

Powell County Fiscal Court

Special Called Meeting

August 10th , 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Powell County Emergency Operations Center

33 Commerce Drive

Stanton, Kentucky 40380

Present: Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, Fiscal Court Clerk Connie Crabtree, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Brian McKinney, Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Chad Patton, Deputy Judge Dale Allen, Magistrate Dale Allen, Wireless 911 Director Larry Hall, Assistant Wireless 911 Director Justin Rice, Dewayne Estes, Powell County Clerk Jackie Everman, County Attorney Robert King and Bluegrass Area Development James Whisenhunt.

Dale Allen offered the prayer.

The roll was called with the following members present.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes - Present

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Present

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Present

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Present

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Present

Magistrate Chad Patton – Present

Judge Barnes told members of the court that there was a misunderstanding on how the process was supposed to work. Judge Barnes was told that he was supposed to make appointments to the board but later found out that he was to present names to the Magistrates, and they were to make the appointments.

Judge Barnes talked to Rick Orstein and was told that this was no big deal.

The commission had 60 days to do their part.

Judge Barnes said the court had three options to approve the map.

One being to approve the map, the second being to amend it and third to deny it.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton to deny the map.

Powell County Clerk Jackie Everman said she thought they could deny what was proposed but they would still have to agree on it. The Census population on the new redistricting is supposed to be within 5 percent of the population. We cannot leave the map as is because each Magistrate must have a certain number to be within 5 percent of the population.

Dispatch Director Larry Hall said he would like to ask James Whisenhunt about the maps when he arrives for the meeting. He wants everyone to understand that Mapping Officer Justin Rice did not draw the maps. County Clerk Jackie Everman said the board did not draw the maps. Bluegrass ADD used the information from previous maps and population.

James Whisenhunt entered the meeting.

He told members of the court that Bluegrass ADD used information from 2020 US census bureau.

The KRS reads that we must have equal representation. This is why we must go through this process.

James pulled up the census data on his computer. Magistrate Lockard asked him if they could protest the numbers. James told him that the protest date was over.

Each Magistrate went over their district and made the needed changes. All Magistrates agreed to these changes.

Mr. Whisenhunt asked members of the court if they would like to approve these changes so that we can move forward with the ordinance process.

Judge Barnes asked members of the court if they approve of the committee. All Magistrates agreed to the committee.

County Attorney Robert King said now that we have the boundary lines established and each Magistrate is satisfied with the changes. The commissioners shall lay off the boundary lines of the districts, they shall file in the office of the county clerk and each member of the fiscal court showing the boundary of the district and the estimated population of each.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor except for Judge Executive Eddie Barnes abstaining from voting to approve the amendments made to Powell County Magisterial District 1,2,3,4 and 5 maps.

Motion passes:

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes - Abstained

Adjournment:

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

Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive



J.L. Bowen, Magistrate



Dennis Combs, Magistrate



Mike Lockard, Magistrate



Brian McKinney, Magistrate



Chad Patton, Magistrate