

**POWELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT**

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING**

Date: January 10, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: **Powell County Emergency Operations Center**

**33 Commerce Drive**

**Stanton, Kentucky 40380**

**Join ZOOM Meeting**

**A G E N D A**

- I. Call Meeting To Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Clerk's Report of Last Meeting
- V. Bills Submitted for Payment
- VI. Approval Treasurer's Financial Statement
- VII.** Approval Treasurer's Transfers/Amendments
- VIII. Old Business:
- IX. New Business:
- X. Department Head Updates
- XI. District Updates:

**Items to be discussed:**

- Hiring of employees for New Year
- Transfer Station Recycling Truck
- Approval Sheriff Danny Rogers 2022 Incentive
- Approval County Clerk Jackie Everman 2022 Incentive
- 2023 Holiday Schedule
- Closed Session - Personnel

- VII. Other

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Present: Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, Fiscal Court Clerk Connie Crabtree, Jailer Teddy Lacy, Dispatch Director Larry Hall, Deputy Jailer Neil Hamilton, Road Foreman Patrick McCoy, Solid Waste Coordinator Time Snowden, County Attorney Robert King, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Brian McKinney, Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Chad Patton, Michael Kelso, EMT Jason Randall, Brenda Campbell, EMT Nathan Zachary, Angela Hamilton, EMT Brock Mullins, Justin Rice and Steven Haddix.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask the Fiscal Court Clerk to call roll:

***Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Present  
Magistrate Dennis Combs – Present  
Magistrate Mike Lockard – Present  
Magistrate Brian McKinney – Present  
Magistrate Chad Patton – Present***

***Public Comments:***

No one wished to speak under public comments.

***Meeting Minutes for the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular called meeting:***

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular called meeting.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton ***to approve the Clerk's report for the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular called meeting.***

***Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.***

***Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I  
Magistrate Dennis Combs – I  
Magistrate Mike Lockard – I  
Magistrate Brian McKinney – I  
Magistrate Chad Patton – I  
Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I  
Motion passes unanimously***

***6-0***

***Meeting Minutes for the December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 special called meeting:***

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 special called meeting.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen ***to approve the Clerk's report for the December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 special called meeting.***

***Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.***

***Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I***

***Magistrate Dennis Combs – I***

***Magistrate Mike Lockard – I***

***Magistrate Brian McKinney – I***

***Magistrate Chad Patton – I***

***Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I***

***Motion passes unanimously***

***6-0***

***Bills submitted for payment:***

All bills were submitted to members of the court for payment approval. Court members questioned a check made payable to First Frontier Appalachian Trails in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertained a motion to approve all the bills submitted for payment with the exception of the check made payable to Frontier Appalachian Trails in the amount of \$5,000.00 until we find out more information about it.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney ***to approve payment for all bills submitted with the exception of the check made payable to Frontier Appalachian Trails in the amount of \$5,000.00.***

***Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.***

***Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I***

***Magistrate Dennis Combs – I***

***Magistrate Mike Lockard – I***

***Magistrate Brian McKinney - I***

***Magistrate Chad Patton – I***

***Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I***

***Motion passes unanimously***

***6-0***

***Financial Statements:***

Treasurer presented all of the financials for court approval.

Financials to include: 12/1/22 – 12/31/22 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Statements.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertained a motion to approve the 12/1/22 – 12/31/22 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Statements.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton ***to the 12/1/22 – 12/31/22 financial statement and cash balance statements.***

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.**

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I**

**Magistrate Dennis Combs – I**

**Magistrate Mike Lockard – I**

**Magistrate Brian McKinney – I**

**Magistrate Chad Patton – I**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I**

**Motion passes unanimously**

**6-0**

**Treasurers Transfers:**

Treasurer presented the transfers to members of the court for approval. Transfers to include 12/1/22 interfund transfers, cash and budget transfers.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertained a motion to approve all of the Treasurers Transfers.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton **to approve all the Treasurers Transfers to include any interfund transfers, cash and budget transfers.**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I. (Reports to follow minutes)**

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I**

**Magistrate Dennis Combs – I**

**Magistrate Mike Lockard – I**

**Magistrate Brian McKinney – I**

**Magistrate Chad Patton – I**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I**

**Motion passes unanimously**

**6-0**

**Old Business: (Approving quote from R&R Glass for new doors at the courthouse)**

New doors for the courthouse has been discussed in prior meetings. A quote was submitted from R&R Glass in the amount of \$14,000.00.

**The quote was for:**

**2 – 35 ½ x 85 Crush bar Bronze Triple Hinge Door 12 inch Rails - \$8,000.00**

**2 – Electric Handicap Closures - \$6,000.00** the quote submitted reads that they do require half down payment on all orders to proceed.

After discussion members of the agreed to approve the quote submitted from R&R Glass.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen **to approve the bid submitted from R&R Glass in the amount of \$14,000.00 for two new doors to be installed at the courthouse. This motion also approves for a half down payment to be made in order to proceed.**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.**

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I**

**Magistrate Dennis Combs – I**

**Magistrate Mike Lockard – I**

**Magistrate Brian McKinney - I**

**Magistrate Chad Patton – I**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I**

**Motion passes unanimously**

**6-0**

**2023 Holiday Schedule:**

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertain a motion to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton *to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule.*

*Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.*

*Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I*

*Magistrate Dennis Combs – I*

*Magistrate Mike Lockard – I*

*Magistrate Brian McKinney – I*

*Magistrate Chad Patton – I*

*Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I*

*Motion passes unanimously*

*6-0*

**New Business:**

**Department Head Updates:**

**Jailer Teddy Ray Lacy:**

Teddy Ray told members of the court that he had talked with a lot of people since becoming Jailer. He also told them that Neil had been a big help to him. He is hoping to address the issues they are having with retaining good deputies because of the pay being so low. Judge Barnes said this is an issue we are having in almost all areas of county government.

Teddy Ray also mentioned that the jail had been donated a lot of cleaning supplies and desks if any departments needed any.

**Road Foreman Patrick McCoy:**

Patrick told members of the court they were going about business as usual. We have had a lot of wet weather. He also made them aware that he had sent his work report to Connie. She made all members of the court a copy of this report. The report shows some cleaning such as equipment, etc. They utilize raining days to do cleaning in lieu of sending the guys home. This will keep the guys working and keep up with their time.

Manning Road project through Blue Rock is now completed. He went out and inspected and said that it looks great. Hopefully it will be there in many years to come.

Sand Lick Road stabilization project is now completed.

The leaf blower that was ordered has come in and they are going to work on a mount for it.

The Quarry is closed at this time for maintenance. They are scheduled to reopen for production on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

The stock piles are low at this time which makes it a struggle for them to acquire rock. They do have some small stock piles so they will be utilizing them on a as need bases.

**Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden:**

Tim made members of the court aware that the transfer station will now be open on Wednesday's and Thursday's from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Recycling business is going good and starting to expand a little but the money is not there.

During the months of December and January he sold 31 tons which was around \$4,000.00. In November he sold 30 ton and it was around \$150.00. They currently have 3 semi loads sitting at Burke Parsons. Hopefully by spring the price will go back up.

The county receives a litter abatement grant every year in the amount of \$20,000.00. Tim said himself along with Judge Barnes has talked about some ideas. Tim said he would like to ask for court approval to hire Troy Catron and Terry Tipton as part-time employees to help with cleaning roads. Both of them will average between 16 to 20 hours a week. This will be part of the litter abatement grant. Judge Barnes made members of the court aware that this is reimbursable. Magistrate Dennis Combs ask if the \$20,000.00 will cover these part-time workers salaries. Judge Barnes said they had figured it up and it would be around \$19,936.00. Tim also made members of the court aware that Troy had his CDL's. After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard **to hire Troy Catron and Terry Tipton as a part-time status to average between 16 to 20 hours an week. These part-time hires will be paid out of the Litter Abatement. Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.**

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I**

**Magistrate Dennis Combs – I**

**Magistrate Mike Lockard – I**

**Magistrate Brian McKinney – I**

**Magistrate Chad Patton – I**

**Motion passes unanimously**

**6-0**

Jailer Teddy Lacy said he was approached by Shirley Bowen. She wanted him to ask at the meeting if there was any way they could extend the hours one day a week at the transfer station for people that has to work. Tim Snowden said that people can come on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00. Judge Barnes said they had talked about it and the traffic is just not there to keep it open any longer during the day.

**Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden (Approval to purchase a 1996 Truck to be used for recycling)**

Mr. Snowden ask for court approval to purchase a 1996 Ford Model truck. Tim told members of the court that he had been hauling 4 loads of cardboard a week. He has two loads from Natural Bridge which makes it two round trips. This truck he is wanting to purchase will hold three of his trailers, which will cut his ti me down and save on trips. This truck will less than 2600 pounds so all that will be

required is a physical card. Judge Barnes ask Tim if we could get reimbursed for this. Tim told him not but it could be used for a match.

After discussion Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertained a motion to allow the purchase of this 1996 truck.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney **to allow the purchase of this 1996 truck.**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.**

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I**

**Magistrate Dennis Combs – I**

**Magistrate Mike Lockard – I**

**Magistrate Chad Patton - I**

**Magistrate Brian McKinney – I**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**Ambulance Director Nathan Hall:**

Nathan made members of the court aware that they had an inspection on 3/7/23. Court also needs to make a decision on what to do with the Mercedes because it's been sitting at Interstate Diesel for around a year and they still have not repaired it. Nathan said he will get in touch with them and have it towed back to the Ambulance service. Neil ask Nathan to get the serial number for him and he would check to see what he could do to help out.

Nathan also said he needed to get with Eddie and Teddy to discuss an inmate transport bill that is owed.

**Dispatch Director Larry Hall:**

Larry made members of the court aware that he had been on the phone since day one trying to get everyone in compliance. He is getting his employees set up for any training they will be required to have. He had to go back and group with finger prints through IdentoGo. There are two different places we can use which are in Richmond or Morehead. Criminal Department of Justice sent emails over. Larry gave a packet to each member of the court which they may could discuss in closed session. Larry Olivier is the person who does the audits. He was here last May and will be our point of contact. Mr. Oliver sent Justin what we are required to have. Larry said they finally got the list of hire dates. The dispatch now has 5 employees with the exception of Larry and Justin. Larry has gave out applications to try and get some part time help.

Judge Barnes said one of the problems is like last month they had 265 hours of overtime which is the reason we are trying to hire some part time people and full time people to try and eliminate this over time. He went on to say we are going to have to recruit good employees and retain them. We have to pay them and offer good benefits and retirement. We have dispatchers and people at the jail making \$10.00 per hour. People cannot survive on this kind of pay.

Judge Barnes said that during the budget session we are going to see if we can increase the rates. We need to take care of our road crew also.

Magistrate Bowen mentioned having a work shop to figure some things out.

Judge Barnes also thank Treasurer Connie Crabtree for helping him since he has been Judge Executive.

**CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock:**

Kevin let members of the court know that on the EM side he would like to publically acknowledge the citizens of Powell County on how they came together to get use through and kept our first responders safe during the cold snap we had. He said he would also like to acknowledge the Ministerial Association for stepping forward if someone needed emergency housing. The First Church of God in Clay City opened up their doors for a warming center. Osha Haddix went around and made sure the homeless that were in the Clay City area and around the county had a place to stay. Kevin said he appreciates the citizens of Powell County and they make his job a lot easier.

The court previously approved to build the trailer shelter and CSEPP paid for the materials. As they were taking the siding off the building they figured out that there would not be enough. He said he would talk to Judge Barnes about this tomorrow.

Kevin have each member of the court a packet for CSEPP. The new members may not know how CSEPP functions. Currently they are working on three different fiscal years being 2020, 2021 and 2022. The 2023 want become until August of this year.

The big projects that we have to move forward with this year is the communication upgrade, and the microwave system replacement. He had three tower generators already on site and he's got the 150 KW generator for the EOC on order.

Kevin said he would like to have the fiscal court's permission to advertise in the paper \$320,000.00 for communications upgrade and \$178,000.00 for microwave system replacement. These are state line items that are in the budget and we already have the monies. We will take an advance payment from the state to reimburse the county once we get the check cut.

Magistrate Mike Lockard ask what paper we are using now. Kevin told him technically we are supposed to use the one that has the most circulation. This would either be Wolfe County or Montgomery County. He said he would talk to Connie and see which one she would recommend.

There is more than one company that has state contract bids. Advance Radio Technology does our system now and have committed to doing the state contract bidding and will do it within the budget that we have. Kevin said he will run for two weeks in the paper and then bring it back in front of the fiscal court for approval.

Judge Barnes ask what communication upgrades consist of. Kevin told him it was replacing the repeaters, transmitters and doing some work with the radios systems. Also the radio transmitters in the dispatch.

Kevin made members of the court aware that the close out of CSEPP will probably be in December 2025 but may be sooner. At the point the fiscal court will probably have to pick up the basic operating cost. As of this year the operating cost within budget 2022 was around \$320,000.00. We can cut out some with personnel and some things we will not need but you are still looking at around \$200,000.00 to keep system running such as dispatch, lights on, heaters and not to mention every ten years or so we will have to replace all the mobiles and handhelds.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen ask Kevin what he done with the old transmitters. Kevin told him that we keep them for spares. Whenever the bid is put out he purposely bids for the same system/equipment model so that we can maintain them. Our equipment are still good and we will have backups and should help us for 5 to 10 years past.



**Magistrate Dennis Combs** – Nothing at this time

**Magistrate Mike Lockard** – Nothing at this time

**Magistrate Chad Patton** - Ask about the pavement list that they agreed to last year. Walker received the bid. Judge Barnes told him to come to the office and they would see what's going on. Patrick said that he did have a copy of the agreement in his email.

**Magistrate Brian McKinney** – Nothing at this time

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen** - He went and met with Patrick and the road guys. They are locked and loaded for bad weather. He is impressed with how our county road department is organized. They have some surplus property that they can get rid of at some point.

Judge Barnes said he would like to thank all of the Department Heads. He appreciates them staying with him. Kevin, Patrick, Tim, Nathan and then Larry coming on new. He cannot ask for a better Fiscal Court and is very fortunate to have them.

***Approval of all County Employees that are currently working and Approval of all Salaries for County Employees:***

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes said as far as he knows there has been no changes as far as adding or deleting or taking away salaries.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen requested to see a list of all county employees broke down by departments.

Judge Barnes said that all department heads have agreed to stay. Cory Graham went to the jail to work so Larry Hall was put into his position at the Dispatch Director. Kacey Davidson is on maternity leave and he hopes that she come back. With her being off it's hard to get certain things such as payroll reporting. He will try to call her tomorrow to see if she can email him a list of employees.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertained a motion to approve the hiring of all present employees and also approve all current rates and salaries of these employees.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen ***to approve hiring of all present employees and also approve all current salaries and rates of these employees.***

Magistrate Chad Patton ask if this includes Larry Hall's salary. Judge Barnes told him that this included all employees. Larry Hall will be making the same salary as Cory Graham was as the Dispatch Director.

Judge Barnes told members of the court that he promoted Justin Rice as the Assistant Dispatch Director and also gave him of the responsibility of the mapping officer position. Justin will keep his same salary plus he will now be receiving the mapping officer salary.

***Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.***

***Magistrate J.L. Bowen- I***

***Magistrate Dennis Combs – I***

***Magistrate Mike Lockard – I***

***Magistrate Brian McKinney – I***

***Magistrate Chad Patton – I***

***Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I***

***Motion passes unanimously***

**Approval for Powell County Sheriff Danny Rogers 2022 Incentive Hours: KRS 64.5275(6)**

Danny Rogers has successfully completed 4 units and is due 4 incentive payments of \$1,169.77 for a total of \$4,679.08.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertained a motion to approve payment to Danny Rogers for his completion of 40 hour training for calendar year 2022 in the amount of \$4,679.08.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney **to approve payment to Danny Rogers for his completion of 40 hour training for calendar year 2022 in the amount of \$4,679.08.**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.**

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I**

**Magistrate Dennis Combs – I**

**Magistrate Mike Lockard – I**

**Magistrate Brian McKinney – I**

**Magistrate Chad Patton – I**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I**

**Motion passes unanimously**

**6-0**

**Approval for Powell County Court Clerk Jackie Everman's 2022 Incentive Hours: KRS 64.5275(6)**

Jackie Everman has successfully completed 4 units and is due 4 incentive payments of \$1,169.77 for a total of \$4,679.08.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertained a motion to approve payment to Jackie Everman for her completion of 40 hour training for calendar year 2022 in the amount of \$4,679.08.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs **to approve payment to Jackie Everman for her completion of 40 hour training for calendar year 2022 in the amount of \$4,679.08.**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.**

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I**

**Magistrate Dennis Combs – I**

**Magistrate Mike Lockard – I**

**Magistrate Brian McKinney – I**

**Magistrate Chad Patton – I**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I**

**Motion passes unanimously**

**6-0**

**Closed Session: KRS 61.810 Subsection (F)**

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertained a motion to go into closed session 61.810 subsection (F).

A motion was made by Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney **to go into closed session 61.810 subsection (F).**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying.**

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I**  
**Magistrate Dennis Combs – I**  
**Magistrate Mike Lockard – I**  
**Magistrate Brian McKinney – I**  
**Magistrate Chad Patton – I**  
**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I**  
**Motion passes unanimously**  
**6-0**

**Court Resumes at 9:01 p.m.**

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertained a motion to come back into session.  
A motion was made by magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian **McKinney to come back into session.**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.**

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I**  
**Magistrate Dennis Combs – I**  
**Magistrate Mike Lockard – I**  
**Magistrate Brian McKinney – I**  
**Magistrate Chad Patton – I**  
**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I**  
**Motion passes unanimously**  
**6-0**

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes made it aware that no action was taken in closed session.

**Adjourn:**

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes entertained a motion to adjourn.  
A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton **to adjourn.**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes ask those in favor by signifying I.**

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen – I**  
**Magistrate Dennis Combs – I**  
**Magistrate Mike Lockard – I**  
**Magistrate Brian McKinney – I**  
**Magistrate Chad Patton – I**  
**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – I**  
**Motion passes unanimously**  
**6-0**

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*Mike Lockard*

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*Brian McKinney*

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*Chad Patton*

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