

**POWELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
6:00 p.m.**

Present: James Anderson, County Judge Executive  
Connie Crabtree, Fiscal Court Clerk  
Cory Graham, Wireless 911 Director  
Brinton Epperson, Field Tax Administrator  
Rhonda Barnett, County Clerk  
Nathan Hall, Ambulance Director  
Gary West, Road Foreman  
Daxon Caudill, Csepp Financial Officer

Meeting call to Order by Judge Anderson

**Judge Anderson asked the Clerk for roll call:**

**Magistrate Donna Gabbard – Present**

**Magistrate Mike Lockard – Present**

**Magistrate Keith hall – Present**

**Magistrate Kenneth Rice – Present**

**Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Present**

Pastor Jonathan Lewis offered the invocation

This regular called meeting began by approving the Clerk's report for the prior meeting.

A motion was made by Judge Anderson and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth Rice to approve the Clerk's report for the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting with noted changes.

**Motion passes unanimously**

**6-0**

Bills submitted for payment by the Powell County Treasurer were approved without opposition from the court.

Judge Anderson presented an additional bill submitted from Red River Ranch in the amount of \$31,150.00 for a steel frame metal building at the Powell County EOC-911 Center contingent that we get pre-payment from the state. This bill was also approved without opposition from the Court.

Treasurer presented the Financial Statement for court's to review.

Treasurer presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly report to the Magistrates for their review.

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Treasurer presented a list of interfund transfers along with the Treasurers request for the court to approve. A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and then was seconded by Magistrate Keith Hall to approve the Treasurer's transfers as presented.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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Cebert Gilbert was present at the meeting to bring forth a Proclamation for the Powell County Lions Club. Powell County Lions Club has spent seventy years serving the citizens of Powell County Chartered February 20<sup>th</sup>, 1946. Mr. Gilbert made the court aware of the services they provide the county for example providing people with eyeglasses. He was requesting that the court declare February as the "Powell County Lions Club Month". Judge Anderson read and signed the Proclamation declaring February as Powell County Lions Club month.

Judge Anderson offered the floor to be opened by public comments. Alfa Patton was the only one at this time to speak to the court.

Mr. Patton addressed the court in relation to the 911 ordinance. After speaking Judge Anderson asked Mr. Patton if he had read the ordinance which he said he hadn't. If Mr. Patton had read the proposal prior to the meeting it would have addressed most of his concerns. Judge Anderson explained in detail what was proposed and why it was being proposed. He also encouraged anyone who has a question or concern over something the court is doing to come by the office and get answers to their questions to maybe see the reasoning behind what is being proposed. Judge Anderson also made everyone aware that items such as this always allow the public a chance to make sure court is aware of how they feel about it as it is published in the paper and notice of when it will be voted on posted prior to the adoption.

The next item on the agenda was Soil Conservation.

Several members were there to address the court. Mr. Wayne Courtney approached the court with some offers to rent an office space in the Old Pennington building. One offer was to rent one office space for \$125.00 or \$250.00 for two office spaces. He also asked the court if the county could provide the internet service for them. Magistrate Timmy Tipton advised Mr. Courtney that some type of a legal contract should be put in place to rent the spaces. The court all agreed that they would like to help them in any way. Judge Anderson expressed his appreciation for them helping the county to receive the NRCS funding in the amount of \$21,362.09. The court asked them to put together some type of formal request and the court would see what they could do to assist them.

**No Action was taken at this time**

Judge Anderson made court aware of some updates.

The second reading of the 911 Ordinance will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Judge Anderson talked briefly on the decrease of landline phones and what effects these decreasing revenues would do to the budget and the ability to provide necessary services.

A couple of dispatchers came from Montgomery County to offer Powell County their support in trying to move this proposal forward.

Next item on the agenda was Industrial Authority Board appointments.

Judge Anderson made those in attendance aware of how fortunate we were to have such a group moving Powell County forward. Mr. Anderson commended the Director of the board Craig Dawson on the wonderful job he does and his dedication and time he puts into helping Powell County. Judge Anderson asked the court to approve John Skidmore and Brian Billings to the Industrial Authority Board. A motion was made by Magistrate Kenneth Rice and then was seconded by Magistrate Keith Hall to approve Judge Anderson's appointments.

**Motion passes unanimously**

**6-0**

Judge Anderson asked the court to approve John Brewer to the Red River Waste Authority Board. The county has one appointment and the city has two appointments. Judge Anderson said he would like to thank both current mayors, previous judges as well of those who have served on this board for all the work they did in making the new wastewater plant a reality.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and then was seconded by Magistrate Keith Hall to approve Judge Anderson's appointment.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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Next the court moved on to discuss a Resolution needed by the Powell County Tourism Commission. Several years ago they were awarded a grant to fund a new welcome center which will also provide permanent office space for them. The state has agreed to add an additional \$100,000.00 of funding to this project. The Powell County Fiscal Court is the fiscal agent and therefore has to pass a resolution to allow for this additional funding to pass through us and onto the Tourism Commission.

A motion was made by Magistrate Timmy Tipton and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to authorize Judge Anderson to sign all necessary papers concerning this resolution.

**Motion passes unanimously**

**6-0**

Moving on to the petition for a local option election for limited sales of alcoholic beverages by drink at qualifying state parks. KRS 242.022 gave the citizens of this district the ability to do so. On February 8, 2016 Judge Anderson received from the County Clerk who had verified that the petition to do so had the qualifying number of signatures needed and also that it had been filed. State statute orders that the County Judge is then required to set the date for that election. The election date will be May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Before moving on to department updates Judge Anderson had a couple more things to discuss. First of all he said he would like thank Hinkle Contracting for being so good to the county. They have loaned us

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equipment and an operator for snow removal, also assisted in moving storage containers to prepare for the jail expansion. They have also donated rock to community events.

The next there was a brief discussion on a home incarceration monitoring system at the Powell County Jail facility.

Due to the jail being overburdened with county inmates Jailer Travis Crabtree has been looking into this system to relieve some of this burden. Mr. Crabtree is getting more information on how this system will work and then present it to the court.

**No Action taken at this time**

The court moved on to Department Updates:

First to speak was Road Foreman Gary West. He said he would like to thank everyone who helped out During the winter storm.

Magistrate Timmy Tipton commended the Road Department and the 911 Center for the great job they did.

Next 911 Coordinator Cory Graham gave each court member a written report on the snow storm. (Report will follow minutes).

He also had an employee status change request.

His request was to move Mariah Rogers to a full-time status.

A motion was made Judge Anderson and then was seconded by Magistrate Keith Hall to allow the request to move Mariah Rogers to a full-time status.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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Daxon Caudill commented on how the social media worked during the snow storm. He said there were 14,000 views the dispatch face book page about the storm. Concerned citizens also called the dispatch to ask about the weather due to them traveling.

Danny McCormick was also present at the meeting to make the court aware that he had a meeting scheduled in two weeks to discuss the tower site upgrade. Clark Energy and East Kentucky Power will have a meeting to go over their policy and procedure's s as soon as the project is finalized.

Field Tax Coordinator Brinton Epperson gave a brief update on taxes.

Ambulance Director Nathan Hall was present at the meeting to ask the court for their approval to make some employees status changes.

First request was to moved paramedic Courtney Cox from a full-time status to a part-time status and replace the full-time position with Natalie McClain.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and then was seconded by Magistrate Keith Hall to allow this request.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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Next request was to moved Justin Wickline from a full-time position to a part-time position and replace the full-time position with Mike Sparks.

A motion was made by magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Keith Hall to allow this request.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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Employee Mike Sparks agreed changing his rate of pay to a starting salary.

Last employee status change was to move John Lane from a part-time to a full-time status.

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth Rice to allow this request.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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Mr. Hall also made court aware that the new ESO program had been having issues with updates and two of the tablets had to be shipped back to MCA. He said the issues would be resolved by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

There was a brief discussion on the new Senior Citizens Center.

On line Banking was the next item of business and how much more efficient it would make us especially in the getting reimbursements from the CSEPP and automatic check deposits.

A motion was made by Magistrate Keith Hall and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to allow on-line banking for County of Powell accounts.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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Last item that court discussed was the complaints on Cash –in-a – Dash for throwing items out in people’s driveways and yards. County Attorney Robert King said an ordinance could be drafted for county right-of ways. Sheriff Danny Rogers agreed to go to these businesses and request they stop this practice.

**No Action taken at this time**

There was no additional business at this time for the Powell County Fiscal Court. A motion was made by Magistrate Kenneth Rice and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to adjourn this regular called meeting.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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*James E. Anderson Jr.*

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*Donna Gabbard*

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*Keith Hall*

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*Mike Lockard*

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*Kenneth Rice*

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*Timmy Tipton*

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