

**Powell County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
Date: February 10, 2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Location: Powell County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
33 Commerce Drive
Stanton, Kentucky 40380**

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Invocation**
- V. Approval of Clerk's Report (January 9th, 2026 & January 13th, 2026)**
- VI. Approval of Bills Submitted for Payment**
- VII. Approval of Treasurer's Financial Statement**
- VIII. Approval of Treasurer's Transfers**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Department Head Updates**
- XI. Magistrate District Updates**
- XII. Public Comments**

Items to be discussed

- **Motion to approve CJIS Management Control Agreement**
- **Motion to Approve 2026 Incentive for Eddie Barnes**
- **Motion to Approve 2026 Incentive for Mike Lockard**
- **Motion to Approve 2026 Incentive for Chad Patton**
- **Motion to Approve 2026 Incentive for Dennis Combs**
- **Middlefork Fire Department**
- **Closed Session KRS 61.810 (C) (F)**

- XIII. Other**
- XIV. Next Regular Meeting, Tuesday March 10th, 2026**
- XIV. Adjournment**

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Presiding: Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive

Present: Connie Crabtree, Fiscal Court Clerk, Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Chad Patton, Magistrate Brian McKinney, EMS Director William Puckett, Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock, Neal Hamilton, Susie Combs, Adam Brown, EMA Director John Koontz, Nathan Hall, Jessica Faulkner, County Attorney Robert King, Ruth Jones, Robbie Campbell (wife), Harold Bramham (wife) and Keith (wife) and Road Laborer Billy Hood.

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 -Absent
- Magistrate Brian McKinney – Present
- Magistrate Chad Patton – Present

Meeting Minutes of January 9th, 2026, Special Meeting:

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian Mckinney seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the meeting minutes of January 9th, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Minutes of January 13th, 2026, Regular Meeting:

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the meeting minutes of January 13th, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously

Claims submitted for Payment:

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving all claims submitted for payment:

Motion passed unanimously

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Treasurers Transfers: Cash, Budget and Interfund Transfers:

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

Interfund Transfers:

General Fund to Ambulance Fund - \$240,000.00

General Fund to Dispatch Fund - \$20,000.00

Budget Transfers:

04-9200-999 LGEA Reserve for Transfers - \$7,500.00

04-5120-121-CC Clay City Fire Department Contribution - \$7,500.00

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving the Cash, Budget and Interfund transfers.

Motion passed unanimously

1/1/26 – 1/31/26 Financial Statement & Cash Balance Summary:

The Treasurer presented the 1/1/26 – 1/31/26 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 of approving the 1/1/26 – 1/31/26 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary.

Motion passed unanimously

Old Business:

Magistrate Chad Patton ask Judge Barnes if had heard any news regarding Hollerwood. Judge Barnes told him County Attorney Robert King had spoken with Sandy Donahue (lawyer), and she was going to get in contact with the Department for Local Government today.

The only thing we are waiting for is the Department of Local Government to approve the contract. Judge Barnes said he would call Billie Renee Johnson tomorrow to see if she had any updates.

Department Head Updates:

EM Director John Koontz said they had met with FEMA today. We are on track to get funding for Star Gap Road and are currently working on Rose Lane bridge paperwork.

He attended a BERT meeting this morning. They told him they could possibly buy tires for the trailer. John told members he had the wiring completed for the new building at animal shelter and dry walling should start soon.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen asks about cost for the ice/snow event we had. CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock said they are currently working on it. Countywide the cost was around \$60,000.00 but we will need \$80,000.00 minimum profit. The state said FEMA will be extremely picky.

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy is getting Kevin time sheets together that will reflect overtime. We will also need invoices where we had to tow a couple pieces of equipment out of ditches. March is a month for weather awareness. They will be testing the sirens according to the state's schedule. Jessica Faulkner asked if the sirens were checked monthly. They told her they do silent testing once a month.

Judge Barnes said he would like to thank John and Kevin for opening the EOC building during the snow and ice event.

Animal Control Office Brandon Farmer:

Brandon let members of the court know they had eight dogs and thirteen cats that were rescued. Five dogs were adopted; four dogs and two pigs were reclaimed. There were no reclaimed cats. These counts were for the month of January.

John has finished wiring the new building. The drywall and fencing should start as soon as the weather breaks. A volunteer for the animal shelter brought two heavy reinforced aluminum doors for the shelter which has been installed. They are going to see how the doors will work for them. Brandon responded to a call where nine dogs were being neglected. A person was arrested for this crime.

Solid Waste Tim Snowden:

Tim let members of the court know he has been working on getting things completed for the state contract. They had around five dogs that came in for composting. They have been having trouble with the new roll-off truck. Tim, along with Judge Barnes, has been talking to Worldwide about these issues. They told Tim they would replace the wire harness if the other company would pay for it.

Judge Barnes thanked Tim, Andrew and Rick for helping with snow and ice removal.

Tim used Bobcat to help clear several parking lots, which was very helpful during this time.

E911 Director Justin Rice:

Justin read off the CAD calls that came into the E911 Dispatch Center for the month of January

Clay City Fire Department – 69

Coroner's Office - 2

Clay City Police Department – 132

Powell County Sheriff's Office - 309

Middlefork Fire Department – 34

Search & Rescue - 2

Powell County EMS – 299

Stanton Fire Department -45

Powell County Animal Shelter – 44

Stanton Police Department - 217

Total CAD calls - 153

During December's meeting court members approved that all county vehicles be lettered/stripped so they can be identified. Justin presented a quote from Prince Auto Detail in the amount of \$975.00. The quote is for vinyl decals for the 2015 Durango. The quote is for driver/passenger side decal graphics and installation. Window tint – match up both front door windows with rear doors and apply legal VLT & sun strip across the top of windshield.

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All members of the court approve the quote submitted from Prince Auto Detail for vinyl and window decals and window tint- matching up both front door windows with rear doors and apply legal VLT and sun strip across top of windshield.

Magistrate McKinney has been working on getting a count of vehicles in each department. We need to make what the best and most cost-effective option would be for identifying these vehicles. Members of the court all agreed that the cheapest would be to check on bumper stickers or door magnets.

(CJIS Management Control Agreement Relating to Powell County 911 Dispatch)

E911 Director Justn Rice presented the CJIS Management Control Agreement Relating to Powell County 911 Dispatch

The CJIS Management Control Agreement is made and entered into by and between: Powell County 911 Dispatch hereinafter referred to as PC911 and Stanton Police Department, hereinafter referred to as SPD and Shall include the following CJA satellite agencies (separate with comma):

Powell County Sheriff's Department, Clay City Police Department, Powell County Attorney.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the CJIS Management Control Agreement Relating to Powell County 911 Dispatch.

Motion passed unanimously

EMS Director William Puckett:

William let members of the court know we should be getting the new ambulance next week. There were no major catastrophe's during the snow and ice event and the crews done a great job.

During last month's meeting William talked about needing new medical equipment for EMS. The equipment needed is a portable ventilator and an advanced monitor/defibrillator. There were two quotes received from Zoll Medical Corporation for this equipment.

Breakdown Follows: (Quotes will follow minutes)

- (2) Z Vent Portable Ventilator
- (2) Ventilator Carrier
- (2) ZOLL Ventilator Rescue Backpack
- (2) Vent- P,M Only, 5 Years Point of Sale w/battery replacement

Trade in Allowance (400.00) If there is a trade in

Total:37,129.60

- (1) X Series Advanced Monitor/Defibrillator

Total: 36,939.55 The payment option is (8) Quarterly Payments with zero interest.

District Updates:

Magistrate Dennis Combs: No complaints on roads, just complaints about Rumpke missing garbage pickups.

He has gotten calls regarding Ships Branch, but this would be talked about during the zoning workshops. Dennis reached out to Mr. Thornbury, and he plans on attending this zoning meeting to answer questions.

Magistrate Brian McKinney: Waiting on roads to be blacktopped in his district.

He talked to the Kentucky Broadband Commission in Frankfort today and the 1.1 billion dollars that Kentucky has for the broadband expansion is expected to be awarded in less than a month. Powell County will be receiving some of these grants. AT&T is one that has been approved. There is a plan in place for every house in Powell County to have high speed internet and the timeline for the grant is four years.

Brian lets members know the county website has been updated. He needs each department manager to go to our website at powellcountyky.us and make sure everything is correct. He said to let him know if there are any changes to be made.

Approval of purchasing (3) dry suits and (1) Ice Rescue boat for the Search and Rescue Team:

Magistrate Brain McKinney told members of the court about an incident where a vehicle went into an icy pond during the snow and ice event. Search and Rescue members had to go into the pond and retrieve the vehicle. The team does not have the proper equipment for these kinds of emergencies. The Search and Rescue team is asking for the county to purchase (3) ice rescue dry suits and one (1) ice rescue boat. The amount for both purchases would be \$6,045.00. This amount includes shipping and handling.

CERT will be getting a grant soon. They were supposed to pay 10% but the state is not going to make them pay now. They will use the extra money to purchase PPE and ice picks.

They have an ice and rescue instructor on the team that plans to put on a class for them and the fire departments. They have a new applicant for the search and rescue team that is currently treading across the Antarctic. Once he returns and joins the team, he will be able to help them. After discussion the court agreed to these purchases.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the purchase of (3) dry suits and (1) rescue boat totaling \$6,045.00 for the Search and Rescue team.

Judge Executive4 Eddie Bsrnes – Aye

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Abstained

Magistrate Chad Patton - Aye

Motion Carried

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Commends everyone for a great job during the snow and ice removal. Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden brought the loader with the blade to help him out. The gravel roads will be an issue once all the snow and ice melts.

Magistrate Chad Patton: There have been a lot of people complimenting how good the roads were during the snow and ice event.

Judge Barnes told members that Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy was unable to attend the meeting but wanted him to ask members of the court for approval to purchase a paving box. This piece would be great for the base failures and culverts. Magistrate Bowen ask if it would have a motor on it. Judge Barnes told him it did not and would only be used for small jobs. Magistrate Bowen said they would do a good job on level ground but not on elevated ground and suggested buying a skirt for the new grader instead.

Road Laborer Billy Hood said you could use a dump truck or excavator to pull it and would only take one person on each side. Billy said they could use this box in several places.

After discussion members decided to check on getting a quote for a skirt before purchasing the paving box.

Public Comments:

Jessica Faulkner: Jessica thanked everyone for clearing the roads during the winter event the county just had.

The first thing Jessica said she wanted to discuss was the town hall meeting discussing county-wide zoning. Magistrate Dennis Combs has someone attending from Shipp's Branch Road. She asks if anyone else has reached out to get others to attend. Magistrate J.L. Bowen asks how many members of the court could attend without it being a quorum. County Attorney Robert King said you can call meetings but if you have a quorum the meeting must be called by the fiscal court. Judge Barnes along with Magistrate Bowen could attend the one in Slade, Magistrate Dennis Combs and Magistrate Chad Patton could attend the one in Clay City and Magistrate McKinney and Magistrate Lockard could attend the one in Stanton.

Jessica said Lindon Smith will be attending all three meetings to answer any questions that people may have. Mr. Smith retired from Bluegrass Area Development.

Jessica asked Magistrate McKinney if he could get a date set for the Match meeting in Stanton. He suggested having it at the EMS building. She asks Magistrate Bowen to set a date for the April meeting. This meeting will be held at the Middle Fork Fire Department.

Jessica told members she had run into some people asking about Creech Road off Hardwicks Creek. Judge Barnes said this is a mess and no one knows what they want. Based on what they have found so far it is a county road. Magistrate Chad Patton said the county has maintained this road for years. We cannot get a straight answer on what they want. They are supposed to come back in April to discuss it again.

Jessica said she had a question about the EMS calls. She wants to clarify there are two ambulances available not being used for transport. Judge Barnes told her we only had to have one. The last ambulance can only be used for emergency calls. Jessica asks how many calls are dispatched out to fire department if there is not an ambulance available. Magistrate McKinney said

we usually do mutual aid before calling out to anyone else. Ambulance Director told her fire departments do not to come out to assist. We have mutual aid with the surrounding counties. Jessica asks if Red Star could not help with the ice and rescue equipment for Search and Rescue. Magistrate Bowen told her we are not associated with them, and they would not help the county out.

Ruth Jones: During the last meeting Michael Frazier was present at the meeting and spoke on data centers. Ruth told members of the court she hoped before Powell County made any decisions on this, they would have several public meetings. These centers would take a lot of power, water and dealing with the noise pollution. Judge Barnes told her this could not happen because of infrastructure.

Miss Turley: Turley Road: District:

Miss Turley introduced herself and told members of the court this was her first time in the EOC building. She told members there were several things happening at the end of Turley Road which she resides currently. She does not have the best neighbors, and she is continually cleaning up trash that people throw out on her road. People do not respect private property. Not only does she deal with trash being thrown out, but she must also deal with noise coming from the new cabins that's been built and people turning around in her driveway. Miss Turley asks members of the court for some help or guidance in helping with these issues.

Judge Barnes told her if she could get a license plate number would be helpful.

Someone suggested she get a trail camera and put it up so that she would have pictures. County Attorney Robert King said they do not care to prosecute we just need to identify them.

Judge Barnes told Miss Turley she could also call dispatch so that a deputy could come out and advised her on what to do.

She would like to thank the county for the siren. This is the first year they have been able to hear them.

Miss Turley asks about getting a historical marker for their school which is located at the end of Turley Road. At one point in time, it was called The Colored School, which is now a private home. It is a historical building and dedicated by Margaret Washington which is the wife of Booker T Washington. They will be celebrating 107 years in this little area. They would like to invite members of the court to attend. This event will be held on the second Saturday in August. They will be planting the tulip poplar trees which are provided by the State. She asks if the county gets involved with this. Judge Barnes told her to come and see him and they would discuss it.

Members of the court suggested that she talk with Larry Meadows and Josie and Ovie Holon.

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Miss Turley: Cousin

Miss Turley said she was born and raised in Kentucky. She left home when she was sixteen but is back now. She is a cousin to Miss Turley and recently brought a mobile home and now lives on Turley Road. She also has concerns about things going on that road. She works in security and is a care giver. Members of the court welcomed Miss Turley back home.

Keith and Amanda Mason: Hollerwood

Keith and Amanda Mason were present at the meeting to discuss Hollerwood. They handed out a binder with letters of recommendation to members of the court. Keith said he knows it's nothing to do with anyone in the room, but we have lost \$24,000.00 in the past sales for January and February because of Hollerwood not being open. March and April are the biggest months for sales. We need to do whatever we can to move this forward. Keith said he has worked his butt off and hates to see it just sitting there and not being opened.

He said he would like to know who is controlling the money that's coming in from the website. Magistrate Dennis Combs said it should be the Industrial Board. Keith asks him if he knew how many passes had been sold and what kind of money has been taken in since September.

Judge Barnes said he wished it was done two years ago. It takes a while when you are dealing with government and leases. He told Keith as soon as the Department for Local Government gets the contract back to them, they will let him know.

Jessica Faulkner asks who was on the Industrial Board. The following people make up the board. Craig Dawson, John Skidmore, James Clark, Debbie Tipton and Rick Stamper. Magistrate McKinney told her she could look on the county website because it had been updated.

Adam Brown:

Adam told members of the court that people feel like Hollerwood is costing the county money. They feel Hollerwood would be beneficial if it's managed and operated correctly.

He read off questions that someone had given him to ask members of the court concerning Hollerwood. Some of the questions were relating to the financials from years 2021-2025. Members of the court told Adam that this information should be open records request.

Magistrate Dennis Combs told him that Hollerwood has been self-sufficient since 2019 until this year and they were just short \$5,000.00.

Adam asks if it was mainly the Hollerwood and Industrial boards that had meetings regarding Hollerwood or was the fiscal court involved. Judge Barnes told him it was the boards. The fiscal court had no say so regarding finances.

Incentive Payment for Eddie Barnes, Mike Lockard, Chad Patton and Dennis Combs:***Payment Approval: Eddie Barnes 2026 Incentive: Pursuant to KRS 64.5275 (6).***

Eddie Barnes completed 40-hour training unit for calendar year 2026. Pursuant to KRS 64.5275 (6) The total number due is \$55,445.28.

A motion was made Magistrate Chad Patton second by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving payment in the amount of \$5,445.28 for Eddie Barnes 2026 incentive. Pursuant to KRS 64.5275 (6).

Motion passed unanimously

Payment Approval: Micheal Lockard 2026 Incentive: Pursuant to KRS 64.5275 (6).

Michael Lockard completed 40-hour training unit for calendar year 2026. Pursuant to KRS 64.5275 (6) the total amount due is \$5,445.28.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving payment in the amount of \$5,445.28 for Michael Lockard's 2026 Incentive. Pursuant to KRS 64.5275 (6).

Motion passed unanimously

Payment Approval: Chad Patton 2026 Incentive: Pursuant to KRS 64.5275 (6).

Chad Patton completed 40-hour training unit for calendar year 2026. Pursuant to KRS 64.5275 (6). The total amount due is \$5,445.28.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving payment in the amount of \$5,445.28 for Chad Patton's 2026 incentive. Pursuant to KRS 64.5275 (6).

Motion passed unanimously

Payment Approval: Dennis Combs 2026 Incentive: Pursuant to KRS 64.5275 (6).

Dennis Combs completed 40-hour training unit for calendar year 2026. Pursuant to KRS 64.5275 (6) The total amount due is \$5,445.28.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving payment in the amount of \$5,445.28 for Dennis Combs 2026 incentive. Pursuant to KRS 64.5275 (6).

Motion passed unanimously

Approval of purchasing a 1996 Kodiak Tanker for Middlefork Fire Department:

Robbie Campbell was present at the meeting asking members of the court if they would purchase or help with the purchase of a new tanker. If the tanker is purchased this would make them have three trucks for the county. The tanker comes equipped and has had around \$20,000.00 of upgrades done to it.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving this request to purchase a 1996 Chevrolet 2200

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Gallon CC7H042 Tanker with gas Pump from Gott Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the Middle Fork Fire Department.

Motion passed unanimously

Closed Session: KRS 61.810 (C) (F)

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

Motion passed unanimously

Court Resumes:

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brain McKinney 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.

Approval purchasing (1) X Series Advanced Monitor/Defibrillator and (1) Z Vent Portable Ventilator from ZOLL Medical:

Earlier in the meeting Ambulance Director William Puckett asked for approval to make purchases from ZOLL Medical.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the purchases of (1) Vent Portable Ventilator in the amount of \$18,764.80 plus shipping from Zoll Medical and (1) Series Advanced Monitor/Defibrillator in the amount of \$38,730.14 from Zoll Medical. Terms for both purchases will be Eight (8) Quarterly Payments.

(Quotes will follow minutes)

Motion passes unanimously

Cole and Jessica Kavicki: Asking about running power lines to their resident on Jones Frazier Road:

They are looking into running power to their residence on Jones Frazier Road. Their plan is to run the power lines underground so that they do not take the neighbors tree down. He asks members of the court what process he needs to take to be able to do this. There will be a couple of places where he will have to cross over Jones Frazier Road.

County Attorney Robert King told him the county cannot tell him it is ok to run it through someone's property. He would need a written agreement from the landowner/landowners giving permission for him to use their property. The county can say we will allow him to use the county right-way once he has an agreement. Robert suggested getting Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy out there to make sure it is done correctly. Mr. Kinicki has been in contact with Clark Energy regarding the specifications. Members of the court told him to come back to them once he has an easement from the landowners giving him permission to run these power lines.

Robert suggested getting an attorney to draw him up the easement because it will have to be recorded at the courthouse. Once this is done the fiscal court can give him permission to use the county right-of-way.

Ruth Jones asks members of the court when they plan on having an open house for the new EMS building. They told her once everything is finished, they will plan a day.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 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

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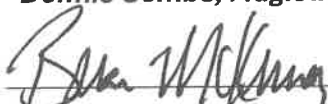
Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive



J.L. Bowen, Magistrate



Dennis Combs, Magistrate



Brian McKinney, Magistrate



Chad Patton, Magistrate