

**Powell County Fiscal Court**

**Regular Called Meeting**

**Date: November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Location: Powell County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**

**33 Commerce Drive**

**Stanton, Kentucky 40380**

Presiding: Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive

Present: Connie Crabtree, Fiscal Court Clerk, County Attorney Robert King, Deputy Dale Allen, Tourism Director Pete Fingerson, CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock, Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel, E911 Director Justin Rice, Assistant E911 Director Arlene Rogers, Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, Jessica Faulkner, Nick Rose, Chief Deputy Jailer Holly Drake, Jailer Teddy Lacy, Andrew McIntosh, Representatives from Kellwell, Chris Wallingford, President of Kellwell, Opioid Abatement Liaison LeAndra Knox, Neal Hamilton, Eric Jones (Kellwell), Adam Brown (wife) and Bobby Williams.

County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes called the meeting to order:

County Judge Executive 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**

Judge Barnes made it clear we changed our meeting date to this evening due to the next day being Veterans Day.

**Public Comments:**

***(Chris Walling – Kellwell Food Management Services)***

President of Kellwell Food Management Services Chris Walling was present for the meeting to talk about their services. This business was established in 1992 and has a 99% customer attention rate. They are aware that things can happen, but they feel like there has been no communication with our detention center so that they can resolve the issues. He said he would speak more on the subject later in the meeting.

***(Eric Jones – Owner of Kellwell Food Management Services)***

Owner of Kellwell Commissary was present at the meeting to answer any questions about the commissary what may come up at the meeting.

***( Jessica Faulkner – Discussion of Zoning)***

Jessica Faulkner was present for meeting to ask members of the court about zoning. She said it was brought up a few years ago when they discussed the landfill (Virden Ridge) but hasn't been discussed since then. She would like to touch base with members of the court about this and see if it could be added to the agenda for the next meeting so it could be discussed in depth. She wants to prevent other landfills getting put into residential areas.

Members of the court told her they all were still opposed to the landfill. Jesssica told them she appreciated their support.

Judge Barnes ask Fiscal Court Clerk to make note to add to the agenda for the next meeting.

***(Bobby Williams – Plan to run Hollerwood Park)***

Bobby Williams was present at the meeting to let members of the court know he had a plan to run Hollerwood Park so that it would be in the green after it is outsourced. Judge Barnes said they plan on discussing a contract that has been proposed later in the meeting.

***(Adam Brown – Spoke about a committee him along with others had put together.)***

Adam Brown was present at the meeting to make members of the court aware that he himself, along with others, has put together a committee called Powell County Oversight (Peacock). Their purpose is to bring more communication between government boards and entities with the community and public. He told members of the court he did not know any of their names. Adam lives on South Fork Road but does not know who Magistrate is, but it does not matter now because he has moved to Clay City. He has lived in the county off and on for twenty-five years and does not know any government officials. Adam said the only time he talks to them is around election time, but he would like to change that. They need to step up and have more communication with their constituents. He said they could send out a notice about the meetings and what is discussed. There are several people in our community that do not have a clue what goes on during fiscal court meetings, city meetings, library board meetings and Powell's Valley Water Board meetings. The purpose of this committee is to have more lines of communication between the community and these boards. They also would like to hold accountability to the election officials and anything in between.

Adam attended a city council meeting last month and they discussed they would be getting a new water pump put in on Paint Creek with the new water tower they are replacing. He asked them if the water pump would be new or replace an old one. He was told the water pump would be a new one. He also wanted to know if they would be supplying more water to the community. They told him there would be growth in that area. He asks them why he could not get a water pump on Barker's Branch? They told him they could not afford it. Adam asks members of the fiscal court if they could take some time to investigate the water on South Fork.

Judge Barnes told him over the past few years they have been attempting to gain funding for several water projects here in the county. One of our main problems is infrastructure. Powell County is twenty years behind and we are trying to play catch-up. Post covid our county has expanded tremendously. Each day Beech Fork Water pumps two million gallons of water daily, which is the max capacity. We are looking into expanding Beech Fork Water. The cost of doing this would be around 10 million dollars.

Judge Barnes has met with several committees and testified before Frankfort about getting funding. Powell's Valley Water also has issues. They buy water from Beech Fork which goes up Hardwick's Creek around Furnace Mountain and around South Fork. They are having to pump water uphill, and the lines are not that big. They have been looking into grants to help with funding.

Judge Barnes told Mr. Brown that Powell County owns Hollerwood but it's managed by the Powell County Industrial Board and has a management team that manages it. Judge Barnes said he first heard of Hollerwood he thought it was a bad idea but now he disagrees. He thinks it would be better for a private entity. They are going to talk about leasing it out to someone. He said people have been telling rumors that the county is going to sell it or close it down and that is not the truth. The plan is to make it self-supporting so that it will benefit Powell County. We as a county do not have the funds to operate it.

Judge Barnes told Mr. Brown our meetings are open to the public, and we encourage everyone to attend.

***Minutes of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving the meeting minutes of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

***Claims submitted for Payment:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of 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 Ambulances Fund - \$85,000.00

Transfer from General Fund to Dispatch Fund - \$10,000.00

***Cash Transfers:***

01-5210-543 – CDL Licenses - \$1,000.00

01-9100-999 – Reserve for Transfers - \$1,000.00

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

Motion passed unanimously

**10/1/25 – 10/31/25 Financial Statement:**

The Treasurer presented the 10/1/25 – 10/31/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary for court approval.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting to approve Treasurers 10/1/25 – 10/31/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary.

Motion passed unanimously

**Department Head Updates:**

**Assistant EMS Director Arlene Rogers :**

**Assistant EMS Director Arlene Rogers** let members of the court know they passed their annual inspection. EC1 is now on the fleet, and they have been working on moving into the new EMS building.

Ms. Jessica Faulkner asks if they could tell which department they are in when they give their updates.

**EMA Director Justin Rice:**

**EMA Director Justin Rice** read off the CAD calls that came into the 911 dispatch center for the month of October 2025.

Clay City Fire Department – 62

Clay City Police Department – 159

Middle Fork Fire Department – 37

Powell County EMS – 252

Powell County Animal Control – 48

Powell County Coroner -2

Powell County Sheriff's Office – 398

Powell County SAR – 9

Stanton Fire Department – 73

Stanton Police Department – 316

Total CAD – 1356

CAD Average Per Day – 44

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen** told everyone to thank the volunteer firemen when you see them because without them it would be EMS, Police, Animal Control, etc. by themselves.

***(Crystal Rogers – Moved to a full-time position for the Powell County EMS)***

**EMA Director Justin Rice** asks members of the court for approval to move Crystal Rogers from a part-time position to a full-time position.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen, seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving to move Crystal Rogers from a part-time position to a full-time position for the Powell County EMS.

Motion passed unanimously

***CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock:***

**CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock** lets members of the court know the CSEPP Program is in the final months of close out. There will be no more funding for the CSEPP program. CSEPP has provided 10 million dollars over the past 30 years and has provided lots of equipment for several departments over the years. The last meeting will be on Thursday. They will be discussing things left to do for the closeout. Everything will be turned over to E911 and emergency management January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Kevin lets members know they have been working on grants regarding disasters that happened last April and May.

Judge Barnes asks Kevin to tell members of the court about a grant we received.

Kevin told them we had received a grant to develop a Wildfire Protection Plan. This plan will provide us with a document to allow us to apply for bigger grants to be able to mitigate for forest fires. A water system can put in so that we can have water supply to all the cabins that are being built in the mountains. The county will receive \$236,000.00 in the next two years to write this plan and the fire departments could receive \$8,000.00 apiece.

Judge Barnes said he would like to thank Kevin for writing this grant.

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

**Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden** made it aware that his grants come from Kentucky Proud Money, which is tax money that comes from tobacco products. This year Powell County was allotted over \$300,000.00 between two grants. The composting grant will be used to purchase a new incinerator and can be used for several departments.

Last Year a front-end loader was purchased with a grant. Tim uses it to clean the courthouse, detention center, EOC and several other parking lots during the winter months. Tim made it clear it grant money pays for this equipment. It does not cost the taxpayers any money.

The new aerator has been used for composting farm animals and were able to aerate around 3 tons. Next Year Tim is hoping to purchase a bagging system with the grant so they can bag the composting and sell it to the public.

**Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden** let members know 4 of the 6 employees are going for their CDL's on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden** mentioned two different meetings he would like to attend, one of them being the quarterly SWACK meeting in December and the other one being the National Composting Conference in Sacramento ,California.

Judge Barnes said it was very important for our directors to attend these conferences. Not only do they learn things they also network with other people.

**Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel:** Will talk about TEBCO later in the meeting.

**Tourism Director Pete Fingerson:**

**Tourism Director Pete Fingerson** was present at the meeting to give an update on tourism.

Last week they held their annual Local Living Legends event. This event is where they honor a local person that has had a sufficient impact on our community. This year they honored Judge Sara Combs. Pete said he appreciated Judge Barnes and Magistrate Dennis Conbs for attending the event.

Two EB chargers have been installed at the Visitors Center. It's been used over 40 times and \$200.00 has been donated. 8,000 people visited the Visitor Center in October. The total for the year so far is 50,559, which is around 15,000 more than the previous year.

Pete attended the annual Kentucky Travelers Association Conference in Louisville. A couple of weeks ago Pete had the privilege of chauffeuring Senator Raul Paul around the area and Judge Barnes attended the dinner with them.

Pete is in the process of trying to get an electronic filing system for the transient taxes which will make his job easier.

No Trash November will be held on Saturday November 22,2025. We will be meeting at the depot in Stanton at 8:30 a.m. We will be picking up trash from Slade to Clay City. If you register by tomorrow, you will get a free T-shirt. We will also have free DQ, free pizza and Ale 8's. You can register on the Powell County Tourism Facebook page.

**Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer:**

**Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer** let members of the court know they had 48 calls for the month of October.

During the month of October, the shelter took in thirty-three additional dogs of which six were reclaimed and twenty-five were adopted. They also took in 18 additional cats of which twenty-two were adopted.

The new building is all set up and John Koontz plans on getting the electricity hooked up this week. The animal shelter received a second donation of dry dog food which totals around \$2,400.00. They also received straw for the animals, which will be great for the winter months.

Brandon talked about wanting a fence installed at the animal shelter. This fence would allow the animals to be able to exercise and run around. Installing this fence would also prevent them from escaping. He has talked to several companies about the fence. Brannon and Brannon are a local company, and he was impressed with the work order they gave him. Brandon said he would like a 475-foot fence with three access gates. The quotes he got ranges from \$11,400.00 to \$15,000.00.

***District Updates:***

***Magistrate Mike Lockard*** – He said he would like to see poles installed around the generator at the EMS building.

***Magistrate Dennis Combs*** – Has some questions for Patrick but Patrick was not at the meeting. Dennis told Mr. Adam Brown he would talk to him after the meeting. He told Adam he spent 2 ½ years trying to get Route 11 blacktopped. Adam told him he was glad he finally got it done.

***Magistrate Brian McKinney*** – Asks if there were an update regarding blacktopping Wild Cherry Lane, Rose Lane, Silver Maple and Oak Drive. Judge Barnes told him we had been approved of Copperas Creek Road and Winchester Road but had not heard about the others.

***Magistrate J.L. Bowen*** – Proud of our employees

***Magistrate Chad Patton*** – Ask when we take bids for blacktopping. Judge Barnes told him they are usually done in September. Chad asks if we could advertise to smaller companies. Magistrate Dennis Combs told him that was the goal for next year.

***Judge Barnes*** met with Mr. Osborne about the problems in Powell County. He talked to Andy Barr on Friday. Judge Barnes plans on attending a conference in Louisville on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week to discuss several things.

Ms. Jessica Faulkner said if we are having a hard time getting grants from Frankfort it would not be better if we were cohesive with our Senators and Representatives with approaching ideas instead of being divided. She feels it would be more incentivized for us getting things.

***New Business:***

***Chief Deputy Jailer Holly Drake: (Discussion of Shannon Taylor teaching MRT classes)***

***Chief Deputy Holly Drake*** talked about the MRT classes. She said in the past they have had four (4) trained facilitators. All four of them teaching classes result in overtime. They have come up with an idea to train one (1) person to teach all nine classes Monday through Friday. This would get four (4) employees out of overtime. Holly said in doing this they would like to increase this employee, which is Shannon Taylor rate of pay to \$16.00 per hour. She is currently making \$14.00 per hour.

Shannon passed her certification last week making 100 percent. The \$16.00 per hour rate would put her between a Sergeant and Lieutenant. This would be a lot of teaching, paperwork and having to deal with DOC regarding nine classes with twelve (12) to fifteen (15) inmates in the classroom. Jailer Teddy Lacy told members of the court it would be a savings in overtime. Magistrate Dennis Combs asks if he knew how much overtime he would be saving. Judge Barnes asks if her main job would be teaching the classes and this would replace her other job. Holly told him yes; they would be getting another floor deputy to take her position. Magistrate Dennis Combs said it would cost around \$4,000.00 per year. Judge Barnes said he feels like it would be cheaper to pay for the overtime hours verses hiring a full-time person at that rate plus benefits. Holly told members of the court trying to teach nine classes and keeping four people trained is a nightmare. They currently get \$1,000.00 per graduate for a 90- day class and \$600.00 for a 60-day class. The program monies went down from \$46,000.00 to \$29,000.00 due to not being able to keep people trained so allowing Shannon to take on all nine (9) classes would keep it from being divided into four ways. This would keep the money steady, and she could graduate more people. After discussion members of the court told Jailer Teddy Lacy and Chief Deputy Holly Drake to get some figures together to present at our next regular meeting.

No Action Taken

#### ***Discussion of Old Business:***

##### ***Jailer Teddy Lacy: (Discussion of Getting New Company for Food Service)***

**Jailer Teddy Lacy** told members of the court the Detention Center is currently using Kellwell Food Services. Teddy reached out to Airmark, Victus and Trinity Food Services to get quotes for their services based on our population, which of 250 inmates.

Kellwell 250 inmates serving 273,750 meals annually - \$409,530.00

Airmark 250 inmates would be an additional \$96,000.00

Trinity 250 inmates would be an additional \$116,000.00

Victus 250 inmates would be an additional \$42,000.00

Teddy along with Magistrate Dennis Combs and Magistrate Brian McKinney went to Indiana to check out food services at a couple of jail facilities. Victus is under the same umbrella as Combined Public Communications, which is the vendor that takes care of the phone services at the detention center. The Sheriff in Indiana told them Victus has outstanding customer service, and the quality of food is great. Teddy told members of the court he would like to switch from Kellwell Food Services to Victus Food Services.

Judge Barnes asks what the problem was with Kellwell. Teddy told him it was the quality of the food. If he calls them about problems with the food, they will fix it for a while then it goes back to poor quality. Judge Barnes asks County Attorney Robert King if this should be discussed in closed session. Robert told him he did not see any reason it could not be discussed in open session. Teddy said he had another issue but would rather not bring it up and throw any negative light at anyone. Magistrate J.L. Bowen said they are all aware of what it is.



President of Kellwell Food Service Chris Walling said he would like to touch on this issue. He assumes Teddy is talking about the employee that had relations with an inmate. Teddy told him this was correct. Chris said Teddy had stopped all communication with them, but he had heard from other people that Teddy thought this person worked at another facility and they transferred her to Powell County facility. She was working at another facility, but they had got a call that she was getting too close with these inmates, so she was terminated. She had not worked for them for seven months. She then applied to work for Powell County Detention Center which she was approved for hire. Teddy said he did not approve of this hire, somebody that works for him approved the hire without his knowledge. Chris told Teddy this person that hired her was aware of why she was terminated from Montgomery County.

There was no proof that she was having any sexual relations with a male or female and it was turned over to the sheriff's office for investigation. Teddy said he talked to the Sheriff and this was not true. Chris said if she was having any sexual relations with an inmate she would have been prosecuted in Montgomery County. Teddy said he does not do things like Montgomery County, he does not sweep things under the rug. Chris wants to make it clear they would not transfer someone from one facility to another. He feels grouping the commissary into this incident is not right. They take pride in fixing issues but if they are not wanted at a facility then they will step away from the food service. Kellwell has been with Powell County over 10 years and they value their Kentucky customers. They have not had any communication with the Powell County Detention Center for several months.

The food service has been the same since Teddy was there. If there is an issue with the food service, then they will fix it. Teddy said he had a stack of grievances, and he cannot trust Kellwell employees to be inside his facility. Judge Barnes asked Teddy if he had done an RFP for the quotes he received. Teddy told him no he just reached out to these vendors. The bid process will have to be done before it can be approved. Teddy said he would be glad to do this.

There was a representative from Victus that wished to speak to members of the court.

He said everyone is happy with what they do and has no complaints.

Teddy said a lot of people do not like him in corrections because he does care about the quality of life inside of his facility. He said a guy was released today from jail and his only complaint was about the food.

Magistrate Chad Patton said we need to see how this will reflect the budget. Teddy said all he can is fight for the inmates. Chad said he respects this, but we must make sure we having funding for this change.

This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

***On-the job Training (OJT) Agreement between Powell County Fiscal Court and the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD).***

This On-The-Job Training agreement is between Powell County Fiscal Court and Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD). Funding is made available by the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board (BGWIB) to assist businesses in training and retaining a skilled, productive workforce.

Work Force Development and Bluegrass Area Development is paying for our employees to take CDL classes.

A representative with Work Force Development was present at the meeting to speak the program. They cover seventeen counties and is a division of Bluegrass Area Development. They will give up to \$6,000.00 per new hire for anyone they put On-The -Job training. They will reimburse up to 50% of wages earned. Judge Barnes said they have supplied us with five EMT students from Estill County and five from Powell County to take EMT classes.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving the On-the – Job Training Agreement with Powell County Fiscal Court and Bluegrass Area Development. This motion authorizes and directs Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign the agreement.

Motion passed unanimously

***Quote submitted from Alpha Cleaning Service for cleaning carpet in Courthouse Courtroom:***

A quote was submitted by Alpha Cleaning Service for cleaning carpet in Courthouse courtroom in the amount of \$400.00.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the quote submitted by Alpha Cleaning Service for cleaning the carpet in the courthouse courtroom, judges' office and the little area by Circuit Judges Office.

Motion passed unanimously

***Closing Courthouse for Special Election on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Courthouse will not be closed that day:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of leaving the courthouse open on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for the special election.

Motion passed unanimously

***2026 Holiday Schedule:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the 2026 Holiday Schedule as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

***Resolution for Clay City Business Park Water & Sewer Extension:***

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving the Resolution for Clay City Business Water and Sewer Extension ARC Project. This Grant Program of 2024 application on behalf of the County for Grant Program of 2024 money up to \$96,154.00 for Clay City Business Park Water and Sewer

Extension ARC Project. This motion authorizes and directs Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to execute any documents which are deemed necessary by CED to carry out this project.  
Motion passed unanimously

**TEBCO: Paying tax Quarter:**

Judge Barnes told members of the court back in the day when TEBCO came into our county there was an agreement made by the prior fiscal court they would waive the occupational taxes for five (5) years. TEBCO is one of our best employers here in our county. We found the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting minutes where the fiscal court agreed to fulfill the obligations discussed concerning TEBCO.

Deputy Judge Dale Allen said he remembers TEBCO took out the employees' part and then a check was written of ½ of amount to the Industrial Authority. It was put into account to expand their business. The City of Stanton agreed to three (3) years, but the county agreed to five (5) years. Currently, the county will owe quarter 4 of 2022 and years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Assistant Tax Administrator gave members of the court a handout showing the breakdown of what taxes we have received.

Quarter 4 2022 - \$5477.79 1/2 - \$2,738.50  
Quarter 1 2023 - \$3,783.07 Quarter 1 2024 - \$6,558.31 Quarter 1 2025 - \$15,865.85  
Quarter 2 2023 - \$4,722.61 Quarter 2 2024 - \$14,518.96 Quarter 2 2025 - \$20,470.19  
Quarter 3 2023 - \$4,200.67 Quarter 3 2024 - \$13,778.45 Quarter 3 2025 - \$25,821.71  
Quarter 4 2023 - \$6,508.07 Quarter 4 2024 - \$23,879.07 Quarter 2 2025 - Not Received  
Totals 2023 - \$19,214.42 ½ - \$9,607.21  
Totals 2024 - 58,734.79 ½ - \$29,367.40  
Total so far for 2025 - \$31,078.88  
2022 - \$2,738.50  
2023 - \$9,607.21  
2024 - \$29,367.40  
Total - \$41,713.51

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving to fulfill the agreement made by the prior fiscal court back in January 2022 regarding TEBCO. This motion approves payment for Quarter 4 of 2022, Quarters 1 through 4 of 2023, Quarters 1 through 4 of 2024 and Quarters 1 through 3 of 2025. Quarter 4 has not been received at this time. Total amount to pay currently is \$41,713.51.  
Motion passed unanimously

Quarter 4 of 2025 will be approved at next meeting.

**East Adams Ridge Road:**

Mr. Stone was present at the meeting to ask for the county to maintain East Adams Ridge Road. Judge Barnes gave County Attorney Robert King paperwork to look over regarding this road. Robert said the first thing we need to do is check and see if it was ever formally adopted this road into the

county road system. Mr. Stone came to a meeting years ago but most of those Magistrates have passed away except for Timmy Tipton and Former Judge Executive Darren Farmer. Robert said he would look at the paperwork again, but we still need to check the records to see if it East Adams Ridge Road was adopted into the county road system. Discussion was tabled until next meeting

***Hollerwood Contract:***

Judge Barnes asks members of the court if they have a chance to look over the contract. The contract says they will pay for the land payment in return for them to management and sub lease it. The concern would be if we lease it out to certain individuals there may be a chance we could lose grant funding.

Sandy, the attorney, has done a lot of research regarding the Hollerwood contract, free of charge. Judge Barnes and County Attorney Robert King have talked about asking Sandy if we could gain her services to review the contract and see if she would give them legal advice. Judge Barnes said he is unsure what she would charge for the services. County Attorney Robert King said he had not discussed that with her, but he did discuss some preliminary issues. He said during their last meeting their proposals were made to us and some names were thrown around about who to contact. After this we got a proposal regarding the lease so he contacted Sandy and asked if we could do this. She was a little reluctant to say whether we could or not. After asking people in Frankfort, they said it could happen, but some adjustments would have to be made regarding the lease. Members of the court agreed if she helps us out, she needs to be compensated. After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen, seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs, with all members present voting in favor giving County Attorney Robert King the authority to negotiate with Sandy, the attorney, regarding the Hollerwood Contract and compensating her for her services.

Motion passed unanimously

Judge Barnes asks Bobby Williams if he had anything to add regarding Hollerwood. He told members of the court this was not the direction he was going to take and if things did not work out, he would like the opportunity to run the park.

***Contract for Services: Hiring of Bruce Kostelnik as the New Medical Director for Powell County EMS.***

Judge Barnes told members of the court that Bruce Kostelnik was an ER Doctor at Clark Regional Medical Center and the Medical Director for Baptist Health.

Powell County Emergency Medical Services, by and through Powell County Fiscal Court and its Judge/Executive Eddie Barnes, desires to hire a new Medical Director and Bruce Kostelnik has all credentials and certifications required for said position:

Bruce Kostelnik shall hold all necessary credentials and certifications required for said position. Bruce Kostelnik also affirms that he will undertake to maintain said credentials during the term of his employment.

This agreement shall automatically renew yearly from the date of signing unless terminated as set forth in the agreement. This agreement may be terminated by either party with thirty (30) days written notice.

Bruce Kostelnik shall be paid \$2,000.00 per month beginning November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor approving the hiring of Bruce Kostelnik as the new Medical Director for Powell County EMS. Bruce Kistelnik shall be paid \$2,000.00 per month beginning November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This motion authorizes and directs Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign the contract services along with Bruce Kostelnik.

Motion passed unanimously

***Hiring William Puckett as the Powell County EMS Director:***

Judge Barnes let members of the court know there were three (3) different applications received for this position. After reviewing the applications Judge Barnes said he feels William Puckett would be best to hire for the EMS Director's position.

William retired from Clark County Fire Department and is currently working at Toyota Fire Department in Georgetown.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the hiring of William Puckett as the Powell County EMS Director. William Puckett shall be paid a salary of \$60,000.00 per year,

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Puckett told members of the court he was going to give his two weeks' notice at his current place of employment, but he could work here on his days off until then.

***Hazardous Duty Retirement for the Powell County Sheriff's Office:***

Judge Barnes told members of the court the Powell County Sheriff and Deputies has requested to go from Non-Hazardous Duty Retirement pay to Hazardous Duty Retirement pay for the Powell County Sheriff and deputies. The estimated cost will be around \$7,500.00 per employee.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of going from Non-Hazardous Duty Retirement pay to Hazardous Duty Retirement pay for the Powell County Sheriff and deputies.

Motion passed unanimously

***Opioid Abatement Liaison LeAndre Knox:***

Opioid Abatement Liaison LeAndre Knox let members of the court know they had received our first grant payment in the amount of \$13,250.00 to QTR Coordinator Rob Williams.

LeAndre gave members of the court an update on overdoses for the month of October. ODMAPs showed 45 suspected overdoses and 5 fatal overdoses with naloxone being used around 25 times.

Powell County had no fatal overdoses in the county,

The Opioid Advisory Abatement Council met last week and discussed finalizing the Recovery Ready Plan. LeAndre along with Judge Barnes, Jenell Brewer (Wendy) and Rob Williams attended the Opioid Abatement Symposium Conference a few weeks ago.

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

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of going into closed session KRS (C) (F).

Motion passed unanimously

***Court Resumes:***

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

Motion passed unanimously

Judge Barnes made it aware No Action was Taken in Closed Session.

***Suspension Lifted of said employees at the Powell County EMS:***

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to lift suspension of said employees for the Powell County EMS.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Aye

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Opposed

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Motion passes – 5-1

***Other Business:***

***Lease and Service Agreement - Safe Haven Baby Box:***

This Lease and Service Agreement is made and entered into effect on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, by and between Safe Haven Baby Boxes Inc. and Indiana nonprofit corporation, (SHBB) and the Powell County Fiscal Court. SHBB shall provide Provider on Safety Device for installation by Provider on the premises located at 56 Atkinson Street, Stanton, Kentucky 40380. The term of the agreement shall be Five (5) years and shall renew for successive five (5) years terms upon the mutual agreement of terms, fees, and conditions or unless terminated in accordance with Section 9 of the service agreement.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving the Lease and Service Agreement for the Safe Haven Box.

Motion passed unanimously

Judge Barnes told members of the court that Stanton First Church of God is going to pay for the alarm system for the Baby Box.

***Pay Request #12 - Codell Construction Company – EMS Project:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving Pay Request #11 submitted from Codell Construction Company for the EMS Project in the amount of \$122,446.43. The following vendors are to be paid.

Builders First Source (Direct Owner Payment) - \$7,711.18

Atlas Enterprises (Direct Owner Payment) - \$15,222.00

Codell Construction Company - \$99,513.25

Total: \$122,446.43

Motion passed unanimously

***Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden – Approval to attend SWACK Conference in Corbin, Kentucky:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting to approve registration, hotel reservation and food expenses for Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden to attend the SWACK Conference in Corbin, Kentucky.

Motion passed unanimously

***Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden and County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Approval to attend Composting Conference in Sacramento, California.***

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting to approve registration for conference, hotel reservations, food expenses, round trip plane tickets and vehicle rental for Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden and County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to attend the Composting Conference in Sacramento, California February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously

***6 ft Fence with Double Gates for the Powell County Animal Shelter:***

After discussion, members of the court decided a taller fence would be better at the animal shelter. They asked Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer to get a quote for a 6-foot fence with double gates to present at next regular meeting.

No Action Taken

***Discussion of Cleaning EMS Building:***

Judge Barnes asks members of the court if they want to hire a part-time person to clean the EMS building or let employees clean it. Members of the court agreed that the EMS employees should clean the building instead of hiring someone.

Assistant Ambulance Director Arlene Rogers said they wash and dry their own sheets. Judge Barnes did say they would need to order better mattresses for the employees because the ones they have now are too thin.

***Discussion – Opioid Abatement: Filming Episodes on Amazon Prime for Employees in Recovery.***

Judge Barnes let members of the court know crews are interested in filming two episodes on Amazon Prime regarding employees in recovery. Morgan and Clay counties are already on board with this. The cost is \$10,000.00 which would come out of opioid funds. Judge Barnes said they could discuss it later when Opioid Abatement Liaison LeAndre Knox is available to speak on it.

***Adjournment: The Meeting Adjourned at 8:56 p.m.***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of adjourning 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**