

POWELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Date: August 8th, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Powell County Emergency Operations Center
33 Commerce Drive
Stanton, Kentucky 40380

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting To Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Clerk's Report (Meeting Minutes) of Last Meeting
- V. Bills Submitted for Payment
- VI. Approval Treasurer's Financial Statement
- VII. Approval Treasurer's Transfers/Amendments
(Budget Amendment #1 2ND Reading)
- VIII. Old Business:
- IX. New Business:
- X. Department Head Updates
- XI. District Updates:

Items to be discussed:

- Sherry Skidmore – Powell County Sheriff's office
- Powell County Sheriff Danny Rogers
- CSEPP Mobile Repeaters
- Proposal for Jail Employees Pay Increase
- Vehicles
- Award Contractor for EMS Building
- Old Gritters Ridge Loop
- Magisterial Redistricting
- Powell County Tourism Board Appointments
- Stephanie Faulkner on Signature Cards at Bank
- Janell Brewer – Spark Ministries Proposal for Opioid Funds
- Amendment to Dispatch Policy (Call Takers)
- Discussion of September's Meeting (Fair Week)
- Closed Session

- XII. Adjournment

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Present: Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer Connie Crabtree, Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Chad Patton, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Brian McKinney, County Attorney Robert King, Deputy Judge Dale Allen, Dispatch Director Larry Hall, Assistant Dispatch Director Justin Rice, Jailer Teddy Lacy, Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock, Ambulance Director Nathan Hall, Road Foreman Patrick McCoy, Steven Haddix, Lois Embry, Darrell Randall, Brad Smith, Dog Warden Justin Wright, Spark Ministries Director Janelle Brewer, Robbie Campbell (wife), Sharon Boyd and Sherry Skidmore.

County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, called the meeting to order.

Deputy Judge Dale Allen offered the prayer.

County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called with all members present.

- Judge Executive Eddie Barnes**
- Magistrate J.L. Bowen**
- Magistrate Dennis Combs**
- Magistrate Mike Lockard**
- Magistrate Brian McKinney**
- Magistrate Chad Patton**

Sherry Skidmore: Powell County Sheriff's Office: 2022 Tax Settlement and 2022 Franchise Settlement:

Sherry Skidmore presented the Powell County Sheriff's 2022 Tax Settlement to members of the court for approval.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members voting yes to approve the Powell County Sheriff's 2022 Tax Settlement.

Sherry Skidmore presented the Powell County Sheriff's 2022 Franchise Settlement to members of the court for approval.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members voting yes to approve the Powell County Sheriff's 2022 Franchise Settlement.

Payment Approval to Sherry Skidmore for preparation of the Powell County Sheriff's 2022 Tax and Franchise Settlement:

Sherry Skidmore ask members of the court to approve payment in the amount of \$500.00 for the preparation of the Powell County Sheriff's 2022 Tax and Franchise Settlement.

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A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members voting yes to approve payment to Sherry Skidmore in the amount of \$500.00 for the preparation of the Powell County Sheriff's 2022 Tax and Franchise Settlements.

Public Comments:

Brad Smith lives on Hatton Branch Road. He told members of the court that near the county garage there is an old not-in-use billboard which is on county property.

Brad is asking for approval for himself along with Jacklyn Townsend to use this billboard for marketing their real estate. He said they would pay to get it cleaned up and in working order.

Members of the court told Brad they would have to make sure the county does own it before they could decide. County Attorney Robert King said he thought that most signage that is visible on the parkway is governed and controlled by KRS to what can be done. He is not sure if this would fall into this category. Deputy Judge Dale Allen said he thought years ago it had to be 600 feet but now you must get a permit. Robert said the county can rent property but there are procedures for doing so and if this is possible, we would have to follow this procedure. We will have to find out for sure if it's going to be restricted by KRS and if it's not, we could move forward with determining what the proper procedure would be to grant this request. Members of the court told Brad they would try and find out something by the next meeting.

No Action Taken

Paramedic Nathan Zachary:

Nathan Zachary thanked members of the court for allowing him to attend the Critical Care class in Baltimore, Maryland. Nathan received around 100 contact hours of education. He expressed how valuable this class would be for any other paramedics that wanted to attend.

CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock: Purchase of 7 new P25 VHF Pyramid Mobile Repeaters.

CSEPP/EMA Director told members of the court they had been trying to get mobile repeaters into assist cars for years.

Money can be spent on 7 new repeaters which would make us have 9 in total. It was advertised in the paper for bids. There was only one bid which was received on July 26th, 2023, at 3:50 p.m. With the court's permission Kevin opened the sealed bid. The bid received was from Advanced Radio Technology for 7 new P25 VHF Pyramid Mobile Repeaters in the total amount of \$48,270.32. The repeaters will interface into the existing TK-5720 P25 mobile unit. The bid amount is lower than what was budgeted for this project and is 100 % CSEPP funded.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members voting yes to allow CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock to proceed with the purchase of 7 new P25 VHF Pyramid Mobile Repeaters from Advanced Radio Technology in the total amount of \$48,270.32.

Towing Lighting for the Cow Creek Tower (located at Hinkle Contracting):

CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock asked permission from the court to move forward with purchasing a lighting system for the Cow Creek Tower from LumenServe. This purchase has been budgeted for \$17,576.00 and is 100% CSEPP funded. There are different purchasing options, but Kevin suggested purchasing this system outright since CSEPP will be going away in a few years. There is funding in the CSEPP budget line for this purchase.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members voting yes to allow CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock to move forward with the purchase of a tower lighting system in the amount of \$17,576.00 from LumenServe for the Cow Creek Tower located at Hinkle.

Proposal to increase Jail Employees rate of pay to \$13.00 per hour:

Chief Deputy Jailer Neal Hamilton approached members of the court to discuss increasing deputy jailer's salaries to \$13.00 per hour. He handed out a Program Completion Report to members of the court and explained to them about how it works. If inmates complete and graduate from this 90-day program the jail receives \$1,000.00 per inmate. This helps in keeping state inmates in our county facility instead of them being shipped to another county. The more classes that are offered means more participation in our facility. The money goes towards paying the bills for the jail.

Neil along with Jailer Teddy Lacy ask for court approval to raise employees to \$13.00 per hour. The total cost of this increase would be around \$170,000.00. They feel if they don't get an increase, they will lose employees. These employees must do and see a lot of things concerning inmates. Some of these inmates have mental problems which can be a lot to handle. This is asking a lot of someone that just makes \$10.00 per hour.

Judge Barnes said why would we ask someone to do something that we would not want to do especially for \$10.00 per hour. He asks Neil if he thought the revenue they are getting now would continue. Neil told him that there is no guarantee. Judge Barnes said that he agrees with the increase but suggested raising the employees \$1.00 per hour then in five- or six-months revisit to see how it's going. The Jailer said he wants the jail to be self-sustainable and not have to ask the county for anything. The payments for the jail are due in June and December. Neal suggested that we ask and see the payment dates could be changed. There is not enough time between July and December to have the funds to make the payment. The Treasurer told them she could check this for them.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen asked how much commissary monies could go towards these payments. Neil told them they have brought over \$13,700.00 from the commissary for the last two months and will continue throughout the fiscal year.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members voting yes to approve the proposal to raise jail employees to \$13.00 per hour.

Old Gritters Ridge Loop: (Reverted to landowner)

Lois Embry was present for the meeting to discuss Old Gritters Ridge Loop. Ms. Embry has attended the last two meetings asking the fiscal court to grant her ownership of Old Gritters Ridge Loop.

Road Foreman Patrick McCoy told members of the court that legally they must form a road closure committee.

Road closure committee Michael Kelso and Mike Reed investigated the road closure of Old Gritters Ridge Loop. This was put in written format and emailed to each member of the court.

The Committee found that this closure will have no effect on the general public utilizing Gritters Ridge Road in any way. Over decades of no maintenance activities, a large portion of Old Gritters ridge Loop has reverted to forest land. In summary, as there are no public or environmental effects associated with the closure of Old Gritters Ridge Loop, it is the Road Closure Committee's recommendation to allow this abandoned roadway ownership to be reverted to the landowner.

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All legal steps were taken in the closure of Old Gritters Ridge Loop. No one was present to speak on behalf of the closure so this request will be granted. Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy said that there had been concerns about rerouting around Tillman Hill. This is the original road that Tillman Hill replaced. It would never be a viable option to go this way again due to it having a sharp curve on a steep hill and as Road Supervisor we are better off maintaining straight shot.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members voting yes to allow Old Gritters Ridge Loop to be reverted to the landowner Lois Embry.

Jenelle Brewer – Spark Ministries:

Jenelle Brewer with Spark Ministries was present asking members of the court for some of the Opioid monies. She put together a proposal requesting funding from the Opioid funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 to support this organization. Jenelle explained what Spark Ministries do for people with drug and alcohol addiction.

The proposal breaks down:

Community Advocate Coordinator Salary - \$40,000.00

4 Certified Peer Support Specialist - \$127,000.00

Vehicle - \$25,000.00

Vehicle Insurance - \$1,500.00

Vehicle Wrap - \$3,500.00

Annual Gas Cards - \$3,000.00

Janelle said he contacted Brian Hubbard and Van Ingram; they advised her to print out the statue.

Judge Barnes said that Mr. Hubbard told him that it had to be exclusively for opioid disorders.

Judge Barnes said Jenelle does an excellent job, but we would need a letter from Mr. Hubbard saying that we could give opioid funding to Spark Ministries.

County Attorney Robert King said that any donation especially this amount of money is going to be investigated with a fine-tooth comb by most likely Brian Hubbard. Robert asks her how much the commission gave her. Jenelle told him they had not filed at state level at this time she wanted to start at the county level. Robert went on to say if any expenditure that comes out of the opioid funds needs to be approved because if it's an illegal expenditure it can come out of our pockets.

Janelle said that she asked Mr. Hubbard for a permission letter but he said he could not tell the fiscal court to give her the money.

Judge Barnes told Jenelle to come to his office and they would call Brian Hubbard to see if he could write a letter in support of and put it on the Attorney General's letterhead. Members of the court also told her if we were allowed to give the money to Spark Ministry, we would have to give it to all the miniseries, but as of now the opioid funds cannot be disbursed to Spark Ministries unless there is a letter saying so. Jenelle told members that Mr. Hubbard said on a personal level that he cannot write her a letter.

No Action was taken.

Vehicles: (2016 Dodge Durango & 2018 Truck)

Judge Barnes told members of the court that the Stanton Police Department has a 2016 Dodge Durango with 50,000.00 miles on it. They are asking \$15,000.00 for it. They also have a 2018 truck with 70,000 miles on it. They are asking \$15,000.00 for it also.

With fiscal court approval the 2016 Dodge Durango will be purchased out of the Alcohol Beverage Control account and will be used for the office to run errands such as going to the post office and bank. It can also be used to go to and from trainings. With fiscal court approval the 2018 pickup truck will be purchased out of the road fund. This vehicle will replace the Ford Escape that Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy drives. Patrick and Larry went and looked at this vehicle. It also has 4-wheel drive which will be good for Patrick to drive for everyday operation.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members voting yes to approve the purchase of the 2016 Dodge Durango from the Stanton Police Department in the amount of \$15,000.00. This purchase will be taken out of the Alcohol Beverage Control Account.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting yes to purchase the 2018 truck from the Stanton Police Department in the amount of 15,000.00. This purchase can be taken out of the general or road account.

Awarding Contractor for EMS Building: (No Action was Taken)

Judge Barnes told members of the court that we advertised for contractors for the EMS building in the paper for three weeks. Codell Construction Company in Winchester, Kentucky and Walker Construction Company in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky were the two that were interested in this project. Judge Barnes was told by both companies that they would supply the architect and engineers (design build) for the project. We do not have any quotes currently because we do not have a design. We do have letters of intent from both companies.

Judge Barnes talked to Jim Codell and speculated the cost would be around \$ 1.6 to 1.7 million dollars to get the EMS building torn down and rebuilt.

Judge Barnes said his concern was if they start project and then figure out the design it's going to cost 2 million dollars what would we do.

County Attorney Robert King suggested that we put out a proposal stating this is what we have and want. What would you charge be to do this project. The company needs to come in and talk to us about the proposal and cost of the project. Judge Barnes said he would contact both companies tomorrow about what was discussed.

This discussion was tabled with no action taken.

The CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock said that he has a trailer shed that is sitting on the Elkins property. Now that it has been decided not to use the property of the EMS building because of the cost, the shed will need to be moved. The building was going to be used for storage.

Dispatch Director Larry Hall:

Larry told members of the court that he would like to name Kimber Isaacs as the Weekend Supervisor. Her probation does not end until 9/1/23. Currently she is making \$13.39. He ask the court to go ahead and give her the .50 raise so that it would break down in the next pay cycle. Larry said he would like to give her a \$1.00 increase on the hours for the weekend supervisor position. Kimber is already academy trained and now will be labeled as one of the dispatch supervisors through the 911 service board.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members voting yes to end Kimber Isaacs probation period to be effective now so that she can get her

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.50 increase and approve for her an increase of \$1.00 per hour for the Weekend Supervisor position. This will make her pay rate at \$14.86 per hour.

Magisterial Redistricting:

James Whisenberry with Bluegrass Area Development will be here Thursday morning at 9:30 to discuss any questions or concerns that the Magistrates may have with their districts.

All members of the court would like to talk to James Whisenberry, so it was decided to call a special meeting for Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Magistrate Combs asks if the committee appointments needed to be approved by the fiscal court.

Judge Barnes told Magistrate Combs that the committee was appointed by him as Judge Executive and the County Clerk Jackie Everman Per state KRS.

The appointments were Larry Hall, Justin Rice and Dewayne Estes.

Stephanie Faulkner – Signer on Signature Cards for all Bank Accounts:

Judge Barnes asked for court approval for Finance Officer/Payroll Clerk Stephanie Faulkner to be a signer on the bank accounts at Whitaker Bank. She is already a signer on the Alcohol Beverage Account.

Having the approval for her to be designated signee on all other accounts would be good just in case the Judge Executive or County treasurer is not available to sign checks.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members voting yes to approve for Stephanie Faulkner to sign signature cards at Whitaker Bank so that she can be a designated signee on checks for all County of Powell bank accounts with the Powell County Fiscal Court.

Dispatch Director Larry Hall : Dispatch Call Takers

Larry told members of the court that all part-time positions will have to be academy trained. Judge Barnes, Larry and Justin attended the graduation of Shawna Charles. They meet with the Commissioner of DOCJT. He took them to his office to have a conference call with the Director of Law Enforcement Council. Anyone hired after 6/29/23 even part-time must be academy trained. By talking with the Commissioner there is a way they can create a position as a call taker. This person will answer emergency and non-emergency calls and enter information into the CAD system. Once the information is saved it becomes liable on both models. The dispatcher on call can give out radio traffic. The training for the call takers will be trained in house.

Larry asks the court to approve an hourly rate of \$11.00 for these call takers as a part-time position.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members voting yes to allow the hiring of call takers at our 911 center. This motion also approves amending the 911 Policy and Procedures Manual to reflect this.

Rate of Pay for Call Takers:

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members voting yes to approve the rate of pay of \$11.00 per hour for call takers at our 911 center.

Meeting Minutes for July 11th, 2023, regular meeting:

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members voting yes approving the meeting minutes for the regular meeting dated July 8th, 2023.

Bills Submitted for Payment:

Bills Submitted to members of the court for payment approval.

A motion made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members voting yes to approve all claims submitted for payment.

Financial Statements: 7/1/23 – 7/31-23 Financial Statements and Cash Statements:

The Treasurer presented all the financial statements for court approval. Financials to include 7/1/23 – 7/31/23 financial statement and cash statements.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members voting yes to approve all financial statements including the 7/1/23 – 7/31/23 financial statement and cash statements.

Treasurer's Transfers:

The Treasurer presented the transfers for court approval. Transfers to include interfund transfers, cash transfers and budget transfers.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members voting yes to approve the transfers to include interfund transfers, cash transfers, and budget transfers.

2nd Reading of Budget Amendment #1:

The budget for the current fiscal year is amended to increase the receipts for the general fund in the total amount of \$432,489.02.

The first reading of this amendment was held on July 11th, 2023. It was approved and signed by State Local Finance Officer Robert Brown on July 18th, 2023.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members voting yes to approve the 2nd reading of budget amendment #1 in the total amount of \$432,489.02.

Old Business:

Magistrate Lockard asked the status on the front doors that was ordered. The company is having trouble getting people to work but they are aware of the doors.

Magistrate Chad Patton ask about having a surplus auction this year. Court members will decide on a date for the surplus sale.

Department Head Updates:**CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock (Approval to expend the 2022 funds)**

CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock made members of the court aware of the 2023 CSEPP budget approval. He is asking for court approval to allow him to expend the 2022 funds which must be expended by the end of September of this year in accordance with the budget. There will be no deviation from the budget as we have it. The items purchased will be in accordance with the CSEPP budget. Instead of trying to wait to get the bills approved and the checks cleared he would like to be able to do this expeditiously.

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A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members voting yes to allow this request from CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock to be able to expend the 2022 funds within his budget and pay for any expenditures as they are received.

CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock made members of the court aware of the CSEPP exercise to be held the 3rd Tuesday on September 3rd, 2023, in Estill County.

The last CSEPP drill will be early next year. They are trying to do one more drill before the closing. This will give us a two-to-three-year window that we will not have a major drill in Powell County.

IPAWS are being installed. Once it is in full operation Kevin will bring a policy to be approved.

This will be able to alert people in Powell County via message such as boil water advisory, golden alerts, Public emergencies, road closures and such.

Kevin told members of the court that he had put in for a litigation grant in the amount of \$564,000.00.00 Which if approved by the fiscal court the county will agree to pay 25%.

As far as getting the sirens fixed, he talked to Jimmy the technician. They are waiting for Estill County to get us the parts.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen asked if they still had the LEPC meeting. Kevin told him no they do not. There were a couple of people that wanted to be LEPC chairperson. Kevin asks him if he wanted to volunteer to be the LEPC Coordinator.

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden: (Approval of payment for 4 recycling trailers)

Tim asks for court approval to allow the County Treasurer to issue 4 different checks to pay for 2024 goose neck trailers and containers. The payment for these trailers and containers will be taken out of the recycling and compost grant lines. The trailers and containers are in Clarksville, Tennessee. They will be spending the night and returning on Tuesday.

01-5217-366 2024 RAWMAXX - \$27,990.00

01-5217-366 2024 RAWMAXX - \$13,000.00

01-5212-366 2024 RAWMAXX - \$27,990.00

01-5212-366 2024 RAWMAXX - \$19,500.00

Tim also told members of the court that he had 9 recycling containers. They can only haul 5 at one time. They will have to make a second trip to get the other four.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members voting yes to allow County Treasurer to issue 4 checks to pay for the 2024 gooseneck trailers and containers and to reimburse the employees for any expenses for these trips that may occur.

Tim let members of the court that he is working on a program to do curbside recycling. He talked to a lady last week and she is going to see about getting 500 Kirby's free of charge.

He is also taking about walking in the parade and setting up a booth at the fairgrounds.

Tim asks for court approval to attend a WASTECON Equipment Convention. This convention is in relation to solid waste, recycling and compost. The two-day convention will be held in Boston, Massachusetts. Tim along with Judge Barnes, Magistrate Brian McKinney and Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy is interested in going to this convention.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members voting yes to approve for the Hotel stay, travel cost, and the registration fee for the convention for Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, Magistrate Brian McKinney and Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy.

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy:

Patrick made members of the court aware that Echo Hollow abstained damage last year as a result of a log truck. The road crew have been working for the last two weeks on a road reconstruction project, basically repairing the damaged roadway. There is one spot in front of the Animal Shelter that has damage which they think may have been caused by a school bus turnaround.

They have completed the second round of mowing. One of the bush hogs is down but waiting on parts to repair it. Blue Rock completed the Pilot Road emergency project. Patrick said he was very pleased with the quality and level of their work.

The slope mower for the excavator is operational and in use.

Patrick had a concern citizen reach out to him regarding a roadway in District 4. He let her know that the roadway was on the list, but they do try to address these issues in a non-emergency, chronological order from when they were reported. The person was not to happen when Patrick told her this.

September of this year is historically when we send back our Mack dump truck. As far as Patrick is aware right now, they are on schedule for this. In leu of being stretched for time Patrick would like to ask for court approval to pay for motel rooms along with any other expenses that may occur such as their meals expenses for two of the road guys to drive the Mack truck to Montgomery, Alabama and drop it off.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members voting yes to approve motel rooms and meal expenses for two of the road employees to drive the 2023 Mack Truck to Montgomery, Alabama to be dropped off for auction.

KACo Lease Application and Resolution No. 2023-0003(2024 Mack Trucks)

The treasurer told members of the court she had spoken with Kelly Mitler with KACo about the leasing of the trucks. She sent the lease application along with a Resolution to be approved.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members voting yes to give authority for the Treasurer Connie Crabtree to fill out the KACo lease application for three 2024 Mack trucks w/ Worldwide Equipment and approve the said Resolution No. 2023-0003 for these trucks. This motion also approves for Treasurer Connie Crabtree and Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign any necessary paperwork with KACo, Worldwide Equipment and JM Wood Auction Company concerning these three Mack trucks.

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden told members of the court that he had spoken with Scott Pekar with Worldwide Equipment. We are on track with the tri axle. He will have to keep the roll off truck until the December auction. We have an 18-month lease on the trucks so this will be no problem.

We do have the VIN #'s for our new trucks.

Judge Barnes and Tim had discussed if we would continue with the lease program or buy them outright. Since we are making a profit off the lease program we should just continue with the program.

This year we will get the tri axle, roll off and road tractor.

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Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy told members of the court that he had reached out to Walker Company but has not gotten a response on a time frame to when they will be back in Powell County. We still have a \$543,000.00 open flex contract on Flex funds. We are still waiting for approval of discretionary funds. We also need to rebid the paving bid in September.

Patrick has made some recommendations for personnel changes. Patrick asks for this to be discussed in closed session. He filled out the form for these recommendations.

Dog Warden Justin Wright:

Justin told members of the court that they were staying busy at the animal shelter.

The only change they had to address was having to schedule people that want to drop off animals. The grant writing capabilities shows how many animals are adopted, sent to rescue and how many they must euthanize. They are trying their best to keep the bad numbers low and the good numbers high. It is a law they must take in any animal that they prove came from the county such as looking at the person's driver's license.

The dog box is supposed to be in by the end of September.

Ambulance Director Nathan Hall:

Nathan made members of the court aware that an ambulance had been ordered. It was decided to do a remount with ETA company. The older 3500 ambulance was sent off for repairs. They said the repairs should be done within 90 days.

(Discussion of a piece of ground behind EMS owned by Mr. Thorpe)

There is not much parking at the EMS. Nathan has spoken with Mr. Thorpe, which lives behind the ambulance, about trading one piece of ground for another. Mr. Thorpe said it should not be a problem to trade even. Nathan asks for court approval to move forward with the proceedings and hire a surveyor to survey this piece of ground.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members voting yes to grant permission for Ambulance Director Nathan Hall to move forward with the proceedings concerning with piece of property to include hiring a surveyor to survey this piece of property and do a title search to make sure there is no liens.

Nathan said if the piece of property works out, he has spoken with Patrick about getting the parking lot fixed.

Dispatcher Director Larry Hall: (Katelynn Haws – Full time status)

Larry told members of the court that Katelynn Haws should finish her testing sometime this week. He asks for court approval to make her full time.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members voting yes to approve for Katelynn Haws be moved from a part-time to a full-time status after she completes her testing.

Assistant Dispatch Director Justin Rice:

Justin said he would talk to James Whisenhunt with Bluegrass Area Development about the KADD maps when he comes on Thursday.

District Updates:

Magistrate Dennis Combs said he had talked to Patrick about Shiloh Road.

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Nothing currently

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Nothing currently

Magistrate Chad Patton – Nothing currently

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Let members of the court know that the Broadband Committee met last week with Bluegrass Area Development. The committee wrote up an RFP and had Bluegrass Area Development look at it. The few small changes they suggested were made. Bluegrass Area Development has done Broadband RFPs for other counties in their districts. Powell County is the only one that does not have one yet.

When the RFP came back Brian said he would show it to members of the court and then publish it in the paper. Bluegrass Area Development along with the Governor's office suggested to get the RFP out ASAP so that we can get in on the 1.1 million dollars funding the state has.

Judge Eddie Barnes – Judge Barnes let members of the court know they are still working on the water and sewer grants. We are looking into getting City of Clay City, City of Stanton, Beech Fork and Powell's Valley together with our Economic Director in Frankfort. Everyone needs to sit down and discuss what we need to do to get our infrastructure worked up.

Judge Barnes will be going to Ashland on September 11th and 12th for the Appalachian Regional Commission meeting. They were going to drive back and forth but Judge Barnes was advised to stay there so they could talk to people in the evenings. The Governor has said there is money coming to Powell County. Magistrate McKinney said he had talked to Rodney Barnes with Beech Fork Water. He said next Monday an engineer is coming and would like to talk to Judge Barnes, Stanton Mayor Willie Means and Clay City Mayor Bobby Carmichael at that time.

Judge Barnes said they are trying to get funding for the Clay City Industrial Park.

Judge Barnes along with Deputy Judge Dale Allen will be gone on vacation September 17th through September 27th. There needs to be a Magistrate in charge while they are gone.

Magistrate McKinney will oversee the day-to-day operations while they are gone. Judge Barnes said that he would have cell phone service if anyone needed to get ahold of him.

Judge Barnes told members of the court that he had spoken with Sheriff Danny Rogers. Danny wants to hire another deputy for the Sheriff's department. He could give the county excess fees in the month of December to help cover the cost of this deputy. We are looking into using some of the ABC monies to help with this cost. The cities use 25% of their ABC monies to help with the cost of police officers. A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members voting yes to approve the hire of another deputy for the Powell County Sheriff's office.

Closed Session 61.810 Subsection 10:

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members voting yes to go into closed session.

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Court Resumes:

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

Powell County Tourism Commission Board Appointment:

Judge Barnes made members of the court aware that he would be appointing Derio Ventura in place of Ovie Hollon to the Powell County Tourism Commission Board.

Road Equipment Operator Steven Haddix and Road Laborer Kevin Tipton pay increases:

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy asked that Steven Haddix and Kevin Tipton's rate of pay be increased.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members voting yes to increase Steven Haddix's rate of pay to \$18.50 per hour.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members voting yes to increase Kevin Tipton's rate of pay to \$15.00 per hour.

Date change for September's Regular Called Meeting:

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members voting yes to move September's regular called meeting to September 19th, 2023, due to fair week.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members voting yes to adjourn.

Eddie Barnes

Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive

J.L. Bowen

J.L. Bowen, Magistrate

Dennis Combs

Dennis Combs, Magistrate

Mike Lockard

Mike Lockard, Magistrate

Brian McKinney

Brian McKinney, Magistrate

Chad Patton, Magistrate