

Powell County Fiscal Court

Regular Called Meeting

Date: June 16th, 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 (May 12th, 2026)**
- VI. Approval of Bills Submitted for Payment**
- VII. Approval of Treasurer's Financial Statement**
- VIII. Approval of Treasurer's Transfers**
- IX. Old Business - Epoxy floors for Stanton & Clay City Fire Department's**
- X. Department Head Updates**
- XI. Magistrates Updates**
 - **Powell County Tourism Director Pete Fingerson - Board Appointments**
 - **Powell's Valley Water District Secretary/Treasurer Appointment**
 - **Resolution/Agreement - Cleaner Water Program Project**
 - **Acknowledgement of the Powell County Board of Health 2027 Tax Rates**
 - **Proposal CWDG Project Manager**
 - **2nd Reading of the 2026/2027 Budget KRS 67.077;68.260**
 - **Hiring of Leah Napier – County Judge Executive Administrative Assistant**
- XII. Other**
- XIV. Next Regular Meeting, Tuesday July 14th, 2026**
- XIII. Adjournment**

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Presiding: Judge Executive Eddie Barnes

Present: Latisha Morris (recording meeting for Fiscal Court Clerk Connie Crabtree), Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Chad Patton, Ruth Jones, Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer, Jessica Faulkner Noon, Dwain Anderson, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden

County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes called the meeting to order:

County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call for the following members: There was a quorum established:

County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Present

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Present

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Present

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Present

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Absent

Magistrate Chad McKinney – Present

Meeting Minutes of May 12th, 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 May 12th, 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 - \$50,000.00
04-4909: Transfer to Ambulance - \$50,000.00
09-1000: Transfer from General - \$50,000.00
09-4910: Transfer from General - \$50,000.00

01-1000: Transfer to Grants \$20,000.00
01-4909: Transfer to General \$20,000.00
78-1008: Transfer from General \$20,000.00
78-4910: Transfer from General \$20,000.00

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

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

5/1/26 – 5/31/26 Financial Statement:

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the 5/1/26 – 5/31/26 Financial Statement. Motion passed unanimously

Old Business:

Epoxy Floors at the Stanton and Clay City Fire Departments:

Enoch Thomas was present for the meeting to make members of the court aware the City of Stanton and the City of Clay City have both agreed to pay ½ of the cost to put epoxy on the fire departments floors. The county has agreed to pay for the other ½ for both fire departments. Middlefork Fire Department Floors are completed, and they are supposed to start on the EMS building floors tomorrow.

Department Head Updates:

Fire Chief Robbie Campbell – Middle Fork Fire Department

Fire Chief Robbie Campbell with Middle Fork Fire Department was present at the meeting. Robbie passed out a couple of invoices for repairs to Engine 51 and the International Truck Tanker. The cost to completely repair Engine 51 is \$3,952.32 and the cost to repair the International Truck Tanker which includes new tires and brakes will cost \$13,638.23.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the invoices to pay for the repairs for Engine 51 in the amount of \$3,952.32 and the repairs for the International Truck Tanker in the amount of \$13,638.23. Treasurer will make a budget transfer from the General Fund into the LGEA Fund (Middlefork Fire Department's contribution line) to pay for the repairs.

Motion passed unanimously

Robbie let members of the court know the floors at the fire department turned out great and they are in the process of painting the building and have ordered new doors.

EMA Director John Knootz:

EMA Director John Knootz let members of the court know he talked to the weather service, and they had ruled it was not a tornado we had a few weeks ago but there was a lot of damage to Hatcher's Creek and Lower Hatcher's Creek. He is still dealing with FEMA on some projects. We should be getting checks for Neal Silva and Star Gap.

One siren had been down, but Ricky was going to change out batteries. John will check on the status regarding CODERED.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen asks John what the status was on extra back-up radios for the emergency service. John told him they do not have enough of them. John said Ricky had found several radios at 1/3 of the cost. These radios are 110 watts versus 40 watts. Judge Barnes suggested with court approval to purchase several radios to put in Middlefork's fire trucks because there are a lot of areas where they have problems with service. Ricky Wasson plans to purchase around 10 radios. A motion was made J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the purchase of 2 icon radios at \$1,000.00 each.

Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer:

Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer let members of the court know they had taken in 47 dogs at the shelter since May 1st

The total intakes for the month of May were 34 dogs of which 9 were reclaimed, 3 were adopted and 11 went to rescue. 16 cats were taken in along with 13 kittens of which 6 were adopted and 3 went to rescue. Friends of Powell County Pets have been working with spading surgeries.

Brandon is in the process of applying for a \$5,000.00 grant. He has also been working on revising the county ordinance but needs to talk to County Attorney Robert King about a few things.

Estill County gave the shelter a truck load of dog and cat food which we are very thankful for. They are going back in the morning to pick up a pallet of puppy food.

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy:

(Approving Bids submitted from Hinkle Contracting to Resurface Homestead Drive and Allie Lane)

Road Patrick McCoy spoke about the county adopting Allie Lane and Homestead Drive a while ago.

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They have questioned where the City of Stanton will contribute to getting these two roadways resurfaced. Patrick received quotes from Hinkle Contracting to resurface these two roads. Hinkle Contracting does have our bids for asphalt currently.

Homestead Drive - \$20,006.83

Allie Lane - \$33,531.00

Magistrate Chad Patton ask if the City of Stanton had agreed to pay anything towards the resurfacing. Judge Barnes told him they had agreed to pay ½ of the repair cost.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of accepting the bid submitted from Hinkle Contracting for resurfacing Homestead Drive in the amount of \$20,063.83 and the bid submitted from Hinkle Contracting in the amount of \$ 33,531.00 to resurface Allie Lane.

Motion passed unanimously

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy told members of the court the road department needed some equipment. The roller currently has major safety issues. Patrick said it was too dangerous to use. It didn't even come equipped with a seat belt and there is a chance it could roll over.

Patrick received a quote from Boyd Caterpillar for a roller in the amount of \$33,000.00 which include a warranty until May 2027.

Patrick also received a quote from Boyd Cat for a Cold Planer in the amount of \$14,000.00.

If these pieces were rented it would far exceed purchasing them.

(Approval to purchase a 2022 Caterpillar Roller from Boyd Cat)

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 a 2022 Caterpillar Model CB1.8 Serial #64800474 from Boyd Cat in the amount of \$33,000.00 for the Powell County Road Department.

Motion passed unanimously

(Approval to purchase a Caterpillar Cold Planer from Boyd Cat)

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the purchase of a C310B Caterpillar Cold Planer from Boyd Cat in the amount of \$14,000.00 for the Powell County Road Department.

Motion passed unanimously

Patrick told members of the court they should be finished with right of way mowing tomorrow. They will be scheduling some down time for the two mowing tractors. One of them needs two front tires and the bush hog has a u- joint failing. As soon as these machines get going again, they will continue their mowing. They also have been doing some slope mowing, and more roads are being added to the list. They had an issue with their John Deere slope mower. The spindle assembly had been repaired but they ended up sending the part to a machine shop which saved around \$1,300.00 verses purchasing new parts. It is now up and running and plan to use it tomorrow.

Patrick made members aware they brought back Melvin Atkinson as a temporary employee to help with mowing. A temporary employee can work a consecutive 6 months.

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden:

(Approval of hiring two additional seasonal workers at the Powell County Transfer Station)

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden let members of the court know the incinerator will be arriving the first of the week. They will be using it first at the Powell County Detention Center. There will be a person to come in and train them in how to use it.

They have started using the Hauler Hero program at the transfer station. The computer is set up, and they are in the process of learning how to use the program.

Tim told members of the court there is no way to keep contraband from coming into the transfer station. He does not want the inmates back at the transfer station. We can still use them on special occasions such as cleaning roads or free tire day. Judge Barnes asks Tim if he was looking into bringing someone in to help unload garbage or let the person unload it themselves. Tim said there are several elderly people that come and he does not want them to have to unload their own trash.

He told members of the court John Creech was interested in getting another job, but it would be for around 3 or 4 months before he could start. Tim said he would like to hire him as a seasonal employee, which would allow 6 months of work in a twelve-month period (according to handbook). He asks if they would allow him to hire two additional seasonal employees.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of allowing Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden to hire an additional two seasonal workers for the Powell County Transfer Station.

Motion passed unanimously

Assistant E911 Director Latisha Morris:

Latisha made it aware the sound was not working on the owl. She had tried several different things but could not get it to work.

Assistant E911 Director Latisha Morris read the call logs for the month of May 2026 to members of the court.

Clay City Fire Department -63

Clay City Police Department – 131

Middle Fork Fire Department – 40

Powell County EMS – 270

Powell County Animal Control – 59

Powell County Coroner – 2

Powell County Sheriff's Office – 424

Powell County SAR – 11

Stanton Fire Department – 46

Stanton Police Department – 303

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Total CAD – 1,349

CAD Average Per Day – 43.5

Latisha made members of the court aware they are still waiting for NCIC in. They are waiting for one of their vendors' fingerprints through KSP.

EMS Director William Puckett:

EMS Director William Puckett let members of the court know ProCare takes care of stretchers, Lucas's devices, life packs and defibrillators. The service plan for the upkeep of these things will be \$12,879.20 annually.

Magistrate Mike Lockard said he had spoken with a vendor at the jailer's conference, and they had said we could purchase ambulance equipment/supplies from the Opioid Abatement funds.

Judge Barnes asks County Attorney Robert King what his thoughts are on this. Magistrate J.L.

Bowen said we could not do it unless the Attorney General said we could. Judge Barnes said we would have to check into it.

One of the EC units is down. They use it as backup when needed. The only problem is they must move the equipment from one unit to another. It will cost around \$100,000.00 to equip it.

County Attorney Robert King:

County Attorney Robert King spoke about the opioid abatement funds. Some counties have spent opioid abatement funds and what they spend it on may be right or maybe wrong. We need to know what we can spend it on before we do so. Judge Barnes said he could reach out to Lauren Carr at Bluegrass Area Development.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen asks Robert about the airport. Robert told him Dale has been trying to get ahold of the person who owns the hanger but has had no luck. Glen Saylor's gave Robert a new number to call.

Public Comments:

Jessica Faulkner Noon wanted to know who was taking the minutes this evening because her questions were extremely important. Latisha Morris told her the meeting was being recorded. She started off by talking about the possible landfill at Virden Ridge. She said she had done this multiple times, but she wanted to ask each Magistrate if they were opposing the landfill on Virden Ridge.

Magistrate Chad Patton – Still Opposed

Magistrate J.L. Bowen - Opposes any landfill in Powell County

Magistrate Dennis Combs -Opposed

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Opposed 100%

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Opposed

Jessica asks County Attorney Robert King if our current Ordinance prevents a landfill from coming in on Virden Ridge. He told her it would have to get approval from the Fiscal Court. They worked very quickly to try to get the ordinance in place because of the company coming in. There were two

different things that happened. One was an action that Blaze filed and the circuit court here challenged our ordinance, but we won that case.

Then there was a licensing issue in Frankfort that is still going on.

Jessica said she had attended all the meetings and court hearings in Frankfort plus the ones here in the county. The Energy and Environment department put it back on the ordinance of Powell County. The ordinance held up enough to stop the landfill. Robert said the challenge they filed was dismissed and they did not win that challenge in our circuit court.

Jessica said the reason she and the group are so passionate about this is whenever the landfill tried to go in on Virden Ridge the Energy and Environment department caught Blaze Enterprises with 55-gallon barrel drums with radioactive waste. Jessica said this is the reason she will not let this go.

(Discussion of Social Media Posts)

The reason she is bringing it up once again is on May 19th Enoch Thomas posted on social media there is still a dump going to happen on Virden Ridge in Clay City. She said there was a comment after that from Josh Perry asking if this was the one that Blaze Enterprises tried to make years ago when James Anderson was still County Judge. Enoch responded to the comment that said he had no idea who was putting it in and thought Ms. Noon had stopped it but apparently not. Starlina Brown asks if there was any documentation such as court documents and would like to see them because there are always two sides to every story being told. Belinda Lynn tagged Jessica and asked her if she had any information. Jessica said she did. She has all the information since her name is on the litigation as well as Glenda Mayhorn, Cindy Geddes and Eddie Barnes.

Considering Enoch Thomas' name is not in any of the documentation she would not consider him a factual source of information. Per the fiscal court meeting minutes from June 10th, 2025, March 14th, 2023, and several other meetings Jessica has spoken on this along with Glenda, Sheila and Kay. Jessica posted the minutes so Enoch could read them.

If the county ever decided to change an Ordinance to allow landfills per the law which Robert stated, the Ordinance will have to be changed, and the Magistrates would have to vote on it. The Magistrates have stated on numerous occasions they are opposed to the landfill as well as Eddie Barnes. Should anyone have further questions, she encouraged them to go to the source for information. Please come to any public fiscal court meeting which is being held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at 33 Commerce Drive Stanton, Kentucky. They have always allowed herself and others to speak anytime she has concerns. She encouraged anyone else to find out as well.

Jessica said others had also commented on the post. Jessica said she is not a fan of having any conversation with anyone on social media. If she has an issue with you, she will come to talk to you face to face or come to the meeting and talk about it. She does have any issue with this. She does not understand why this was posted. Jessica wanted to clarify if Enoch Thomas is a county employee. Is he paid by the county? Judge Barnes told her no he is a volunteer fire fighter. He is on the list as a fill-in for EMS Service. EMS Director William Puckett said he has been on the list since November and has not worked at the EMS Service. Jessica said he stirred the pot. She asks members of the court if they support or reprimand people who volunteer for the county when they spread misinformation either on social media or in the public. Judge Barnes said there are a lot of

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people putting things on social media there that is not true. Jessica said she is concerned about this specific one. She said with her career and where she works, they are not allowed to post information that would mislead someone or personal information. She said this is uncalled for and wished Enoch was still present for the meeting. Latisha Morris told her she thought this would be a City of Stanton issue not a county issue because Enoch volunteers for the Stanton Fire Department not for the county fire department. Judge Barnes told her he did volunteer for both.

Judge Barnes said whatever Enoch Thomas says Enoch Thomas is not the Stanton Fire Department or the Powell County Fiscal Court. Jessica said he posted something about the county and posted pictures of computer monitors. People should do an open records request and not post things on social media. Judge Barnes said that was about REDSTAR. Jessica said she just wanted to clear all this up.

She had a question about CODE RED. Her phone did not go off when there was a tornado alert. EMA Director John Knootz said they had an issue with it. There were a lot of people's phones that were not alerted. All the sirens did alert expect for one. She thanked Magistrate Chad Patton for sending her an App to download. She said it has worked since then.

Jessica said she had gotten messages from different people saying the sound was not working during the meeting. Latisha said it was an issue with the owl.

Jessica said if Enoch would like to talk to her, her phone number is on several things.

Jessica said she will continue to be passionate about it and if anything, else comes about she will be back to the meeting to discuss it. She thanked members of the court for listening to her.

Dwain Anderson:

Dwain thanked members of the court for the opportunity to speak this evening.

The first question Dwain asks members of the court was how much money the county has in the contingent fund. Judge Barnes gave him the total amount that the county had in each fund.

General Fund - \$3,496,729.10

Road Fund - \$199,671.13 Grants - 77,158.67

CDBG Fund - 9,650.78

Jail Fund - \$204,376.55

LGEA Fund - \$473,600.81

Csepp Fund - \$22,236.55

Ambulance Fund - \$65,759.52

Forest Fire - 1,915.56

Grants - 77,158.67

CDBG Fund - 9,650.78

Alcohol Beverage Fund - \$61,863.26

ARPA - \$15,549.64

Dispatch - \$27,324.69

Transient Tax - \$44,015.73

Clerks Storage Fee Fund - \$29,687.06

Opioid Fund - \$822,336.15

Dwain said he understands the General Fund has different things like monthly bills but if there was 3.4 million at the end of the year what was the need for the 1.3-million-dollar tax increase last year to balance the budget. Judge Barnes told him it was not to balance the budget, and the only tax increase was the occupational tax. Dwain asks about the water tax. Judge Barnes asked him what water tax he was talking about. The county does not operate on water and if he was talking about the \$5.00 fee on the water bill it was to cover the expenses of the building and our E911 because of CSEPP program going away. Judge Barnes said the \$5.00 fee should have been put on the water bill years ago. This was left for us to deal with, and we dealt with it the best we could. The \$5.00 is not tax, it is a service fee. Dwain said if you are a taxpayer then you are paying taxes on \$5.00.

Dwain went on to say there are 7426 water services in the county so if you multiply \$5.00 per month it will tell you how much comes to the county in a year's time. Judge Barnes told Dwain this money is strictly for our dispatch and does not service anything else but this.

EMA Director John Knootz told Dwain that CSEPP has been paying 90% of the cost of the building. Dwain said he did understand that. Dwain said it was a 1.3 tax increase and 1/2 percent occupational tax.

If you are carrying that much money in your contingent fund or general fund he does not see why we need an occupational tax increase. Judge Barnes told Dwain when we go to apply for grants there are matching fees. The Beech Fork Water is going to require 10 million dollars for their service upgrade and if it's an 80/20 match then we are looking at 2 million dollars.

Judge Barnes asks Randy Ledford what the cost of the upgrades was going to be. He told him around 6 million dollars. Dwain asks if that 8-million-dollar grant had come through. Judge Barnes told him we have not received the funds yet, but the grant has been awarded.

Dwain said the fire department has done a great job. Magistrate J.L. Bowen said we need to purchase three new fire trucks which would cost around 1.8 million dollars. Dwain told him he understands this. In district 4 we have half of the county roads. Dwain asks if there was going to be money for resurfacing the roads. Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy said we will be applying for the Flex Funds which is an 80/20 match as well as applying for the CPPP Funds. Judge Barnes said they are cutting funding more. He said he got bashed about the .10 cent fuel extension for 30 days. At the most we would save the people \$30.00 to \$40.00. If we did get the extension, it will cost us on our rural and municipal roads which is around \$101,000.00 that we cannot get back. Dwain said he would like a copy showing this because he finds this hard to believe. Judge Barnes said prior to making his decision he contacted some of the local judges, County Judge's Associations of Counties and a representative from Frankfort. Out of 120 counties we had five counties that applied for the extension and out of 411 cities 33 applied for the extension. The ones that did not apply knew we would lose money on our roads. Dwain said our representatives and state senators need to be notified. Judge Barnes said it was the Governor that did this and Dwain said the Governor cut the tax and ask for the extension but the money from the road fund comes from the general assembly. The Kentucky League of Cities sent out information package that said if we did this it would cost our community 27 million dollars a month. Dwain said they do not a lot the money it comes through the legislature. Judge Barnes said if we had a representative we could talk to them. Dwain said we did have one and Judge Barnes no we do not. Dwain replied that was his

problem, it's not his fault. Judge Barnes said we do not want to raise taxes, but we need to continue to make our community safe. Dwain also told members of the court our county roads are in terrible shape. Judge Barnes said he totally agrees and to go look at Cow Creek and Star Gap Roads. For us to get funds we must go out and travel roads. A list is then made and sent to Frankfort, Frankfort sends the list to district and engineers come out and look at the roads. Star Gap Road is terrible and was ranked #7 but the road must rank #8, #9 or #10 to be repaired. If we do get approved for repairs our state representative picks the road to repave. Dwain said the road money that is allocated to the county the fiscal court votes on the roads. Magistrate J.L. Bowen said they do not the representative approves the roads the court votes on the money. Dwain said the people in this county cannot continue to drive on these roads. Judge Barnes said he totally agrees and this is the reason we have purchased equipment to try and repair the roads. Judge Barnes told Dwain if he knew someone at Hinkle Contracting that could help us out. Dwain said what roads we are working on. Judge Barnes said our last roads were Wild Cheery Lane, Rose Lane, Silver Maple Road, Oak Ridge Road, O'Hair Road and Cheneyville Road. We are waiting for Hinkle Contracting to start the repairs.

Dwain thanked the court again for the opportunity to speak but they needed to think about tax increases. Judge Barnes said if we ever get in better financial situation, we may be able to bring the tax back down to 1.25 percent, it was not a permanent thing. Dwain asks him if there was a sunset agreement on the tax. Judge Barnes said this is like the insurance agreement we had several years back. Dwain said he did not say anything about the insurance tax and unless they repeal the tax it's permanent.

District Updates:

Magistrate Chad Patton: Several issues with trees needing cut down but Patrick and road crew took care of them.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen: Issue with roads and trees. Patrick and road crew have taken care of them. Hollerwood is going great and hears great complements.

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Guardrail, stop signs and speed limit signs in his area has been addressed

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Any updates on the cracked foundation of the courthouse. Judge Barnes told him Codell was supposed to contract State. He asks if we ever found out if Honor Drive was a county road. Patrick told him it was a private drive. Magistrate J.L Bowen asks the status on the closing behind the courthouse. Judge Barnes said we could have to contract state because that is a state road. They had mentioned they would have to donate that section to the county.

New Business:

Powell County Tourism Director Pete Fingerson: Tourism Update and discussion of appointments to the Hotel/Motel Association.

Powell County Tourism Director Pete Fingerson introduced his Assistant Director Jill to members of the court. Jill has been the Assistant Director since February. She handed a couple of flyers out to members of the court. The first one was the 2025 Economic Impact of Tourism in Kentucky.

Powell County spending was 19 million.

Employment – 164 jobs

Labor Income – 5.1 million

State & Local Taxes - \$1 .6 million

Kentucky spending was \$14.6 Billion.

Employment – 96,993 jobs

Labor Income - \$3.64 billion

State & Local Taxes - \$1.1 billion

The other flyer Jill handed out was an invitation to an open reception to an Art Exhibit at the visitor's center. This exhibit is through the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsman, in partnership with KCHEA.

Pete has had a couple of speaking engagements in the past few months. Her has spoken with Kentucky Guild of Brewers and The Bluegrass State Ability Summon of Lexington. He also got invited to be on a panel for East Kentucky Leadership conference back in May and did a panel discussion for the Kentucky Travel Industry Association. Pete represents Powell County throughout the on a positive level. Pete along with Jill attended the Kentucky Travelers Association spring conference. Jill is also a part of the Certified Kentucky Tourism Professional Program.

There were a couple of events that took place. The Lim and Bread Jamboree was held at the Natural Bridge State Park, and the Kentucky Ag Agents will be meeting there this week was well.

The Big Foot Festival was not put on by the Powell County Tourism. There were around 15,000 people that attended and a big success. It probably was the single best economic impact that Powell County has scene. They are estimating around \$28 million dollars.

Pete talked about the property they have on Hatton Creek. They work with an engineering firm outside of Louisville. They have a summer internship program. There are 12 interns working on feasibility studies for that property which is free of charge. They will be working for around 12 weeks. They now have an online portal for the transient tax collection so that people can now play by credit card. They have a new water fountain at the visitor's center with a bottle filler and they have gotten around \$700.00 donations for using the charging station at the visitor's center.

They are currently working on a new fold-out brochure. It will have a map of Powell County, restaurants, shops and main attractions as well. They have seen around 20,000 visitors so far this year. Natural Bridge will turn 100 this year. They will be having a celebration on Saturday July 18th from 4:30 to 6:30 at Hoe Down Island.

Pete, let members of the court know about the board appointments to the Hotel/Motel Association. He told members of the court Delbert Brown is currently serving on the board and he would like to continue having him serve. The second seat is the Judge Executive's appointment and that is Dario Ventura. Pete said he would love to keep him serving. Delbert and Dario have been an asset to Powell County.

Judge Barnes let members of the court know himself along with Leandra Knox and Rob Williams will be going to New Orleans for the National Association of Counties meeting. They have asked them to speak at the convention.

Stanton Hotel-Motel Association Appointments:

Judge Barnes read off the names that was submitted by Chad Abner, CRPC Financial Advisor. Chad submitted names for consideration for the upcoming appointment as Delbert's term is up for renewal. He is listing his name first as he has indicated a desire to continue serving on the board.

Delbert Brown

Randall Kiser

Casey Abner

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the appointment of Delbert Brown to continue serving on the Hotel-Motel Association.

Motion passed unanimously

Stanton Hotel-Motel Association Appointment: (Judge and Fiscal Court pick)

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving the appointment of Dario Ventura to continue serving on the Hotel-Motel Association.

Motion passed unanimously

Powell's Valley Water District Secretary/Treasurer Appointment:

The Powell Valley Water District's Secretary/Treasurer term which is held by Mr. Paul Skidmore is up for renewal July 2026. He is requesting a four-year term renewal.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the appointment of Mr. Paul Skidmore as the Secretary/Treasurer for Powell's Valley Water District for a four-year term renewal.

Motion passed unanimously

Judge Barnes made it aware we would need to have a special meeting to approve all year-end claims. Members of the court agreed on June 30th, 2026, at 6:00. The meeting will be held in the Judge Executives office.

Acknowledgement of the Powell County Board of Health 2027 Tax Rates:

Members of the fiscal court were made aware of the Powell County Board of Health 2027 Tax Rates:

Real Property – 8 cents per \$100

Personal Property – 8 cents per \$100

Motor Vehicle – 8 cents per \$100

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to accept and acknowledge the Powell County Board of Health 2027 tax rates as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

Grant Administrator Position for the Powell County Community Wildlife Plan (CWPP)

The only application received for the Grant Administrator Position for the Powell County Community Wildlife Plan (CWPP) was submitted by Kevin Babcock- KB Consulting of Central Kentucky.

Mr. Babcock submitted a cover letter expressing his strong interest in the Grant Administrator position for the Powell County Wildlife Protection Plan (CWPP). With more than 27 years of experience in environmental project management and grant compliance, he is eager to apply his skills in wildlife risk reduction and stakeholder collaboration to support Powell County's safety goals.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the application submitted by Kevin Babcock-KB Consulting of Central Kentucky for Grant Administrator position for the Powell County Community Wildlife Protection Plan (CWPP). This motion authorizes and directs Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign all necessary paperwork concerning this grant.

Motion passed unanimously

2nd Reading of the 2026/2027 Budget KRS 67.077;68.260

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton to approve the 2nd reading of the 2026-2027 Budget. KRS 67.077;68.260

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Aye

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Opposed

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Reclassification of Leah Napier as an Assistant Administrator in the County Judge Executive's Office.

Judge Barnes made it known that Leah Napier is already an employee for the Powell County Fiscal Court. She has been employed for six years. Leah started out working in the County Judges office and then later took the secretary position with the CSEPP Program. Leah applied for the assistant position for the Powell County Community Wildlife Plan (CWPP).

Judge Barnes told members of the court instead of hiring her she is being reclassified as an assistant to help in the County Judge Executive's office. She also assists EMA Director John Knootz with emergency management paperwork.

Judge Barnes said in the event of other employees retiring Leah can be learning other positions. She is a very dedicated employee and is eager to learn different things.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the reclassification of Leah Napier to be an assistant in the Powell County Judge Executive's office.

Motion passed unanimously

Brief discussion about lettering county vehicles.

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***Contract for Professional Services Appalachian Regional Commission Grant Program
Powell County Fiscal Court – Clay City Business Park Water and Sewer Extension ARC
Project (KY23195) Part 1 and Part II.***

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the Contract Part 1 and Part II for the Clay City Business Park Water and Sewer Extension ARC Project. This motion authorizes and directs County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign all necessary paperwork regarding the Clay City Business Park and Sewer Extension ARC Project (KY23195) Part 1 and Part II.

Motion passed unanimously

***Bluegrass Area Development and the Powell County Fiscal Court: Professional
Project Administration Services. Clay City Business Park Water and Sewer Extension
Project. Agreement, exhibit 4 - Resolution and exhibit 5 -Legal Counsel Letter.***

BGADD shall be entitled to receive payment under this Agreement. The County Shall Pay to BGADD a flat fee of \$5,000.00 pursuant to the Agreement. This amount shall be paid regardless of the number of hours BGADD's staff expends or the amount BGADD incurs in completing its duties as herein set forth. BGADD shall submit invoices monthly, for which invoices must be paid withing 10 days of receipt.

BGADD will provide services as professional project administrator to complete the portion of the Project for which Powell County Fiscal Court is responsible for making full use of their KIA Clean Water Program Funds.

Exhibit 4 Resolution Powell County Fiscal Court accepting the grant approving the grant assistance.
Exhibit 5 – Opinion of Legal Counsel

A motion was made by J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving the Agreement, Resolution-Exhibit 4 and Opinion of Legal Counsel Letter-Exhibit 5 with Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) for them to be the Professional Project Administration Consultant for the Clay City Business Park Water and Sewer Extension Project. This motion authorizes and directs County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign all necessary paperwork regarding the Clay City Business Park Water and Sewer Expansion Project.

Motion passed unanimously

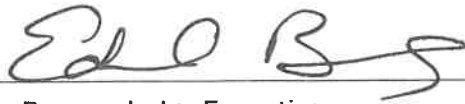
The next special meeting will be held on June 30th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the County Judge Executive's Office.

The next regular meeting will be held on July 14th, 2026. This meeting will be held at the Emergency Operations Center.

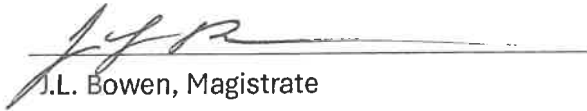
Adjournment:

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



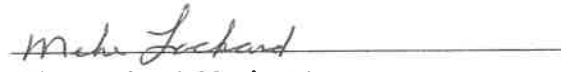
Eddie Barnes, Judge Executive



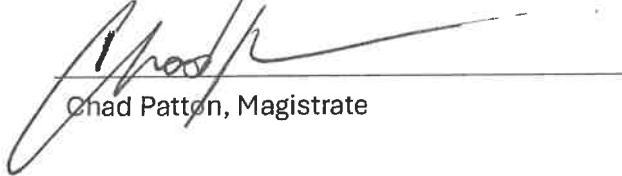
J.L. Bowen, Magistrate



Dennis Combs, Magistrate



Mike Lockard, Magistrate



Chad Patton, Magistrate