

**Powell County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
Date: May 12th, 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 (April 13th, 2026 & April 29th, 2026)**
- VI. Approval of Bills Submitted for Payment**
- VII. Approval of Treasurer's Financial Statement**
- VIII. Approval of Treasurer's Transfers**
- IX. Old Business**
 - Enoch Thomas – Stanton Fire Department**
 - Tyler Cundiff – Sewer at Natural Bridge**
 - Jason Ritchie – Mtn. Road**
- X. Department Head Updates**
- XI. Magistrate Updates**
 - **Proposal CWDG Project Manager**
 - **Dean Rogers**
 - **Glenn Salyer**
 - **Steven Creech**
 - **Montgomery County Regional Jail Agreement– Housing Inmates**
 - **Proposal for Government Relations Services– Gilliam Consulting, LLC**
 - **2026-2027 Annual Order Pre-Approval Recurring Expenses**
 - **1st Reading of the 2026/2027 County Budget KRS 67.077**
 - **Closed Session KRS 61.810 (C) (F)**
- XII. Other**
- XIV. Next Regular Meeting, Tuesday June 9, 2026**
- XIII. Adjournment**

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Presiding: Judge Executive Eddie Barnes

Present: Fiscal Court Clerk Connie Crabtree, Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen, Kevin Babcock, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Chad Patton, Magistrate Brian McKinney, Gloyd Lee, Bill Hood, Glenn Sayler, Jessica Faulkner Noon, Neal Hamilton, Ruth Jones, Powell County Lions Club President Dean Rogers, E911 Director Justin Rice, Asst EMS Director Arlene Rogers, Tina Epperson, Tiffany Burton, Tracy Marcum, James Thelander, Steven Creech, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer, Tyler Cundill and Opioid Abatement Liaison LeAndre Knox.

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 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 April 14th, 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 April 14th, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Minutes of April 29th, 2026, Special Meeting:

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Brian with all members present voting in favor approving the meeting minutes of April 29th, 2026

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 approving all claims submitted for payment.

Motion passed unanimously

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Treasurers Transfers: Cash, Budget and Interfund Transfers:

Interfund Transfers:

01-1000 Transfer to Ambulance - \$\$40,000.00
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 Dispatch - \$30,000.00
01-4909 Transfer to Dispatch - \$30,000.00
85-1000 Transfer from General - \$30,000.00
85-4910 Transfer from General - -\$30,000.00

01-1000 Transfer to Grants - \$15,000.00
01-4909 Transfers to Grants - \$15,000.00
78-1001 Transfer from General - \$15,000.00
78-4910 Transfer from General - \$15,000.00

01-1000 Transfer to Grants - \$5,000.00
01-4909 Transfer to Grants - \$5,000.00
78-1001 Transfer from General - \$5,000.00
78-4910 Transfer from General - \$5,000.00

01-1000 Transfer to CSEPP- \$50,000.00
01-4909 Transfer to CSEPP - \$50,000.00
06-1000 Transfer from General - \$50,000.00
06-4910 Transfer from General - \$50,000.00

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor approving the Treasurers Cash, Budget and Interfund Transfers.
Motion passed unanimously

4/1/26 – 4/30/26 Financial Statement:

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate J.L Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the 4/1/26 – 4/30/26 Financial Statement.
Motion passed unanimously

Old Business:

Enoch Thomas – Discussion of putting epoxy on floors at fire departments and EMS buildings. At last month's meeting Enoch came to the meeting to ask members of the court to pay ½ of the cost to epoxy floors at the Stanton Fire Department. Members of the court ask him to get quotes for all the other two fire departments and the EMS building. Enoch was present at this meeting to present the quotes the court had asked him to get.

Creative Epoxy Flooring LLC

Clay City Fire Department - \$21,594.00
Middle Fork Fire Department - \$19,200.00
Powell County Ambulance Service - \$21,060.00
Stanton Fire Department - \$22,000.00

Judge Barnes asks County Attorney Robert King if we would consider these four separate quotes because of the \$40,000.00 threshold we have and them being from the same vendor. County Attorney Robert King said if the bid is listed for each separate building, then it would be ok. Members of the court agreed to move forward with the quotes to epoxy the floors for Middle fork Fire Department and the EMS buildings but wait until we know if the City of Stanton and the City of Clay City will help with ½ of the cost for doing their floors.

(Approval to put epoxy on floors at the EMS building)

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the quotes submitted from Creative Epoxy Flooring LLC in the amount of \$21,060.00 to epoxy floors at the EMS building contingent we get a signed contract showing the floors will have a lifetime warranty. Motion passed unanimously

(Approval to put epoxy on floors at the Middle Fork Fire Department)

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 by Creative Epoxy Flooring LLC in the amount of \$19,200.00 to epoxy floors at the Middle Fork Fire Department contingent we get a contract showing the floors will have a lifetime warranty. Motion passed unanimously

Tyler Cundiff – Discussion of sewer on Natural Bridge Road:

Mr. Cundiff was present at last meeting asking about sewer on Natural Bridge Road. He was present for this meeting to show members of the court a map of where his property is located. Tyler plans on building himself and his brother a cabin on this said property. He brought up the 1990 county ordinance which says if there is city sewer then you would have to tap into it. He had highlighted on the map where the tie in points existed. Magistrate Chad Patton ask him if it would be possible for him to tie into to any of these areas. Tyler said he was told by Powell's Valley Water if he taps into certain places, he would be responsible they would not. Magistrate Mike Lockard told Tyler if we let him put in his own septic

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system then we would have to do it for others. Magistrate Lockard said he would like to talk to Powells Valley to see what they say about it.

Magistrate Dennis Combs said if we excuse him this time, then five years from now there will be more cabins built, and they would have to be excused also.

Magistrate Chad Patton ask if we could do our own written contract with Mr. Cundiff.

County Attorney Robert King said it's a county ordinance, so if you start saying we are going to excuse this ordinance then we would have to excuse all county ordinances.

If the courts wanted to amend the ordinance to take in this kind of situation.

Magistrate Brian McKinney asked if there could be a clause put in the ordinance. Robert said he did not think this could happen.

Robert said an amendment could be drafted into our ordinance that could consider some type of hardship, but Powell's Valley would have to be in conjunction with it and set forth some type of perimeters as to when they would think it would be ok to deviant around the ordinance.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen suggested an engineer come out and explain the hardship to members of the court along with someone from Powell's Valley.

Robert asks Mr. Cundiff if he has spoken with anyone from Powell's Valley about this situation. Mr. Cundiff told him they were against it.

Tyler said he does not plan to start building until next year. Judge Barnes said since he does not plan to build until next year would allow us time for an engineer to come out and explain the hardship to members of the court. We could also have someone from Powell's Valley present to speak on their behalf.

No Action Taken

Jason Ritchie – Discussion of Mtn. Road:

Mr. Ritchie was present at the meeting to discuss Mtn. Road. He told members of the court Mtn. Road, never get any work done to it. The last load of rock they put on the road was when Darren Farmer was in office. Back when James Anderson was in office, they dumped a load of salt on the road up to his house.

When he asked about getting work done, he was told there was no money to fix the road so he said he would rock it himself. He was then told he could not do this because it was a county road. Later, he was told if he did rock it, he would have to go by the guidelines. He said he ended up putting rock on the road which cost him a fortune.

Jason said he talked to James Anderson for eight years regarding this road, but he would dismiss him as soon as he walked in.

He is asking members of the court if the county could put some rock on it and acknowledge it's a county road or deed the road over to him. Judge Barnes said we need to maintain it if it's county road. Judge Barnes said he would get Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy to go look at it.

Department Head Updates:

Assistant EMS Director Arlene Rogers:

Assistant EMS Director Arlene Rogers asks members of the court to move Advanced EMT Heather Phipps from a part-time position to a full-time position. This position will be filled for the 3rd platoon.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to move Advanced EMT Heather Phipps from a part-time position to a full-time position for the Powell County EMS Service.

Motion passed unanimously

Assistant EMS Director Arlene Rogers let members of the court know they had 262 runs for the Magistrate Brian McKinney asks Arlene how the transfers were going. She told him they were doing good.

Magistrate Dennis Combs asked Arlene how they tracked the transfers. She told him the Eso system keeps track of them.

Judge Barnes said it would be good to get a quarterly report showing the runs. Arlene said she could print a report for them.

E911 Director Justin Rice:

E911 Director Justin Rice read off the calls that came into dispatch for the month of April 2026.

Clay City Fire Department – 83

Clay City Police Department – 201

Middlefork Fire Department – 31

Powell County EMS- 262

Powell County Animal Shelter – 50

Powell County Coroner 0 4

Powell County Sheriff's Office – 447

Powell County SAR – 6

Stanton Fire Department – 66

Stanton Police Department – 313

Total CAD – 1,463

CAD Average Per Day – 49

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden: Hauler Hero/Data Strong Programs:

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden let members of the court know during our free dump days Rumpke told him there was 232 tons of garbage taken in.

Tim issued eight citations and seven of them cleaned their places.

Tim lets members of the court know that county would be receiving \$96,165.00 for the 2026-2027 recycling grant and \$43,874.00 for the 2026-2027composting grant. There is a chance our funding could be a lot less next year.

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Tim said the court talked about and approved the system for the scales back in September. He is now ready to get the paperwork submitted so they can start using the program. The Data Strong system will keep everything computerized and will also take pictures of vehicles that cross the scales.

The Hauler Hero System will route together curbside recycling and commercial customers. This system will also track where the trucks are in the county.

Strong Data Automation

\$11,000.00

May 2026 to April 2027

Implementation, consulting, configuration, server setup, training, installation and training - \$5,000.00

Subscription - \$6,000.00

Hauler Hero -\$12,900.00

Implementation Services WO-0006689 - \$3,000.00

Prepay for Active Truck License Fees - \$9,900.00

Magistrate Chad Patton said these systems will tie in the county garbage service. Magistrate Brian McKinney said this will give us time to learn the programs before we take over the garbage service. Tim said he found the tablets at Walmart. Magistrate McKinney suggested we start out with 3 tablets verses the five.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen to approve Hauler Hero and Data Strong Programs totaling \$33,000.00 and \$21,000.00 annually.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Aye

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Abstained

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

2026-2027 Recycling Grant Agreement: Total Amount \$96,165.00

Self-Dumpster - \$25,465.00

Mini-Cycler Cardboard 9 Yard - \$45,950.00

Midnight Poil Co roll-off - \$24,750.00

2-Module Citbin Municipal Bins - \$143,588.00

Adjustments - , (\$143,588.00)

Total: \$96,165.00

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving the 2026-2027 Recycling Grant in the amount of \$96,165.00. This motion authorizes and directs Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign grant agreement regarding the 2026-2027 Recycling Grant.

Motion passed unanimously

2026-2027 Composting Grant Agreement: - Total Amount \$43,874.00

Trommel Screener - \$41,500.00

River Bend Molding Trailer - \$109,741.00

Glass/Compost Trailer - \$46,875.00

Concrete Blocks - \$2,374.00

Adjustments - \$(109,741.00) & (\$46,875.00)

Total: \$43,874.00

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving the 2026-2027 Composting Grant in the amount of \$43,874.00. This motion authorizes and directs Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign grant agreement regarding the 2026-2027 Composting Grant.

Motion passed unanimously

Opioid Abatement Liaison Andrea Knox:

Opioid Abatement Liaison Andrea Knox let members of the court know there were zero fatal overdoses for the month of April. There was one fatal overdoses for the year, fifteen suspected overdoses and naloxone was administered eleven times. Powell County is no longer in the top five for overdoses.

LeAndrea has been working with Marcum and Wallace to do an anti-stigma training for the community faith based local elected officials and EMS. She said, herself, along with Judge Barnes, attended their first Kentucky Opioid Solutions Network and while they were there, they were asked to co-host a September training.

Judge Barnes said they have been invited to go to the National Opioid Solutions Network in New Orleans. The date will be July 16th through the 19th, 2026. KACO will spend up to \$1,000.00 and the Opioid Abatement Solutions funds will pay the rest.

Magistrate Mike Lockard asks about the incinerator. LeAndrea told Rob had been working with ASAP on this. This request will have to be sent to the Office of Drug Control for approval.

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden said he should be getting an incinerator within three to four weeks. He has spoken with Jailer Teddy Lacy and Rob Williams about being present whenever the incinerator is used.

Tim said they will use the incinerator at the jail first. Magistrate Brian McKinney said he would like to be invited the day they use it.

LeAndrea spoke about the Life Learning Center which is run by Alicia Edginton. This center serves several families. They teach life and work skills to help get them back into the community.

Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer:

Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer let members know they had 31 intakes during the month of April. There were twenty-five cats rescued, of which one adopted and three were reclaimed.

There were thirty dogs taken, of which eighteen were rescued, two were adopted, one was reclaimed and one was euthanized.

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Brandon let members know he is working on getting dog food donated to us through the Walmart program. The audio/video cameras are working, and the installation and drywall are going in their new building.

Road Laborer Billy Hood let members of the court know they have been working on cemetery roads.

County Attorney Robert King – No Discussion

Deputy Judge Dale Allen – No Discussion

Public Comments:

Tiffany Burton:

Tiffany was present tonight to speak about a concern that she personally experienced on April 19th. Tiffany lives off Hall's Lane on Honor Drive next to Stanton City Park and behind Pine Creek Apartments on a family farm.

In 2006 her father raised concerns multiply times about our EMS and the GPS mapping system. He was concerned that their address was not mapped and something would happen to his aging mother, cousin Peg or her husband Bill and the ambulance would not be able to find their homes. In January of the following year her father died of a heart attack. He collapsed in front of her mother which called 911. Tiffany said it took 27 minutes for the ambulance to get from EMS to their home and back to the clinic. A medic vac was waiting on them. When the ambulance tried to find their home the mapping system took them to Pine Creek not their driveway in which her mother had stopped doing compressions to tell the dispatcher the ambulance needed to cross the grass into their driveway which did not happen. Eventually the ambulance was able to make it to their home. It was unfortunate that the EMT realized the defibrillator did not work and had to wait for a secondary ambulance to arrive. Her father was able to be transported to the Stanton Clinic to be medivac to the hospital but unfortunately it was too late, there had been too much damage. Her mother chose not to sue the county. She walked into the county judge's office one year and one day after this happened to let them know she was beyond the legal limit to peruse legal action. She knew if she would have took legal action it would have bankrupted the system, but a change needed to occur. After a period, this got better but recently she has been told stories where the county did not have an ambulance available, not having quality and ample supplies and the struggle of understaffing and underpaid. On April 19th Tiffany had to call the ambulance for her mother which she thought had a ruptured appendix. Before the dispatcher dispatched an ambulance, she asked if there was an ambulance available in the county so she would know if she would have to transport her mother herself. An ambulance was dispatched, but what happened next blew her mind and quickly took her back to 2006. The ambulance pulled into Pine Creek Apartments and their driveway now has a street sign, which is very visible. Tiffany called 911 back to tell them to turn around and to cross the grass. It is now 2026 we can put astronauts on the

moon, but our mapping system and our emergency personnel staff in Powell County cannot get an ambulance to her home. While this day the extra minutes did not make a life-or-death decision tomorrow it might.

She does not know what the solution is, but she knows there must be one. It could be redistribution of funds, putting on a tax or just sitting down with start with clean slate and an open mind.

She is here tonight to ask what their plan is to get back on track.

Judge Barnes told Tiffany he takes this very seriously and it's part of his life. This is the first time he has heard about this and if something does happen don't wait until the next fiscal court meeting to say anything. They need to call him immediately and let him know what happened.

Judge Barnes asked E911 Director Justin Rice if he knew about this. Justin told him this is the first he has heard about it. The first step we need to take is to check and make sure the address is in our system and we can see it on the map. Tiffany said she was able to pull her address up on google maps. Judge Barnes said he would look up the run report and talked to the EMT's that took that call. Tiffany said the EMT's were very kind that day, but they could not put in an IV or give out medication. Judge Barnes said before he offered an explanation he would investigate it.

Magistrate Brian McKinney said he would like to personally invite Tiffany to go to our EMS station and meet the people there. They are very compassionate and kind people. She could also check out the equipment that we have. We have three full-time shifts with two advanced care people within those shifts. This has just happened recently, but we have come along ways with our EMS service.

Justin told her he did not have her address in the system that would show in our 911 system.

Justin said this has not been uncommon in things he has found since he has been doing the addressing for the past three and half years. He has put a lot of time into fixing some of the issues we have. Justin asks Tiffany to step out of the meeting with him so that he can add her address to our mapping system.

Members of the court thanked Tiffany for coming to the meeting.

Michael Bloom: Discussing his wrecker service:

Mike told members of the court he had seen more accidents happening, especially around where his family lives. He said he knew there was a cap put on how many wrecker services can be on rotation as far as roll backs and wreckers. Micheal said he owns a wrecker now and would like to ask members of the court to raise the cap so that others can have a chance to. He would like his wrecker service on the rotation list. Judge Barnes said he thinks 6 was the cap. Judge Barnes said they would have to ask Justin to see if the services were still active. Micheal said he sees a lot of wreckers coming in from another county. Judge Barnes told him the closest wrecker service the State Police uses is in Frenchburg. They require a three-million-dollar policy and locally require one-million-dollar policy. Judge Barnes asks what the pleasure of the court was regarding raising the cap. Judge Barnes asks Michael to have a seat until Justin comes back into the meeting.

Jessica Noon Faulkner:

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Jessica asks Opioid Liaison LeAndrea Knox what we used the opioid abatement funds for as far as early education. LeAndrea told Jessica they had established an advisory council.

There is a KRS Exhibit E that says what we can spend the funds on. The council comes together and makes recommendations. LeAndrea told her she would be happy to talk to her.

Jessica told members of the court she likes to be in tune with the department heads and their positions. She knows Kevin Babcock just retired. She asks him if he was coming back and if so, what role it would be. Kevin told her he has a proposal for an opportunity, but everything would have to be approved by the fiscal court.

Jessica asks what the county planned on doing to offset the money we are having to spend because of the rising fuel cost which affects the EMS, road department, fire, etc.

Judge Barnes told her currently everything is normal business, and we are still in budget but will discuss it in the future if fuel prices do not go down.

Jessica asks if we had a proactive plan for getting around because of the Big Foot Festival happening. Brandon told her he was on the committee, and he had spoken with Stanton Police Chief Grant Faulkner, and was told they would be short an officer as far as directing traffic. The plan is to post someone at both intersections to help with the flow of traffic. Any help they can get will be greatly appreciated. They hope to get some of the high school clubs to help and plan on talking to Sheriff Danny Rogers to see if he would allow some resources from his department. There will be additional parking and shuttles this year.

Michael Bloom: Finishing discussion regarding wrecker service:

Judge Barnes asked E911 Director Justin Rice what he thought about raising the cap on wrecker services. Justin told him that would be up to the court to make that decision. Justin thinks the reason the cap was set at 6 is because the former E911 Director was trying to keep the rotation fair with the number of calls that came in.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton to raise the cap to 7 (seven) for wrecker service rotations contingent all documentation is in place.

Motion passed unanimously

Michael told Justin he would be sending in his paperwork.

Tracy Marcum: Homestead Estates:

Tracy was present for the meeting to tell members of the court the creek is eroding and taking their property. Tracy lives on Homestead Estates. She is asking if they could put channel in to help with this problem.

Judge Barnes told her the county owns the road but the property on both sides of the road is owned by the City of Stanton. Judge Barnes said he does not know if the property behind her house belongs to the city or the industrial board.

Judge Barnes told Tracy they did not care to help we just have to find out who owns the property. He will be in contact with her.

Magistrate Updates:

Magistrate Chad Patton: had a few things for the road department but met with Patrick and got it worked out.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen: attended a meeting at Cliffview and met with New Frontier and the new owners of Hollerwood. The trails and parking lots are getting fixed, and they plan on having some events.

Magistrate Brian McKinney: talked to Patrick about road projects. He asks Judge Barnes if we were waiting on getting bids from Hinkle so they can start on Homestead. Judge Barnes said we are at their mercy, but when we do our bidding process for the new fiscal year, we need to accept all bids so that if one company cannot get to the project, we can ask another one.

Magistrate Dennis Combs: Talked to Patrick about a few things.

Magistrate Mike Lockard: ask if we had got the leak fixed at the new EMS building and when the arrival of the baby box was. Arlene told him the leak and been fixed, and we are still waiting for the baby box to arrive.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes: made it aware of the special meeting tomorrow morning at the new EMS building. Senator Smith is coming to present cardboard checks for Powell County. The checks will total around \$21,000,000.00 which is from the state. From November 2025 to present we will receive around \$6,000,000.00 from the federal.

There have already been some comments put on Facebook that this meeting is going to cost the county money, which is not true. Judge Barnes has been busy attending meetings.

The 3-lane project to Stone gate is currently on hold because of financing and the project at Little North Fork has begun.

Judge Barnes said the road department has been working on the roadways, but people need to understand we only have five road employees along with two road supervisors. There are 184 miles of county roads, thirty-six miles gravel roads and forty cemetery roads.

Judge Barnes said they have discussed hiring part-time people to help during the mowing season.

Judge Barnes thanked all the departments for what they did.

Contribution to Powell County Lions Club: To Help with Cost of the Demolition Derby and or, Mud Sling at our County Fair.

Dean Rogers, President of the Powell County Lions Club was present for the meeting to ask members of the court if they would approve a county contribution in the amount of \$6,000.00 to help with the cost of Friday and Saturdays night events such as the Demolition Derby and , or Mud Sling at our county fair. Dean told members they greatly appreciated the contribution the county gave them last year. It alleviated some of the financial burden, allowing them to provide one of the best fair weeks in many years.

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After discussion a motion was made by J.L. Bowen seconded by Brian McKinney approving a county contribution to Powell County Lions Club in the amount of \$6,000.00 to help with the cost of Friday and Saturdays night events such as the Demolition Derby and or Mud Sling at our annual county fair contingent we get a letter requesting funding along with a signed MOA.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Aye

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Abstained

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Glenn Saylor: Powell County Airport Board member:

Glenn was present at the meeting to discuss a revenue opportunity that could be available to the airport board. They operate on a \$7,5000.00 annual budget which pays their insurance, gasoline and utilities.

There is a hanger coming up that has a lease on it. Twenty years ago, Richard Ashbrook came to a fiscal court meeting and asked for this space to build this hanger with the idea he would have military traffic there and have a maintenance facility. Things happened after he built it and ended up selling it and members of the court back then reassigned the lease over to Robert Stoks, which is from Colorado. Robert has someone from Beattyville that stores cars in the hanger.

Glenn said the lease terminated last year. The lease reads they can renew it for one year at ½ of the fair market value which Glenn thinks there was never a fair market value assigned.

Glenn has had a personal interest in the airport. He has volunteered there for twenty years. He is a self-employed maintenance man which is glad to do but has no airplanes there.

Glenn asks members of the court about establishing fair market value for the lease or presenting an offer to lease the space. His offer would be \$5,000.00 a month for the hanger contingent the funds would go to the airport. It appears they would have the right to continue their lease for \$2,500.00 a month. Glenn hopes his offer will establish a fair market value for this hanger.

He is not looking for an answer this evening, but this could be \$60,000.00 that would help or the other would be \$25,000.00, which would be four times more than they are operating on now.

Funding for the airport is based on traffic counts and how many landings.

Glenn said his company operates in Mt. Sterling and would like to be here and support this community but regardless he will continue to volunteer and do what he can.

The airport board runs the airport, but the county owns the property.

Glenn asks if we knew if Mr. Stoks ever give notice to renew his lease. Fiscal Court Clerk Connie Crabtree told him she was not aware if he did. Mr. Stoks paid \$1.00 per year. County Attorney Robert King told Glenn they had talked about leases, and he sent out letters telling them they did not have a lease with us. Mr. Stoks immediately contacted him back and showed him the written lease he had. Glenn said he did have the lease, but it expired last September 25. Robert said he thought he had renewed the lease.

Glenn said the first steps we need to take is see Mr. Stoks renewed the lease, did he make a payment and did he arbitrary decide what he wanted to pay.

Glenn said there is potential for revenue, and he is prepared to stand by his offer.

Judge Barnes said they would do some research on this and get back with him.

Proposal for a Project Manager to oversee the completion of its Community Wildlife Protection Plan (CWPP)

The Powell County Fiscal Court is seeking proposals for a Project Manager to oversee the completion of its Community Wildlife Protection Plan (CWPP) awarded through the Community Wildlife Defense Grant Program (CWDG). This RFP was advertised in the Mt. Sterling Advocate on April 30th, 2026. The deadline for this RFP was May 11th, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. ~

The only proposal received was submitted by KB Consulting of Central Ky on May 11, 2026 at 9:15 a.m.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor approving the proposal submitted from KB Consulting of Central Ky – Kevin Babcock to be the Project Manager to oversee the completion of the Community Wildlife Protection Plan (CWPP) awarded through the Community Wildlife Defense Grant Program (CWDG).

Motion passed unanimously

Proposals for an Assistant Project Manager to oversee the completion of Community Wildlife Protection Plan (CWPP)

The Powell County Fiscal Court is seeking proposals for an Assistant Project Manager to oversee the completion of its Community Wildlife Protection Plan (CWPP) awarded through the Community Wildlife Defense Grant Program (CWDG). An RFP was advertised in the Mt. Sterling Advocate on April 30th, 2026. The deadline for this RFP was May 11th, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. The only proposal received was submitted by Leah Napier on May 11 at 10:00 a.m.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor approving the proposal received from Leah Napier to be the Assistant Project Manager to oversee the completion of the Community Wildlife Protection Plan (CWPP) awarded through the Community Wildlife Defense Grant Program (CWDG).

Motion passed unanimously

Steven Creech: Property at 751 Cat Creek Road:

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Steven said his primary home was at 751 Cat Creek Road when he was growing up. Back in the 1970's his father David Creech and Johnny Pitts farmed the land. The local court decided it needed a public pathway and an easement to some land that was landlocked. They originally took 20 feet from his dad and Johnny and then later decided because of the ditching they would need 30 feet. Steven's dad has now turned the farm over to him and his sister, which is around 130 acres. Steven brought the 30 acres that was landlocked off Henry Petit so there is no need for a public passway through his dad's property. Steven is asking the court to consider giving him back the 30 feet that were taken from them. There were no corrected deeds made or official documents showing his dad and Mr. Pitts lost any property. The land has a rock base that the county put in years ago and now three or four sycamore trees have grown through it. This road was not utilized once and the county put in a lot of money into building it. The culverts were put in, and a bridge was getting ready to be built across the creek but the county lost interest in it because the property sold. Steven is asking for himself and his family's sake to be given 30 feet back to the Creech family. County Attorney Robert King said he had looked but could not find anything that was filed. Steven told him it did go through the local court. Robert told him back in the 1970's the records would not be housed in the county it would be in archives.

Robert said the process would be simple if it was a county road. We could close the road and revert it to the property owner. We would need to get a description of the property for the road and do a deed from the county to the property owners. If for some reason we cannot find where it was achieved, we will need to establish where it was a county road.

Steven said he respectfully asked the court to consider his request. All members of the court agreed they the 30 feet back.

Judge Barnes told Mr. Creech they would check on this and get back with him.

Steven said he appreciates anything they could do.

Montgomery County Regional Jail Adult Detention Agreement July 1st, 2026 – June 30th, 2027:

This agreement to house inmates from your county in the Montgomery County Regional Jail in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. This agreement is for adults both male and female.

This agreement was made by the Montgomery County Fiscal Court, for and on behalf of the Montgomery County Regional Jail, Party of the First Part. Powell County, party of the Second Part is to Witness the following:

Whereas the Party of the Second Part is desirous of housing their inmates at the Montgomery County Regional Jail.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving the Montgomery County Regional Jail Adult Detention Agreement July 1, 2026 through June 30th, 2027. This agreement is for adults both male and female. This motion authorizes and directs County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign this agreement. Motion passed unanimously

Proposal for Government Relations Services - Gilliam Consulting LLC

Gilliam Consulting LLC specializes in helping local governments and public entities navigate state government, identify funding opportunities and move propriety projects forward.

Under this engagement Gilliam Consulting will work with Powel Couty Fiscal Court and the City of Stanton to provide strategic assistance in three priority areas. Gilliam Consulting will help both entities navigate Frankfort by maintaining awareness of legislative, budgetary, and administrative developments that may affect local priorities and by helping facilitate communication with relevant state officials and agencies. Gilliam Consulting will assist in identifying and tracking funding opportunities that may support local infrastructure community development and other priority projects. Gilliam Consulting will support project progression by helping both entities refine priorities, coordinate next steps and pursue the state-level engagement necessary to keep projects moving.

The term of this agreement shall be for one year, with the opportunity to extend upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Compensation for services shall be \$1,500.00 per month, replacing the current monthly amount of \$1,000.00. This amount will be shared between Powell County Fiscal Court and the City of Stanton. A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving the proposal from Gilliam Consulting LLC for the term of one (1) year with the opportunity to extend upon mutual agreement of the parties. The compensation for services shall be \$1,500.00 per month, replacing the current monthly amount of \$1,000.00 per month. The amount will be shared between Powell County Fiscal Court and the City of Stanton.

Motion passed unanimously

2026-2027 Annual Order Pre-Approval Recurring Expenses:

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the 2026-2027 Annual Order Pre-Approval Recurring Expenses.

Motion passed unanimously

1st Reading of the 2026-2027 Budget: KRS: 67.077

Magistrate Dennis Combs asked if they were going to work on the budget. He said he had spreadsheets comparing numbers to other counties if they wanted to see them.

Members of the court have agreed to a special meeting on May 18th at 3:00 p.m. Magistrate Brian McKinney asks if it would be a workshop or special meeting. Judge Barnes said a special meeting would have to be called because of a quorum.

Other Business:

Dental Bill for Road Department Employee Billy Hood:

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A computer error was made regarding Billy Hood's dental premium . He made it aware that vision was not supposed to be deducted from his check. This vision plan is included with the health plan. When the change was made the vision premium was taken out of computer but so was his dental premium. Mr. Hood found this out when he had dental work done.

He is now asking for the court to approve payment for this dental bill. Mr. Hood feels this was not his fault that this error occurred.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the dental bill to Dr. Alaine Greene, 225 Windsor Drive, Mt Sterling, Kentucky 40353 in the amount of \$175.00 for Billy Hood.

Motion passed unanimously

Magistrate Dennis Combs asked about lettering county vehicles. Road Laborer Billy Hood said he talked with Prince Detailing and was told they were waiting for a person to make the logo. Billy said if he does not have it soon, they would check somewhere else.

Next Regular Meeting will be held on June 9th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

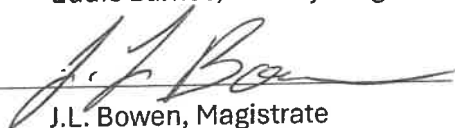
Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

Motion passed unanimously



Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive



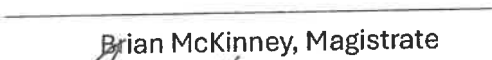
J.L. Bowen, Magistrate



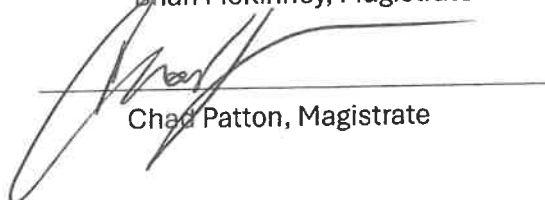
Dennis Combs, Magistrate



Mike Lockard, Magistrate



Brian McKinney, Magistrate



Chad Patton, Magistrate