

Powell County Fiscal Court

Regular Called Meeting

Date: April 14th, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Powell County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

33 Commerce Drive

Stanton, Kentucky 40380

AGENDA

Notice of: LGEA Proposed Use of County Road Aid and LGEA Funds

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Invocation**
- V. Approval of Clerk's Report (March 10th, March 20th, March 24th, March 25th, March 31st 2026)**
- VI. Approval of Bills Submitted for Payment**
- VII. Approval of Treasurer's Financial Statement**
- VIII. Approval of Treasurer's Transfers/Amendments**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Department Head Updates**
- XI. Magistrate District Updates**
- XII. Public Comments**

Items to be discussed

- **Enoch Thomas**
- **Tyler Cundiff – Sewer Natural Bridge Road**
- **Jason Ritchie – Mtn. Road**
- **Verdin East Clock Restoration – Quote for Courthouse Clock**
- **Motion to approve 2nd Reading of Budget Amendment #2**
- **Creech Road**
- **Motion to approve HB 556 Contract**
- **Motion to approve Opioid Abatement Documents**

- XIII. Other**
- XIV. Next Regular Meeting, Tuesday May 12th, 2026**
- XIV. Adjournment**

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Presiding: Judge Executive Eddie Barnes

Present: Connie Crabtree, Fiscal Court Clerk. Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Brian McKinney, Magistrate Chad Patton, Magistrate Mike Lockard, CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock, Enoch Thomas- Stanton Fire Department, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, Ruth Jones, Road Laborer Billy Hood, Road Laborer Michael Whitehurst, Nathan Hall, Dwain Anderson, EM Director John Koontz, Glen Creech, John Bowman, Assistant County Attorney Richard Fain, Neal Hamilton, Opioid Abatement Liaison LeAndre Knox, Tyler Cundiff, EMS Director William Puckett, Assistant E911 Director Letisha Morris and Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer.

County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes called the meeting to order:

County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance:

CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock offered the prayer:

Roll Call for 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

Meeting Minutes of March 10th, 2026, Regular Meeting:

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the meeting minutes of March 10th, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Minutes of March 20th, 2026, Special Meeting:

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the meeting minutes of March 20th, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Minutes of March 24th, 2026, Special 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 March 24th, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Minutes of March 25th, 2026, Special Meeting:

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the meeting minutes of March 25th, 2026.

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 approving all claims submitted for payment.

Motion passed unanimously

Treasurers Transfers: Cash, Budget and Interfund Transfers:

Interfund Transfers:

01-1000 Transfer to Ambulance - \$30,000.00
01-4909 Transfer to Ambulance - \$30,000.00
09-1000 Transfer from General - \$30,000.00
09-4910 Transfer from General - \$30,000.00

01-1000 Transfer to Grants - \$10,000.00
01-4909 Transfer to Grants - \$10,000.00
78-1008 Transfer from General - \$10,000.00
78-4910 Transfer from General - \$10,000.00

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01-4909 Transfer to Ambulance - \$40,000.00
09-1000 Transfer from General - \$40,000.00
09-4910 Transfer from General - \$40,000.00

01-1000 Transfer to ARPA - \$132,000.00
01-4909 Transfer to ARPA - \$132,000.00
84-1000 Transfer from General - \$132,000.00
84-4910 Transfer from General - \$132,000.00

01-1000 Transfer to Grants - \$1,500.00
01-4909 Transfer to Grants - \$1,500.00
78-1008 Transfer from General - \$1,500.00
78-4910 Transfer from General - \$1,500.00

Budget Transfers:

04-9200-999 LGEA Reserve for Transfers - \$7,500.00
04-5120-121- Clay City Fire Department - \$7,500.00
04-9200-999 LGEA Reserve for Transfers - \$30,000.00
04-5120-121MF -Middle Fork Fire Department - \$30,000.00

Budget Transfers:

Budget Transfers to Balance 3rd Quarterly Report totaling - \$1,901,488.00

Cash Transfers:

01-1000 Transfer to Dispatch - \$3,133.91
85-1000 Transfer from General - \$3,133.91
01-1000 Transfer to Dispatch - \$60.00
85-1000 Transfer from General - \$60.00

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving Cash, Budget and Interfund Transfers.

Motion passed unanimously

3/1/26 -3/31/26 Financial Statement & Cash Balance Summary:

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the 3/1/26 – 3/31/26 Financial Statement and the Cash Balance Summary.

Motion passed unanimously

Old Business:

Magistrate Brian McKinney asks what the status was on regarding lettering the county vehicles. Judge Barnes told him the E911 vehicle was completed. Road Laborer Billy Hood told him they had contacted Prince Detailing about getting the decals for the road department. Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden told him he had contacted Prince Detailing as well.

Department Head Updates:

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden let members of the court know free dump days are going on and as of yesterday they had taken in 30 tons of garbage.

Tim has been handing out a copy of the Nuisance ordinance to individuals.

Judge Barnes said we are giving people an opportunity to clean up their property before criminal charges are filed against them.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen told Tim several people had asked him about the transfer station taking glass products. Tim told him he could not find a market in glass.

Opioid Abatement Liaison LeAndre Knox told members of the court per Coroner Megan Wells Curtis there were no overdoses in March. Odmap showed one suspected overdose, and naloxone was administered 9 times.

Naloxone boxes are being put out across our county which were purchased through an asap grant. LeAndre talked about a cohort with KACO. It is their first Kentucky Opioid Solutions network. Powell County was selected to be in this cohort. Judge Barnes bragged on LeAndre for doing an excellent job

National Opioid Settlement (Six Regional Distributors /Dispenser Defendants)

A new national opioid settlement has been reached with six regional distributors/dispenser defendants (Remnant Defendants Settlement) Associated Pharmacies Inc. and American Associated Pharmacies) JM Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc.; (including its subsidiaries SUPERVALU and Advantage Logistics) (Six Remnant Defendants). A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor authorizing and directing Treasurer Connie Crabtree to sign the participation form for the National Opioid Settlement with the Six Remnant Defendants for Powell County, KY.

Motion passed unanimously

Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer let members of the court know the animal shelter now has two batches of kitten which were unexpected.

During the month of March thirty-one dogs were taken in, four were adopted and six were reclaimed. There were eighteen cats taken in, one was reclaimed and four were adopted. Brandon said they have talked about going around our county and leaving door hangers to make people aware of the leash law.

The fence at the animal shelter is now complete and five cameras were installed.

EMA Director John Koontz attended the BERT meeting today. They discussed maybe having an East and West BERT team in the future. Ricky Wasson worked on putting batteries in three sirens that needed them. All the sirens are working, and they have been working on a grant to get twenty more.

CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock let members of the court know we received funding for the DR4864 project which was for Rose Lane Spur and Neal Silva hill. We received \$36,000.00 for one of the projects on Star Gap Road. The boat ramp at Rosslyn and work on Popular Bluff is now complete. Magistrate J.L. Bowen said he would like to brag on everyone for their participation in the Mock Disaster Event that was held at the high school. He is very proud of our county and our crew. Magistrate Brian McKinney invited everyone to attend the After-Action Review meeting this Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the EMS building.

CSEPP Director Kevin Babccok let members of the court know a sign had been put up at the high school for the prom that said Arrive Alive Don't Drink and Drive, Don't Text and Drive, Just Drive.

Assistant E911 Director Letisha Morris read the calls that came into the dispatch for the month of March.

Clay City Fire Department – 49	Powell County Coroner - 1
Clay City Police Department – 167	Powell County Sheriff – 348
Middle Fork Fire Department – 32	Powell County SAR - 3
Powell County EMS – 261	Stanton Fire Department - 39
Powell County Animal Shelter – 55	Stanton Police Department - 286

Total CAD: 1,241

NCIC update- The site visit went well. They are now waiting for vendors to complete their finger printing.

April 12th through 16th, 2026 is Telecommunications week

Judge Barnes read and signed the Proclamation.

Judge Barnes said he is proud to say our dispatchers are doing a great job.

Magistrate District Updates:

Magistrate Chad Patton: Wants to thank the road department crew for the coal patching this did.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen: Asks about a meeting date for the zoning meeting to be held at Middle Fork Fire Department. Himself along with Judge Barnes decided on April 30th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen: Asks if there is an issue with him representing a non-profit organization in going to other fiscal courts to help with their trials. When he asked the gentleman at KACO he said he did not see a problem with this because it would be all volunteer.

Magistrate Brian McKinney - Asks about road updates. Judge Barnes told him we had been approved for around ½ million dollars for county and state roads. They have not gotten the CPP amount yet, but we should know within a couple of weeks.

Judge Barnes told members of the court Homestead Subdivision and Allie Lane can be put on our list of repairs.

Judge Barnes said he contracted Hinkle Contracting about paving Silver Maple Lane, Wild Cherry Lane, Oak Ridge and Rose Lane. We need to make sure it will be under the \$40,000.00 threshold. The City of Stanton is going to contribute 50% of the cost for these projects.

Magistrate Dennis Combs: Wants to thank the road department for finishing some projects in his district. He reached out to Corbitt Caudill about Pompeii Road. Corbitt told Magistrate Combs it should be completed within two weeks. Judge Barnes said he had gone and checked and the road is now blacktopped.

Magistrate Mike Lockard: Ask about painting the walls in the back hallway of the courthouse. Judge Barnes told him we are waiting for AOC to approve it.

Judge Barnes said we could get David along with the inmates to paint them. Magistrate Lockard said he thought that what the plan was.

Judge Barnes: Been busy trying to get the Beech Fork Water project resolved. We have been approved for eight million dollars to go towards the project. We did great on the state funding.

New Salary Amount for County Attorney: To Be Effective January 2027.

Judge Barnes asked members of the court to set a salary amount for County Attorney Robert King. This salary will reflect in the 2026-2027 budget and will not take effect until January 2027.

Judge Barnes told members of the court Wolfe County pays their County Attorney \$20,000.00 and Breathitt County pays their County Attorney \$30,000.00.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving a salary of \$25,000.00 for our County Attorney. This salary will take effect January 2027.

Motion passed unanimously

Contract for Professional Services: Powell County Beech Fork WTP Expansion Phase 2 WX21197027 Agreement/Resolution

This contract for professional services is by and between the County of Powell, State of Kentucky acting herein by Eddie Barnes, Judge Executive, hereunto duly authorized and Bluegrass Area Development District, a corporation organized under the laws of State of Kentucky acting herein by David Duttlinger, Executive Director, hereunto duly authorized: This contract is authorized by Fiscal Court Resolution 26-001.

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 for Professional Services: Powell County Beech Fork WTP Expansion Phase 2 WX21197027 Agreement. The motion authorizes and directs Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign all necessary paperwork regarding the agreement/resolution
Motion passed unanimously

Judge Barnes said he would like to thank the Road Department, EMS, Animal Control, Dispatch and office staff for doing a great job.

EMS Director William Puckett: Let members know there was a minor accident involving one of our ambulances. Our EMS driver was not at fault. The ambulance was taken to Patrick's Collision for an estimate and will cost around \$1,800.00 for repairs. We are waiting to hear back from our insurance company to move forward with the repairs.

William told members the last of the EMT classes will be this evening and the Baby Box is in production and should be arriving soon.

William told members if they get the leaks and other small issues fixed, they plan to have an Open House for the public around May 1st.

Approval of the purchase of five (5) new phones with unlimited data plan for the Powell County Road Department Employees:

Judge Barnes said they are looking into upgrading our ability to contact the road department on different projects. They will be able to assign projects and log them when they are completed. GPS locators can also be added. The plan would be to have a computer at the office so if there is a complaint or issue it can be typed in and then send it to them. The cost would be around \$259.95 per group per month. This cost includes unlimited data. They plan on using google sheet. 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 five (5) new phones and cases with a unlimited data plan for the Powell County Road Department employees. Motion passed unanimously

Public Comments:

No Public Comments

Tyler Cundiff: Discussion of sewer on Natural Bridge Road:

Mr. Cundiff said his property is located across the mini golf course and petting zoo on Hwy 11. He is planning to build a couple of cabins. The cabins will be for himself and his brother. His plan is to also put a couple of tiny cabins down over the hill of this property. This will not be for commercial development; it would be for personal use but two of the cabins may be Air B&B's.

Mr. Cundiff talked to Clark Energy, and they told him he would need to get his sewer situation completed first. He went to the health department to fill out an application. He met with Rusty to explain the situation. Rusty told him he was on city sewer so he would have to contact Powell's Valley Water. After talking with them Tyler found out about an Ordinance that was passed in the 1990's. It basically says if you have property on the highway that already has city sewer then you legally must tap into it. Powell's Valley told him he may could ask for an amendment. The closet tie in point is going south about 800 to 900 feet past the Daniel Boone Coffee shop on the opposite side of the road. Hooking onto the city sewer will be a huge expense. He does not know what the additional expense would be to do a right-of-way project on a state highway inside a curve. He estimates the cost would be around \$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00 to run the sewer lines to these cabins.

Judge Barnes told members Ordinance # 99-03-12 A is a county Ordinance and it requires individuals or businesses to hook up and to Slade/Nada sanitary sewer system. This discussion was tabled until more research can be done.

Enoch Thomas: Request to dispatch if ever there was an Emergency and needed someone to fill in.

Enoch told members of the court he would like to work at dispatch if they ever had an emergency and need someone. Enoch went through his certification in Richmond. He is lifetime certified and dispatched from 2000 to 2005. Members of the court told him to fill out an application and give it to E911 Director Justin Rice.

Stanton Fire Department: Increase Rate from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per run per person

Enoch told members of the court he had been in the fire department for thirty-five years. Forty or fifty years ago there was money put in place. This money was put in place to pay members back for torn clothes and gas money to travel to scenes.

Firefighters have received \$10.00 for decades. He is asking members of the court to increase this rate. The City of Stanton increased the rate to \$30.00. Enoch said whatever the increase may be would help their membership. This would also help with getting more people involved in the fire department. Enoch turns a list of names in and the number of runs they have done for that month. A check is then written to the Stanton Fire department and they pay the person.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Chad Patton to increase the county contribution line by \$5,000.00 in the new 2026/2027 budget and increase the rate from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per run per person.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Abstained

Magistrate J.L. Bowen - Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Brian McKinney - Abstained

Magistrate Chad Patton - Aye

Motion Carried

Discussion of redoing floors for the Fire Departments

Enoch told members of the court the Stanton Fire Department had been there since 2000 and when the epoxy was put on the floor it was not done correctly.

Enoch got a quote in the amount of \$22,000.00 to do the whole bay area which includes sanding the floors and recovering them. The City of Stanton has agreed to pay ½ of the cost, so he is asking the county to pay the other ½. The county has had a truck in the city building and the city has never charged the county any rent. The guy that would be doing the epoxy also does Walmart's, Wendy's etc. Judge Barnes said it's a safety hazard because of the floors being slick. Magistrate McKinney said Clay City and Middle Fork Fire Departments also need their floors done. The County would have to pay the whole amount for Middle Fork Fire Department. Enoch told members he could get the guy to come to the next meeting if they had any questions. Members of the court told Enoch to ask the guy to look at the other fire departments along with EMS building and see what kind of quote he could give us.

The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Judge Barnes said we need to get aggressive in getting some new fire trucks for the county. The newest truck we have is a 1999 model. Stanton Fire Department pumper is starting to cost a lot of money to repair. Magistrate Bowen said Middlefork Fire Department's is also giving them trouble. Judge Barnes said there are people that specialized in grant writing for fire departments.

Each truck would cost around \$800,000.00.

Discussion of Jason Ritchie's driveway:

Jason Ritchie, who lives on Mtn. Road, contracted Judge Barnes and Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy about his driveway. He is saying around 12 years ago the road Department was salting the road and the salt got on his driveway. He has had problems since this happened and is asking the county to fix it. Judge Barnes said he does not know why it has taken ten years to say something about it.

This discussion was tabled until a later date so members of the court will have a chance to talk to County Attorney Robert King about it. Judge Barnes said he would contact Mr. Ritchie about coming to a meeting so that he could explain what happened.

No Action Taken

Quotation – Clock & Bell Restoration at Powell County Courthouse

A quote was submitted from Verdin East Clock Restoration to repair the clock and bell at the Powell County Courthouse.

Scope of Work

Clock System Restoration - \$16,850.00

Bell Striker Restoration - \$6,200.00

PCC Maintenance – 2007 – Free

Access, Window Protection & Equipment – TBD

Total (Excluding TBD Items): \$23,050.00

Pricing valid for 90 days from date of proposal.

Discussion was tabled

No Action Taken

2nd Reading of Budget Amendment #2:

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the 2nd reading of Budget Amendment #2 totaling \$1,062,320.09. This amendment was signed by State Local Finance Officer Robert Brown on March 18th, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously

Brief Discussion of Creech Road

Eric Williams was not present for the meeting.

John Bowman along with Glen Creech was present for the meeting to discuss Creech Road.

Since Mr. Williams was not present members of the decided to table this discussion until a later date.

No Action Taken

House Bill 556 Renewal for FY27/FY28

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the HB 556 renewal contract for FY27/FY28. This motion authorizes and directs Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign the HB556 renewal contract for FY27/FY28.

Motion passed unanimously

Budget Hearing regarding Proposed Use of County Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds.

Fiscal Court Clerk Noted there was no one present for the Budget Hearing today regarding the Proposed Use of County Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds (A copy of the Public Notice will follow meeting minutes). KRS 42.455;174.100;424.130.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 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

Next Regular Meeting will be held on May 12th, 2026, at 6:00

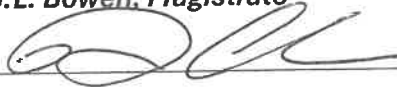
Judge Barnes made it aware the next regular meeting will be held on May 12th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.



Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive



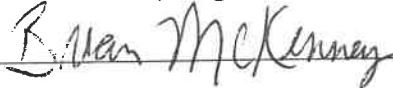
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