

**Powell County Fiscal Court**  
**Regular Called Meeting**

**Date:** December 9, 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 (November 10, 2025)
- VI. Bills Submitted for Payment
- VII. Approval of Treasurer's Financial Statement
- VIII. Approval of Treasurer's Transfers
- IX. Old Business  
(Discussion of Fence w/ gates for Animal Shelter)  
(TEBCO)
- X. Department Head Updates
- XI. District Updates
- XII. New Business

Items to be discussed

- Jessica Faulkner – Discussion of Zoning
- Clay City Fire Department
- Seal Bids for Food Service – Powell County Detention Center
- Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Nuisance Ordinance
- Appointments to Beech Fork Water Commission Board
- LeAndra Knox – Opioid Abatement Update
- Keith Mason/Hollerwood Park
- Opioid Abatement CD – Peoples Exchange Bank
- Bond Payment for Hollerwood
- Christmas Holiday Schedule
- Closed Session 61.810 (C) (F)



## Fiscal Court Meeting Public Comments Sign-in

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+	Eric Hubbard
-	Chris Chanev
-	Adam Brown
-	Aaron Roddy

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Presiding: Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive

Present: Connie Crabtree, Fiscal Court Clerk, Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Chad Patton, Magistrate Brian McKinney, Magistrate Mike Lockard, EMS Director William Pluckett, Assistant EMS Director Arlene Rogers, Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel, CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock, Jail Teddy Lacy, Chief Deputy Holly Drake, Opioid Abatement Liaison Leandre Knox, Eric Hubbard Back Roads Appalachian, Keith Mason (wife), Jessica Faulkner, Sheriff Danny Rogers, Chris Chaney, Ruth Jones, Adam & Starlina Brown, E911 Director Justin Rice and Keith Mason (wife),

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 said he would allow the ones that signed the public comments sheet to speak. He just asks that no one speak out of turn or argue. If he feels you are unruly, he will ask you to leave the meeting.

**Public Comments:**

Eric Hubbard with Backroads Appalachian thanked members of the court for allowing him to speak this evening. He was present for the meeting to talk about the tv show Appalachian Have Good Places. Eric said as of Friday they released their first episode and has been viewed over 1.8 million times. They are using women in recovery to teach them how to edit and produce tv shows at a national level. They are currently using YouTube but are getting ready to go to Amazon Prime Tubing which will be released in January. Eric told members of the court he would like to use some of the county opioid abatement funds to do two episodes for Powell County. The cost to do this would be

\$10,000.00 which would be used for editing and producing the episodes. The ladies doing the editing and producing would also receive \$300.00.

Eric said he respects tourism, but this show's purpose is to highlight the areas that do not get any attraction. He also told members they are granted under the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Cabinet.

### ***Adam Brown: Discussion of Changing Food Service at the Powell County Detention Center***

#### ***Center:***

During the past two fiscal court meetings there was discussion about changing the food service at the Powell County Detention Center.

Adam told members of the court there were concerned people that thought the fiscal court was not taking enough time to think about this.

He read his presentation to members of the court about the food service at the Powell County Detention Center.

To his understanding the jail is operating over budget. The taxpayers are being asked to cover the shortfall. If the facility cannot financially sustain itself then we need to evaluate whether we should continue running it in its current form. At the very least we should be exploring more cost-effective options, including the possibility of housing the inmates elsewhere rather than continuing to run a deficient year after year. The Jailer is requesting additional funding to spend on inmate meals.

Adam said they conducted their own research and contacted thirteen detention centers across the state but three of them did not return a phone call, two handles' meals in house and eight facilities use a food service vendor and of these eight seven of them use Kellwell Food Service. The feedback about Kellwell was overwhelmingly positive. Detention Centers has been using them for many years. He heard only two negative comments. One facility said Kellwell employee turnover was more than they prefer at times, one receives expired milk, but they immediately corrected the issue. The same detention center still uses Kellwell and has since 2012.

If Kellwell remains the lowest cost option, then he thinks we must carefully consider the broader impact on our community before switching vendors. A detention center cannot hire, and fire based on personal disagreements.

Kellwell was involved in an incident at our detention center but the jailer and or staff were also involved because they approved the hire.

Adam does not see why we should replace a vendor when other facilities report as reliable and cost effective. If the complaint was because of food not tasting well it may be the meal preparation and not the vendor itself.

Given the jails over budget status, we should not increase expenses simply because of personal conflicts or preferences. We owe taxpayers a responsible and financially sound decision.

Members of the court thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation.

**Aaron Roddy: President of the Ohio River 4-Wheelers Off-Road Club.**

Aaron thanked members of the court for letting him speak this evening. He is the President of the Ohio River 4 Wheelers.

He asks them to consider reaching out to the off-road clubs before making any decisions regarding Hollerwood. The clubs are Ohio River 4-Wheelers, Kentucky Crawlers Association, Kentucky Toyota Landcruiser's Association and the IOK 4-Wheelers Association.

Aaron said they have seen Hollerwood Park decline over the past few years but try to remain neutral. They have letters of recommendation, and he asks members of the court to take these into consideration.

**Minutes of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting:**

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving the meeting minutes of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

**Claims submitted for Payment:**

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton 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 Ambulance Fund - \$40,000.00

Transfers from General Fund to Dispatch Fund - \$25,000.00

Transfers from General Fund to Grants Fund - \$2,500.00

**Budget Transfers:**

01-9200-999 General Reserve for Transfer - \$1,000.00

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

85-9200-999 -E911 Reserve for Transfer - \$2,500.00

85-5145-334 - Maintenance & Repair Services - Building -\$2,500.00

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

Motion passed unanimously

## **11/1/25 – 11/30/25 Financial Statement & Cash Balance Summary**

The Treasurer presented the 11/1/25 – 11/30/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary for court approval.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members voting in favor to approve the Treasurers 11/1/25 – 11/30/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary.

Motion passed unanimously

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

***Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer*** let members know he had gotten some quotes for the 6ft chain link fence for the animal shelter.

SPECS:

475 feet, 6-foot-tall-chain link fence, 9 Gauge, 3 single gates and 1 Double Gate.

Brannon Brothers Construction - \$21,980.90

Interstate Fence Supply - \$15,774.13

Rio Grande Fence Company - \$24,413.62

American Highway Fence - \$17,100.00

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the quote submitted from Interstate Fence in the amount of \$15,774.13 . This price includes all materials and labor to install.

Motion passed unanimously

### ***TEBCO Discussion:***

An agreement was made back in January 2022 regarding TEBCO.

Members of the court discussed the quarters owed as to date.

2022 – Quarter 4 – 5,477.00  $\frac{1}{2}$  = \$ 2,738.90

2023 – Quarters 1,2,3 and 4 - \$19,214.42  $\frac{1}{2}$  = \$9,607.21

2024 – Quarters 1,2,3 and 4 - \$58,734.79  $\frac{1}{2}$  = \$29,367.40

2025 – Quarters 1,2 and 3 - \$62,157.75  $\frac{1}{2}$  = \$31,078.88

Total Quarters: - \$72,791.39

Once the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025 is received, members of the court can then approve that amount to be paid.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving payment for TEBCO Local Occupational Taxes for the last quarter of 2022 - \$2,738.90, 4 quarters of 2023 - \$9,607.21, 4 quarters of 2024 - \$29,367.40 and 3 quarters of 2025 - \$31,078.88. Total quarters will be in the amount of \$72,791.39

This motion authorizes and directs the Treasurer Connie Crabtree and Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to make payment to the Powell County Industrial TEBCO Grant Account for the quarters listed above in the amount of \$72,791.39

Motion passed unanimously.

**Department Head Updates:**

**Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel:** - No Discussion

**Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden** – No Discussion

**Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer:**

**Animal Control Office Brandon Farmer** gave members an update of the animal shelter regarding the number of animals for the month of November 2025.

27 dogs of which 8 were reclaimed, 9 were adopted, 9 were rescued and one was euthanized.

15 cats of which 0 were reclaimed, 3 were adopted and 23 rescued.

Brandon let members know John Koontz met with Clark Energy about getting the electric pole and meter set for their new building. After these things are completed, they will be ready to start drywalling.

The animal shelter has been receiving great donations. Brandon said it's been heartwarming and very much appreciated. Friends of Powell County Pets help a lot with the rescues and adoptions. Since it's close to Christmas they have put stockings on every cage at the shelter in hopes of getting donations. They put pictures of every animal with their needs on the Christmas tree at the courthouse. We have started getting donations, which has been a great idea.

**CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock:**

**CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock** let members know this is the last month of CSEPP. They are waiting for paperwork from FEMA. Code Red switched over to Code Red by Crisis 24.

The sign-up information has been posted on the Powell County Information and CSEPP web page.

**E911 Director Justin Rice:**

**E911 Director Justin Rice** gave an update of the calls that came into the dispatch center during the month of November 2025.

Clay City Fire Department – 50

Clay City Police Department – 173

Middle Fork Fire Department – 18

Powell County EMS – 237

Powell County Animal Control – 39

Powell County Coroner – 1

Powell County Sheriff's Office – 376

Powell County SAR – 3

Stanton Fire Department – 43

Stanton Police Department – 257

Total CAD – 1,197

CAD Average Per Day – 40

***E911 Director Justin Rice:***

***(Hiring Robert Hall as a full-time Dispatcher for the Powell County E911 Service)***

**E911 Director Justin Rice** asks members of the court to hire Robert Hall and Michael Sparks as full-time employees at the E911 Center. Magistrate Chad Patton said he would make a motion to hire Robert Hall but requested to talk about the other person in closed session.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the hire of Robert Hall as a full-time dispatcher for Powell County E911 Service. This hire is effective immediately.

Motion passed unanimously

***Chief Deputy Jailer Holly Drake:***

Chief Deputy Holly Drake let members of the court know they currently have 172 state inmates of which 88 of them are in the substance program. They have 74 county inmates, which is 246 overall. The November housing and medical check was \$187,968.12

The inmate housing check from Menifee County was in the amount of \$7,227.00 The Program Attendance & Completion Program attendance is down to 998 and Program Completion is down to \$29,400.00 which is due to the loss of the two SAP Counselors.

Shannon Taylor has now trained for this position and has taken over the MRT classes. They currently have 14 inmates working out in the county. Four are at the Animal Shelter, seven are at the Transfer Station, two are in Clay City and one is doing maintenance with David Trogrott.

***Chief Deputy Jailer Holly Drake:***

***(Discussion of Royia Manley)***

**Chief Deputy Holly Drake** let members of the court know as of today their Substance Abuse Program Director was suspended without pay pending an investigation.

Holly said she has been in contact with Royia Manley which has the same certification that David Howard had. She agreed to contract with them through their clinical supervision. She will be doing their AOD Lininger and has her CADC and the counselors will have their temporary CACD under her license. David Howard's annual salary was \$75,000.00. Royia is asking that she be paid \$2,400.00 monthly which will be \$28,800.00 annually. This will be a savings of \$16,100.00 for this year. We will need to get a written signed contract from her and she will not need any county benefits. Holly will talk to Robert about this contract. This contract will have to be finalized by the first Friday in January.

This discussion was tabled until the written contract is in place.

***EMS Director William Puckett:***

**EMS Director William Puckett** let members know the new station is now set up. They are starting their EMT classes tonight. They started out with 17 students but now only 11 will be taking the class . Some of the scholarships did not work out for different reasons.

They had their final walkthrough for the new building. There are a few things the contractors still need to fix before the final inspection.

Magistrate Brian McKinney said he did a walkthrough of the building, and the morale is high and the employees seemed motivated. Daniel said we have a good group, and they are doing a great job. Judge Barnes along with Daniel had a call about the ambulance. Daniel said he is hoping it will be done by the end of January. This ambulance will have the same markings, but the box will be a little different.

We hope to have a grand opening for the public sometime in January.

***(Mike McClanhan to fill Supervisor Position for Powell County EMS)***

EMS Director Daniel Williams told members of the court he has a supervisor's position open and would like Paramedic Mike McClanhan to fill this position.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney, seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving Paramedic Mike McClanhan to fill the Supervisor's position for Powell County EMS.

Motion passed unanimously

***( Kevin Puckett – Part-time EMT position for the Powell County EMS)***

**EMS Director William Puckett** asks members of the court to hire Kevin Puckett as a part-time EMT for 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 approving the hire of Kevin Puckett as a part-time EMT for the Powell County EMS.

Motion passed unanimously

***(Tyler Stigam – Part-time Paramedic Position for Powell County EMS)***

**EMS Director William Puckett** asks members of the court to hire Tyler Stigam as a part-time EMT. A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the hire of Tyler Stigam as a part-time paramedic for Powell County EMS.

Motion passed unanimously

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

***District Updates:***

**Magistrate Mike Lockard:** Asks about putting decorative rocks or pipes around the generator and HVAC system at the EMS building so they are protected. He has talked to Magistrate Bowen about getting the rocks from ATS. The rocks would be free to us verses paying for the pipe. EMS Director said he has talked to the road department about getting some pipes for the HVAC system because there would not be enough room for rocks.

William has also talked to the road department about fixing the parking lot at the EMS because it's becoming a mud hole.

**Magistrate Dennis Combs** - Talked to District 10 about Pompeii Road. They said it will be like until spring based on the weather conditions. They did say they would add stripping to it.

**Magistrate Brian McKinney:** Update on Broadband.

Mountain Telephone is now complete at the eastern end of the county.

The State has identified 1572 locations here in the county that do not have high speed internet or do not meet the standards for it. There is a plan in place to service all houses in the county. The problem is the bead grants are still not finalized. This is a combination between the landlines and Starlink. A lot of the remote houses will be getting Starlink but have not announced the process yet for doing this and it could be around three years before this happens.

Crystal Broadband has started on Hardwicks Creek and plans on being done with Frames Branch and Little Hardwicks Creek by spring. They have an expansion for Spout Springs Road and a contract for Furnace Road. This will be phase two of their grant.

AT&T has gotten a lot of grant areas in Powell County. You are able to see every house in the county on the Kentucky Broadband Development website. If your house is not lit up, then they think you have high speed internet. A dark blue circle means an internet provider has provided internet at your house. If it has a light blue circle means Starlink will be coming to your house and they will be announcing how this will work soon. There is a plan for every house in Powell County to have high speed internet.

**Magistrate Brian McKinney** let members of the court know the Search and Rescue Team received a \$8,000.00 grant through Kentucky Emergency Management. This grant will allow them to purchase tools and supplies for their team. Natural Bridge State Park was shut down last Wednesday to allow the State Police to come in and do a helicopter hoist operation. State Park Rangers from across the state and several local search and rescue teams participated. They were able to do around twelve rotations hoist operations off the side of bridges.

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen:** Talked to Patrick about getting gravel for Gritters Ridge Road.

**Magistrate Chad Patton:** Hinke has completed the blacktopping, and it looks good. The road crew did a great job on salting the roads.

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes:** People get mad if we cannot blacktop their road quickly. He attended a meeting last week in Louisville and was shown a list of our county roads and how they were ranked. Two roads were ranked #10 which is the worst you can have but were better than the ones that ranked 6 or 7. O'Hair Road and Chaneyville Road ranked #10 and Star Gap Road ranked #7. They will not pave anything that does not rank at least an 8 or 9.

He asks the state to reevaluate their findings and they replied it is what it is. The fiscal court does not pick what roads get blacktopped. Our road department along with Magistrates drive these roads and make a list which is then sent to Frankfort. Frankfort will send the list to the district, and the roads are then inspected, and they make the final determination.

Judge Barnes told members they have been working on the bi-annual budget with the state. We did receive a couple of grants a few weeks ago. We received 1.5 million dollars through the Community Development Block Grant which will be used for Beech Fork and around \$400,00.00 for the Clay City Industrial Park water and sewer project.

We put in 1.9 million dollars for Red River Wastewater Authority and \$875,000.00 for Clay City Industrial Park.

Judge Barnes said he has been working on these projects since he came into office.

#### **New Business:**

**Jessica Faulkner** told members of the court every time she signed up to speak at the meeting, they listened to her, so she encouraged everyone listening on Facebook to do the same. If they have something to say they need to show up and ask to speak or ask to be put on the agenda. Jessica was here this evening to talk about zoning and knows some people are concerned about it. Jessica read what KAC (Kentucky Association of Counties) has on their website regarding zoning. It defines zoning as the legal tool that puts planning into place. These regulations adopted by a local ordinance can be valuable for protecting public health and safety, ensuring orderly and predictable growth, preserving neighborhood character, supporting economic sustainability and aligning infrastructure investment with development. With zoning districts in place example residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural rules can be set for what can be built in each district. The zoning process can separate incapable uses to protect resources arid farmland and provide predictability for residences, businesses and developers. A local zoning ordinance also establishes a process for rezoning requests, conditional use permits, variances and enforcement. Request for rezoning or conditional use permits can go before the planning commission which hold a public hearing on the matter. The planning commission votes to make a recommendation of rezoning approval, approval with conditions or denial. The local fiscal court or city council (if you are in the city limits) makes the final decision on whether their rezoning requests are approved. Just to clarify this is what zoning is about. It's not for the government to say what you do with your land.

Jessica passed out papers explaining Top Benefits of Zoning Powell County. The Virden Ridge ladies and herself went through a lot with the landfill trying to be placed in their residential area. Zoning will not be just to protect property value but to protect them.

#### ***Top Benefits of Zoning for Powell County***

- 1. Protects Property Values:**  
Zoning prevents incompatible uses for being placed next to homes or farmland. It helps keep neighborhoods stable and preserves the value of your property.
- 2. Preserves Rural Character and Agriculture:**

Agricultural zones protect farms, forests and open space.

Zoning helps ensure Powell County stays rural where it should be and grows where it makes sense.

We have been in a boom since Covid. Fifty eight of the hundred twenty counties in Kentucky now have zones in place.

**3. *Improve Safety:***

Zoning can limit development in Flood-prone areas, Steep or unstable slopes and areas with poor soils for septic. This protects families and reduces emergency risk.

**4. *Keeps Problem Uses Out of the Wrong Places:***

Without zoning, the county can control were  
Junkyards  
Industrial operations

High-impact commercials are located so they don't end up next to homes.

**5. *Supports Good Housing and Property Rights:***

Zoning helps ensure houses are built in locations with safe access, utilities and proper lot sizes. It also protects landowners from unexpected or harmful neighboring developments.

**6. *Protects Natural Resources & Scenic Land:***

The Red River and its watershed

Forests and wildlife habitat

Slopes, ridges and scenic views

This supports Powell County's outdoor recreation economy

**7. *Encourages Smart Economic Growth:***

Businesses want predictable rules

Zoning help guide commercial and tourism development to appropriate areas strengthen the local economy.

**8. *Saves taxpayer Money:***

Planned growth reduces the cost of roads, utilities and emergency services.

Zoning helps prevent development that strains county budgets.

**9. *Gives Everyone Clear, Fair Rules:***

Zoning creates a transparent, predictable process

Landowners know what they can build and what their neighbors can build.

**What Zoning is NOT:**

It does **Not** take away existing uses

It does **Not** force you to sell or change your land.

It does **Not** ban farming or manufactured homes

It does **Not** raise taxes

Zoning **protects** the rights you already have by preventing incompatible or unsafe development nearby.

Jessica told members zoning had been brought up before, but it went to the waste side. She asks members if they would consider it again and their feelings about it.

Magistrate Chad Patton - He believes it a good idea but like everyone else he does not want to be told what he can do or not do on his own property.

Chris Chaney told members of the court to implement zoning in the county the community must be involved in it. The first thing you must do by the state's statute is draft a comprehensive plan that is then approved by the fiscal court. You would have a workroom which would involve local officials' stakeholders and different agencies. They would get together and write a plan. This plan is what you visualize your wants and needs for the community. When you write your zoning ordinance it must be based on the comprehensive plan. It's not like the fiscal court will write an ordinance, it will be the community doing it and, in the end, it should be something everyone agrees with.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen - Agrees to zoning if it's done correctly.

Magistrate Brian McKinney - We have done fine without zoning but with the boom we have had lately in Powell County we are doing a disservice to our citizens if we don't consider zoning in the future.

Magistrate Dennis Combs - Agrees to zoning and feels we would be in better shape if we had it but it needs to be done correctly.

Magistrate Mike Lockard - Agrees to zoning but it could be a good or bad idea too.

Judge Barnes - Agrees with everyone else but does not agree with the strictness of what you can or cannot do on your own property but does think we should have zoning rules.

Jessica said she thinks everyone is for zoning if it is done correctly but what would be the next step?

Magistrate J.L. Bowen said he thinks we need to have town hall meetings to get opinions. Chris said there is a statutory process you must follow. Stanton and Clay City both have adopted zoning, but Clay City never implemented it. There could be a county-wide joint planning commission which would incorporate Stanton and Clay City under one planning commission, but it does have its pros and cons. They also could remain separate.

The fiscal court can decide on whatever manner they want to take. Judge Barnes said he does what the input from our community.

Jessica said it would be good if the county had a planning commission and the cities and local citizens could help form this committee. Sometimes after the holidays we could schedule some dates and times to have town hall meetings in Stanton, Clay City and Slade. Jessica said herself along with Chris and Carmen would volunteer to help with this. Judge Barnes said we could hold the first meeting at the Clay City Municipal Building. The other meetings could be held at the Middle Fork Fire Department and the Courthouse. Jessica told members of the court she would keep in touch with them.

***Brian Poer, President, Board of Directors Clay City Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.***

***Approval of paying \$7,500.00 towards a 1997 International truck, \$5,000.00 towards equipment for it and up to \$25,000.00 to repair Engine 21.***

Mr. Poer told members of the court the Clay City Fire Department is requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$12,781.00 for pump repairs on Engine 21. This engine remains in service but is experiencing a major leak. They are also requesting \$5,000.00 for essential equipment required to install a recently identified 1996 International E-One engine into full operational service.

Total amount requesting:

Engine 21 Pump Repair - \$12,781.00  
Equipment for New Engine - \$5,000.00

Total Request - \$17,781.00

Magistrate Dennis Combs asks if they had funds in their budget. Judge Barnes told him they did and personally he feels we should pay for their truck repairs without using their contribution budget line.

The engine is a county truck, and must be repaired

Magistrate Chad Patton said he does agree but we will need to get an updated quote.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen told members Middlefork Fire Department's tanker has been down and will cost around \$10,000.00 to repair the wiring harness. Magistrate Brian McKinney said we need to invest in our fire departments.

Mr. Poer said they also have an opportunity to purchase a 1996 International E-One in the amount of \$15,000.00. They decided to surplus Engine 22 and have plans to use funds from state aid and donations for this purchase but would like to ask the county for \$5,000.00 to help purchase the equipment for this engine. This would give them a new truck to use while the other one is being repaired.

Judge Barnes said we need to support all our fire departments. Judge Barnes said we should pay \$7,500.00 towards the purchase of the 1996 truck and help with the equipment.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving payment in the amount of \$7,500.00 to help with the purchase of the 1996 International E-One truck and \$5,000.00 to purchase equipment for this engine. This motion also authorizes Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to approve payment up to \$25,000.00 to repair Engine 21 once the updated quote is received. Motion passed unanimously

***Sealed Bid for Food Service at the Powell County Detention Center:  
Judge Barnes opened seal bid received for the Food Service at the Powell County  
Detention Center.***

***Kellwell Food Management:***

Population from: 0-174 - To Be Negotiated

175-200 - \$1,655

201-225 - \$1,560

226-250 - \$1,496

251-275 - \$1,445

276-300 - \$1,397

***Trinity Services Group:***

Price Per Meal Scale

Population from: 140-159 - \$2,613

160-179 - \$2,387

180-199 - \$2.211

200-219 - \$2.071

220-239 - \$1.956

240-259 - \$1.860

260-279 - \$1.785

280-299 - \$1.171

300-319 - \$1.661

After bids were read to members of the court Judge Executive Eddie Barnes asks members of the court to reject all bids received due to the problem already being rectified. Magistrate J.L. Bowen asks Chief Deputy Holly Drake if she was good with this. She told him she was.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor to reject the bids received from Keillwell Food Services and Trinity Services Group.

Motion passed unanimously

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Nuisance Ordinance 2023-04 (A)***

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Nuisance Ordinance # 2023-04 (A)

Motion passed unanimously

#### ***Appointments to the Beech Fork Water Commission Board:***

*(Danny Allen)*

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the appointment of Danny Allen to the Beech Fork Water Commission Board.

Motion passed unanimously

*(Logan Faulkner)*

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney, seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the appointment of Logan Faulkner to the Beech Fork Water Commission Board.

Motion passed unanimously

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

Opioid Abatement Liaison LeAndre Knox gave members an update on the overdoes facilities of the year.

Overdoes – 1 per Coroner’s Office 11 for the year

Suspected Overdoes – 48

Naloxone has been administered – 26 times

They have been working on their recovery ready applications.

Our QTR ( Quick Response Team) is up and running. QTR Coordinator Rob Williams has been working on getting some community partners.

In July the Opioid Abatement Advisory Council recommended we put \$500,000.00 into a CD. The CD matures in January of 2026 so the board would like to recommend that we roll it over for another 6 months. The interest rate would be around 4.15%.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen asks for her thoughts on Eric Hubbard's request for funding.

Her strong recommendation would be to do the grant process. They have been looking at their gaps and barriers. They have been discussing RFP's and figuring out how much they would do for the year. This way there would be a paper trail for everything. They must make sure it's within the statute and Exhibit B.

***(Approval to Roll Over the Opioid Abatement CD at Peoples Exchange Bank for 6 months)***

The CD was opened in July 2025 in the amount of \$500,000.00 and will mature in January 2026.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving to roll over the Opioid Abatement CD for another 6 months at Peoples Exchange Bank.

Motion passed unanimously

***Bridging Health Solutions, LLC - Opioid Abatement Liaison Contract Agreement:***

This Contract Agreement is entered into as of January 1, 2026, by and between Bridging Health Solutions, LLC and Powell County Fiscal Court.

Scope of Services:

- Reporting & Data Management
- Stakeholder Engagement & Training
- Financial & Grant management
- Additional Responsibilities

Review and update Opioid abatement strategies as needed

Guide local governments, coalitions and services providers through the County grant process

Conduct site visits and performance audits to ensure compliance with Settlement requirements

Assist local government in compiling and analyzing data to report on Abatement project outcomes.

This agreement shall commence on January 1, 2026, and will remain in effect until January 1, 2027, unless terminated earlier by either party in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard, seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving the Contract Agreement between Bridging Health Solutions LLC and Powell County Fiscal Court. This shall commence on January 1, 2026, and remain in effect until January 1, 2027. The Employer shall pay the Contractor LeAndre Knox \$3,000.00 per month. This motion authorizes and directs Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign the contract agreement.

Motion passed unanimously

Magistrate Brian McKinney said he has worked with LeAndre since the beginning. She is recognized at the state level.

***Keith Mason: Hollerwood Park:***

During the last fiscal court, Keith and his wife handed out a proposal for their interest in Hollerwood. He said he hoped they had a chance to read through it, so they know who they are and what they stand for. Judge Barnes told Keith we are not discussing Hollerwood this evening. Keith told Judge Barnes that they did not get to speak during the special meeting. Keith said he is not here to discuss Hollerwood he just wants them to know who they are.

For three and a half years he and his family poured their lives into Hollerwood. They could have turned the park into a multi-million dollars tourism powerhouse.

They lived in a camper on site, raised their children among the trails and built a business that funneled revenue straight into the county.

They were promised short-term contracts repeatedly. The single contract bid they lost all torn away despite their record of success which is public record. Today he asks that they deeply consider them and the offer they provided not to just rebuild but to guarantee the park thrives drawing crowds and cash for decades. They want to keep doing what they have done best, which is making the county and the offroad community proud.

Keith said he knows that Judge Barnes wants the payment and insurance paid on the park. Every insurance company he has talked to will require that the park is open and has someone on site. There also must be a phone at the park that you can answer. It will not matter what insurance company you decide to get they could sue every single one of them at any time.

Members of the court thanked Keith.

Judge Barnes said he wants to make sure everyone understands there has been no decision made and will not be made until the court receives and reviews the lease agreement.

***Approval of paying Bond Payment for Hollerwood Park:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving to pay bond payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Hollerwood Park.

Motion passed unanimously

***Holiday Schedule: Christmas Days:***

Members of the court all agreed to leave the days off for Christmas as scheduled on our holiday schedule, which is Wednesday and Thursday. If the employee decides to take off on Friday, they can use a personal day.

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

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Dennis with all members voting in favor of going into closed session. KRS 61.810 (C) (F)

Motion passed unanimously

**Court Resumes:**

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of resuming the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

Judge Barnes made it known that no action was taken in closed session.

**Other:**

***(Hiring Mike Sparks as a full-time dispatcher for Powell County E911 Service***

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of hiring Mike Sparks as a full-time dispatcher for the Powell County E911 Service.

Motion passed unanimously

***(Approval for Opioid Abatement Liaison LeAndre Knox to view Opioid Abatement CD account at People Exchange Bank)***

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor to allow Opioid Abatement Liaison LeAndre Knox to view the Opioid Abatement CD account at Peoples Exchange Bank.

Motion passed unanimously

***All County Vehicles be Mark So They Can be Identified as a County Vehicle After the First of Year:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor that all vehicles be marked so that it can be identified as a county vehicle after the first of the year.

Motion passed unanimously

Jeff Hensley was present for the meeting to let them know he was running for State Representative.

***Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 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*  
Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive

*J.L. Bowen*  
J.L. Bowen, Magistrate

*Dennis Combs*  
Dennis Combs, Magistrate

*Mike Lockard*  
Mike Lockard, Magistrate

*Brian McKinney*  
Brian McKinney, Magistrate

*Chad Patton*  
Chad Patton, Magistrate

