed due to the flashing being nailed to the shingles. To remove the shingles, the flashing will have to be pried and bent. As a result , the flashing will not sit flat and seal/shield against water intrusion. Dimensions used are from the

Roof/Scope report.

There was a check received from KACO in the amount of \$15,000.00. They will send the remaining funds once the project is completed.

Line-Item Total - \$22,739.40

Sales Tax - \$476.46

Net Claim: \$23,215.86

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving the quote submitted from Zach Bradshaw – Empire Roofing and Exteriors in the amount of \$23,215.86 contingent he signs a contract/agreement prepared by our county attorney that he will complete the entire job and so it in a timely manner. This motion also authorizes and directs Treasurer Connie Crabtree to issue a check in the amount of \$15,000.00 up front for materials and supplies and the remaining balance once the job is completed.

Motion passed unanimously

***Alpha Cleaning Service: Estimate for Stripping, Waxing Courthouse and Office Floors & Cleaning Carpet in Courtroom.***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the estimate submitted from Alpha Cleaning Service to strip, clean and wax the courthouse hallways and VCT in courtroom along with the offices quoted on the estimate. The Sheriff and County Clerk has agreed to pay for their offices. They will need to give a quote for the PVA's office.

Motion passed unanimously

1. Courthouse hallways and VCT in courtroom itself, Monthly buffing: \$150.00 Stripping these floors: \$1,400.00 Estimate is high because of the buildup of old finish or wax under the benches and edges.
2. County Attorney's Office strip and wax: \$67.00
3. Sheriff's office Strip and Wax: \$475.00
4. Clerk's office strip and wax: \$675.00
5. Judge Executive Office: Strip and Wax: \$675.00 Once a month buffing: \$25.00
6. District court and law library, occasionally striped: \$800.00 (First time price. Major build-up of floor finish/wax, will need to be striped multiple times.)
7. Commercial Carpet Cleaning: in courthouse: \$400.00

***2025 County Tax Rates:***

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes told members of the court the tax rates were set by the State.

Compensating rate would be 10.60 and a 4% increase would be 11.00.

After discussion members of the court agreed to take the compensating rate of 10.60 for Real Property and leave the Personal Property at 11.33, Motor Vehicle at 13.30 and Watercraft at 13.30.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the following for the County's 2025 Tax Rates.

Real Property at compensating rate of 10.60 , Personal Property at 11.33 , Motor Vehicle at 13.30 and Watercraft at 13.30.

Motion passed unanimously

***Resolution # 2025-08-13: BGADD & HB723 for Clay City Industrial Park:***

A Resolution of Powell County Authorizing the Completion and Filing of a Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program of 2024 Project Application for up to \$96,154 in grant program of 2024 funds with the cabinet for Economic Development for the Clay City Business Park Water and Sewer Extension ARC Project shall be submitted to CED. A Grant Program of 2024 application on behalf of the County for GRANT Program of 2024 money up to \$96,154 for the Clay City Business Park Water and Sewer Extension ARC Project shall be submitted to CED.

Whereas the County desires to promote and conduct community development effects on behalf of the residents of Powell County by supporting the GRANT program of 2024 project.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the Resolution for the Clay City Business Park Water and Sewer Extension ARC Project in the amount of \$96,154.00. This motion authorizes and directs County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign any paperwork relating to this Resolution. Motion passed unanimously

***Resolution # 2025-08-12: Submission of an Application for the Expansion of Existing Water Treatment Plan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)***

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting to approve Resolution for Submission on an Application for the Expansion of Existing Water Treatment Plan Community Development Block Grant and that the Powell County Fiscal Court agrees and resolves to apply for HUD Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 for use in a project entitled “Expansion of Existing Water Treatment Plant”, and further authorizes Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, to sign all documents necessary to seek the federal financial support that would enable this project to move forward. Motion passed unanimously

***Professional Service Amendment NR.03 to Agreement NR.379***

Powell County 911 provides dispatch services for the Powell County law enforcement and fire agencies. Agreement Nr.379 provides dispatch services for Powell County Ambulance Services, PCAS desires to use the CIS Mobile Computer System and Automatic Vehicle Location System to enhance its use of the CIS CAD System. CIS provided PCAS with a cost proposal dated March 25, 2025, for the CIS, MCS,AVL and related Professional Services, and PCAs utilize ESO Solutions for electronic patient care reporting and PCAS wishes to have Calls for Service data sent to its ePCR through the CIS CAD ESO Interface. The Fiscal Court has accepted both CIS Proposals and CIS has prepared this Additional User Agreement for execution by the Parties hereto. A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members of the court voting in favor approving the Professional Services Amendment NR. 03 to Agreement NR 379. The motion authorizes and directs the County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign paperwork regarding this agreement. Motion passed unanimously

***Agreement Between Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Highways and the County of Powell: CPPP (FD14) Funds - \$258,000.00: Old Winchester Road and Copperas Creek Road***

Whereas the parties hereto desire to resurface Old Winchester Road and Copperas Creek Road in Powell County, which shall hereinafter be referred to as the Project. Whereas the General Assembly has determined this is a worthwhile Project and has authorized reimbursement to the LPA by the Department in HJR 46 up to \$258,000.00 in County Priority Projects Funding (FD14) for the completion of this Project.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the Agreement and Resolution for CPPP (FD14) Funds for Old Winchester Road and Copperas Creek Road in the amount of \$258,000.00. This motion authorizes and directs County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign all necessary paperwork regarding this project.

Motion passed unanimously

***Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously



Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive



J.L. Bowen, Magistrate



Dennis Combs, Magistrate



Mike Lockard, Magistrate



Brian McKinney, Magistrate



Chad Patton, Magistrate