

**Powell County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
Date: September 19th, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Location: Powell County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
33 Commerce Drive
Stanton, Kentucky 40380**

Present: Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer Connie Crabtree, Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Brian McKinney, County Attorney Robert King, Deputy Judge Dale Allen, Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, Patty Swisshelm, Miss Kentucky Wheelchair Kayla Lacy, Rueben Turner (Hinkle Contracting), Brad Thompson (Hinkle Contracting), Francis Ritchie (Rumpke), Brandon Farmer (Powell Patriot Newspaper), Michael Kelso, City of Stanton Zoning Administrator Chris Chaney and Wireless 911 Director Larry Hall.

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 for the following members:

**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 – Not Present**

Public Comments:

City of Stanton Zoning Administrator Chris Chaney was present for the meeting to discuss countywide zoning. At this time, he is working on getting the City of Stanton's comprehensive plan updated. It has not been updated since 2013. The City of Stanton adopted zoning in 1992. He is now trying to get public input for the comprehensive plan. Chris came this evening to invite members of the court to participate in getting this plan updated. His plan is to have a meeting sometime in October for everyone to sit down and discuss ideas and get public input.

Chris said he hears more and more from the public that we need countywide zoning. There could be a Stanton Planning Committee, a County Planning Committee and a Clay City Planning Committee.

We should have a say in the way things are developed and how we grow.

Chris said again he just wants to encourage them to think about it and if they have any questions feel free to contact him.

Francis Ritchie with Rumpke:

Ms. Ritchie is the county's municipal representative for Rumpke. She was present for the meeting to discuss the contract renewal with Rumpke. County Attorney Robert King said there was an issue about doing a renewal or extension of the contract without having to rebid. He thinks the language needs to be in the actual bidding document when it is sent out for bid. We found an older contract that was

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drafted, and the language is in the contract but not for sure if it's in the bidding specifications. Mr. King said that he would like to get the actual bidding document that came out in 2015 before we move forward with the new contract. Ms. Ritchie said that she did not think it was a bid specification, it was more of an advertisement that was put in the paper.

She told members of the court that she could go through the pros and cons of rebidding them. The original rate in 2015 was \$17.00 then in 2019 it went to \$18.36 and has been that rate since.

The current rate Rumpke is proposing today is \$19.75. In her experience she said it is better to renew because when it goes out to bid it will cost time and money plus renewal will be cheaper.

Rumpke also offers equipment that can serve Powell County. With Powell County having backroads they are the only ones that have a pup truck which are modified so they can travel along these roads.

Judge Barnes said that he would love to go ahead and move forward but we must do the right thing.

Judge Barnes asked if the court could go ahead and renew the contract contingent on finding the correct advertisement concerning the bid. Robert said this may work if the motion is made to say that the court agrees to exceed the contract subject to finding the documents that support the extension.

Ms. Ritchie said they must follow the Kentucky Leagues of Counties rules on bidding. It is their understanding that if it's in contact then it agrees. Robert said he would like to see something that shows it's ok for counties to do this. He spoke with Rich Orstein who is with KACO said that it needs to be in the bidding. Robert tried to call him back to ask him if it was in the contract, would it be efficient enough but was unable to get ahold of him. When the bid is found, and it says the contract is renewable then it should be ok to move forward. Ms. Ritchie said that if it does not say that then as of September 30th, 2023, the county will have no garbage service. Judge Barnes said that we could take these ten days to try and locate all the documents needed, then a special meeting could be called and then at that time we could go ahead and get it approved.

Magistrate Brian McKinney asked Robert if he could try and call Rich again and ask him about this.

Robert stepped out of the meeting to call. After trying Robert could not get ahold of him. Ms. Ritchie said that she would look through Powell County records and see if she could locate the proper documents.

No Action taken at this time.

Recognition of Miss Kayla Lacy – Miss Kentucky Wheelchair

Members of the court recognized and welcomed Miss Kayla Lacy. Kayla was crowned as Miss Kentucky Wheelchair. One of the things within holding this title is she must attend public meetings of the county. Kayla received the Rising Star award. This award is not given out every year but was given to her because of her being one of the youngest contestants there. Members of the court congratulated and thanked her for attending the meeting.

Meeting Minutes for August 8th, 2023, regular meeting:

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all in favor of approving the meeting minutes for the regular meeting dated August 8th, 2023.

Meeting Minutes for August 10th, 2023, special meeting:

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all in favor of approving the meeting minutes for the special meeting dated August 10th, 2023.

Bills Submitted for Payment:

Bills submitted to members of the court for payment approval.

Magistrate Dennis Combs asked if the tint for the two excavators had been approved. Judge Barnes told him that it had. The tint on these excavators is for employee safety when it is so hot, and the AC is not

cooling as much. Magistrate J.L. Bowen said that the tint also helped one of the employees from getting injured when a stick went through the window. The tint helped the glass from shattering all the way. Magistrate Dennis Combs also asks about the invoice for Hwy 213 Sidewalk and the invoice for 4wheeler. The treasurer told him she was told that the project was over then we received this invoice. Palmer Engineering will reimburse this expense. The 4-wheeler did belong to Emergency Management but was given to search and rescue. New tires were brought, oil changed and a tune up. A motion made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members in favor to approve all claims submitted for payment.

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 J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all in favor to approve all the Treasurers Transfers to include interfund transfers, budget transfers and cash transfers.

Financial Statements:

The treasurer presented the 8/1/23 -8/31/23 Financial Statement, cash balance statements for court approval.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all in favor of approving all financial statements.

Old Business:

(Motion to pick up ambulance at the repair shop due to them not repairing it)

Magistrate Mike Lockard suggested to members of the court that we should pick up the ambulance that has been at the repair shop for a couple of years due to them not repairing it.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all in favor to go pick up the ambulance at the repair shop due to it being there so long and not getting repaired.

Magistrate Mike Lockard told members of the court that the fire extinguishers in the courthouse were outdated. Judge Barnes said he would have David look at them.

Magistrate Mike Lockard asks about the courthouse doors. Judge Barnes called the company to ask about when they would be installed. He was told again they did not have the manpower at this time to send someone out to install them.

Judge Barnes told members of the court that he would call the company and tell them either to come and install the doors by a certain date we give them, or they can reimburse our money that we had already sent them.

Department Head Updates:

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden:

Tim let members of the court know that he set up a booth at the fair. He had 275 to do a survey and 125 people were interested in curbside recycling. Tim is talking to someone about getting some grant money for curbside recycling.

Tim along with Judge Barnes, Magistrate Brian McKinney and Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy plans on attending a convention in Baltimore Maryland next week. Since planning the trip Patrick has had a family emergency. We will know by tomorrow if he will be able to make the trip or not. Members of the court agreed for Judge Barnes to check to see if it would be cheaper to drive or fly to this convention in Baltimore Maryland.

12x12 addition to the office at the Scale House:

Tim told members of the court that he would like to add a 12x12 addition to his office at the scale house. The concrete has already been poured. The walls just need to be put up. He got a quote from John at Rogers Hardware for around \$5,500.00. Magistrate Brian McKinney asked him if it would be better to purchase a premade building. Tim told him that doing it this way would be cheaper. A motion was made Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all in favor to approve this request to allow to purchase materials for the 12x12 addition.

Judge Barnes asked Tim to get him a list of where we have the recycling containers at.

Dispatch Director Larry Hall:

Larry let members of the court know we were approved grant money for the new CAD system. Judge Barnes will be receiving an email for him to sign so that we can move forward with the new CAD installation.

Dispatcher Stevie Townsend will be graduating from the academy the first week of October. Dispatcher Danielle Rowland will be going in a couple of weeks. After this all-full-time people will be academy trained.

Assistant Dispatch Director Justin Rice is getting Bluegrass ADD to upload all roads as he puts them into the system.

Dave will be replacing the ZTRON (radio) system on Thursday. The state police must do a survey to see if the towers will support the equipment.

Two part-time people have been hired at dispatch and one full-time resigned last week.

Kentucky Law Enforcement Council does say that part-time people can be used as dispatchers instead of call takers.

Resolution No. 2023-0004 Powell County Fiscal Court: American Rescue Plan Act Project Resolution:

Whereas, the Powell County Fiscal Court has been allocated a sum of \$2,396.52 through the American Rescue Plan Act and,

Whereas the Powell County Fiscal Court desires to purchase new consoles for use with Powell County Dispatch/911 and believes this endeavor to be in the best interest of the citizenry of the County and a legitimate use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds Pursuant to the US Department of the Treasury's Final Rule on the "Standard Allowance" for Lost Revenue.

The Powell County Fiscal Court resolves to allocate \$45,043.49 of available ARPA funds for the purchase of new console equipment for Powell County E911.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all in favor to approve Resolution No. 2023-0004 for the purchase of new console equipment for Powell County E911. These funds in the amount of \$45,043.49 will be taken from the ARPA Funds.

District Updates:

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Talked to Tim about Adams Ridge.

Magistrate Brian McKinney –

Brian let members of the court know the Broadband Committee had opened the RFP's last week. Four companies submitted bids to put internet throughout the county. They selected the highest two. The committee judged each RFP individually. They will do interviews with the top two. They were supposed to announce who got the RDF this evening but was postponed until the next meeting. The four companies will be made aware of this.

Search and Rescue received a grant in the amount of \$8,300.00.

Magistrate McKinney thanked Brandon Farmer with the Powell Patriot Paper for attending the meeting. He feels like the Fiscal Court does lot of good stuff, but no one knows what's going on. He is happy to see him at the meeting so that he can let the community know what's going on.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen –

J.L. told members of the court that with all the tourism going on it has created road problems on busy weekends. Star Gap has become an interstate on weekends. People have been running others off the road. Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy has been made aware of this. The plan is to put up more speed limits signs and address some shouldering. Hunter Martin is going to try and parole this area more.

Judge Barnes:

Judge Barnes attended an ARC meeting last week in Ashland. He met some people and made some good contacts. He got to talk to the broadband commissioner. There are a lot of grants that we can apply for. We are in the process of putting in a grant for the Clay City Industrial Park. We have four different companies that want to do it there but there is no infrastructure. The federal government is doing 100 percent grants.

We would like to have a meeting with our local officials as far as the Fiscal Court, City Council, Mayors, water people and have our federal representatives to attend also. We need to discuss how to get our infrastructure fixed up. The state government has 4.4 billion dollars in access money. They are doing a matching forgiveness.

We are getting blacktops on our roadways. Nolan Road and Tiny Jones Road are completed and possibly Trent Circle. This was last year's project. Judge Barnes asked the Magistrates to make a list if they see roads that need paving so that we can send them to the state for approval.

He said he wants ideas so that we can better our community. He feels we have the best fiscal court we have had in a long time.

We have applied for a Cyber Security grant in the amount of \$94,000.00. This will be to upgrade computers, firewalls, and will also help pay our IT Tech Mike Johnson. The county's match will be around \$16,000.00.

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Magistrate Brian McKinney made the court aware that Dog Warden Justin Wright said his new dog box has been shipped and should be here within 7 to 10 days. Having this box on his truck will be helpful to him.

The animal shelter is overcrowded currently. We have a lot of people that do not worry about our animal ordinance or getting dog licenses. Magistrate McKinney also said he thought we were supposed to upgrade the camera system at the animal shelter. The plans were to take the camera system from the transfer station and use it at the shelter. People are dropping off animals during the night. The camera system was supposed to be where we could maintain contact with them in the judge's office. Protect completely the landfill cameras but have not the animal shelter.

Judge Barnes said that we also need to check on getting a quote for new exterior dog doors at the animal shelter. The old ones are getting rusty.

Deputy Judge Dale Allen – Nothing currently.

County Attorney Robert King – Nothing currently.

New Business:

3 Balers for Transfer Station:

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden let members of the court know the purchase of these balers will be part of the grant monies.

The quote received from Rumpke was for (3) Bramidan X6030 Low-Profile Vertical Balers in the total amount of \$28,500.00 each. The quote as follows:

Includes Delivery and Installation

Parts and warranty for 1 year

PM performed at the end of year included.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all in favor to approve (3) Bramidan C6030 Low Profile Vertical Balers. Three separate checks will be issued for these balers.

Deputy Jailer Neal Hamilton: (Approval of a commercial washer for the jail)

Neal told members of the court that the commercial washer was not working at the jail. This washer is around thirty years old so you can no longer get parts for it. A quote from Brim Laundry Machinery Company was received in the amount of \$18,767.00 which includes shipping and installation.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all in favor to allow the purchase of a commercial washer in the amount of \$18,767.00. This purchase will come out of the jail fund account.

Neal also made the court aware of a quote he received from Mansea Metal for a 20x60 metal building. This building would be put on the gravel area beside the jail. It would be used to put inmates' personal property in. Currently the property is stored in the old day room of the jail which is the size of a classroom. If they could get this classroom open, they could have classes in it and make an additional 14,000.00 a month. They already have employees that can do the classes. They also are currently working on a grant to get this covered. The quote would be a little lower because the jail could use their own labor. The concrete would be an additional \$4,200.00 for the building.

No action was taken at this time. Neal said he just wanted to mention this for the future. Magistrate Brian McKinney suggested moving forward with the building as soon as the washer is paid for.

Continued Discussion of the Rumpke Contract renewal:

County Attorney Robert King suggested that we make a motion to approve the contract renewal with Rumpke contingent on finding the original county request for proposals to make sure it has the correct language. It is in the contract that was written.

Ms. Richie with Rumpke said she is sure she will find the bid. She remembers it being a bid proposal. There is a difference between a bid and a proposal.

Judge Barnes asked her if they find out it ok to renew will the rates stay the same as they quoted.

She told him that it would but if it goes out to bid, she cannot say they will stay the same.

A motion was made by J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all in favor to accept the contract renewal with Rumpke contingent that the county's original request for proposal is found so we can make sure it has the correct language and if it's not he feels it's in the original contract that was written.

The County Attorney said that he should know something by the end of the week. Members agreed to have a special meeting to discuss the renewal once this request is found.

Approval to pay off the 2023 Mack Trucks:

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all in favor of allowing Treasurer to pay off the 2023 Mack Trucks plus any interest that may have accrued.

Approval to pay for the 2024 Mack Trucks:

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all in favor to allow Treasurer to pay for the new 2024 Mack Trucks.

AT&T Invoice for 911 Call Handling Equipment:

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all in favor to approve the invoice from AT&T in the amount of \$67,043.49. CSEPP will be funding \$22,000.00 of this cost with the remaining balance of \$45,043.49 coming from the ARPA funds.

Insurance Claim: (Patrick's Collision – Roger Hollon backing into vehicle)

Judge Barnes let members of the court that Roger Hollon, an employee at the transfer station had recently backed into a 2023 Nissan Pathfinder SI. The owner of the vehicle was Rodney Barnes. Roger was sent for a drug test at the time of the accident.

There was minor damage to this vehicle. The total amount of the invoice from Patrick's Collision was \$2,003.24. Court members decided to pay for this out of the General Fund instead of turning it in on insurance .

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all in favor to pay the invoice from Patrick's Collision in the amount of \$2,003.24 for a 2023 Nissan Pathfinder.

Paving Bids: (Stone & Asphalt)

The Fiscal Court Clerk noted that Magistrate J.L. Bowen excused himself from the meeting while discussing bids due to conflict of interest.

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A notice was published in the paper for paving bids. Bids should have been submitted in a sealed envelope before 4:00 p.m. on 9/19/23.

Hinke Contracting was the only company that submitted bids.

The stone bid was turned in by Brian Harris and the asphalt bid was turned in by Reuben Turner. Both bids were received on 9/19/23 before the 4:00 p.m. deadline.

Rueben Turner along with Brad Thompson was present for the meeting to discuss any questions the court may have concerning the bids.

Judge Barnes opened the sealed bid submitted from Hinke Contracting for asphalt. The bid was as follows:

CL2 ASPH BASE 0.75D PG64-22 (in place) - \$95.00 per ton.

CL2 ASPH BIND 0.50D PG64-22 (in place) - \$96.00 per ton.

CL2 ASPH SURF 0.38D PG64-22 (in place) - \$99.75 per ton.

Prices quoted herein are based on the current Kentucky Department of Transportation asphalt index. Prices will be adjusted according to Kentucky Department of Transportation specifications. Any price adjustments will be confirmed, with both parties in agreement, prior to placement of asphalt mix. The bituminous hot mix asphalt quoted herein is class 2 type D PG64-22 mix per Kentucky Department of Transportation specifications. The bid is for county roads only. Other work will be priced separately. Judge Barnes said that he would like to bring up that the low bidders last year are just now starting on projects. He asks that it be put in Hinkle's contract that the road projects be completed in a timely manner. Mr. Thompson said the projects are usually done within the fiscal year ending 6/30. He said that they could include this in their contract for projects to be completed by 6/30.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all in favor except for Magistrate J.L. Bowen abstaining due to conflict of interest to approve the bid from Hinkle Contracting for asphalt.

4 – Ayes: Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Mike Lockard and Magistrate Brian McKinney

1-Abstained: Magistrate J.L. Bowen

Judge Barnes opened the sealed bid submitted from Hinkle Contracting for stone. The bid was as follows:

#610 Limestone - \$11.25 per ton

Dense Graded Aggregate - \$12.95 per ton

8 L/S - \$15.00 per ton

6/57 Limestone - \$13.90 per ton

#2 L/S - \$13.75 per ton

#4 Stone - \$13.75 per ton

Channel Lining Class II - \$14.95 per ton

Channel Lining Class III - \$16.25 per ton

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all in favor expect for Magistrate J. L. Bowen abstaining from voting due to conflict of interest to approve the bid submitted from Hinkle Contracting for stone. (A copy of the bid will follow in minutes).

4 Ayes: Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Mike Lockard and Magistrate Brian McKinney

1 – Abstained: Magistrate J.L. Bowen

Magistrate J.L. Bowen reenters the meeting

County Tax Rates:

Rates were received from the Department of Local Government. The rates were as follows:

Compensating Rate – 10.40 projected revenue - \$512,952.00

4% Increase – 10.80 projected revenue - \$532,681.00

Watercraft – 13.30 projected revenue - \$3.655

Motor Vehicles – 13.30 projected revenue - \$147,095.00

Judge Barnes told members of the court that no one wants to raise taxes but sometimes we must take the increase. Taking the 4% increase would generate \$20,000.00 more revenue. Our CSEPP will be going out soon and we will be over half of a million in short fall. We really need to increase the rate in order to get services such as police , fire, EMS and Dispatch.

Magistrate Brian McKinney said we have discussed some things in raising our revenue, but he did not think \$20,000.00 would be worth the increase. Judge Barnes said this decision would be up to the court. We are the lowest in the state and we need to start looking ahead. Deputy Judge Dale Allen said he is not for increases taxes, but we are so far behind it will take a while to catch up. If we do \$20,000.00 over the next five years would be \$100,000.00. Judge Barnes said he wants to do what’s best for the county. A lot of people worry about their reelection instead of our county.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all in favor to approve the 4% Increase rate at 10.80 for Real Property.

Personal Property will stay the same as last year at 11.33.

Motor Vehicle – 13.30

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Acknowledgement of the Powell County Public Library Board Tax Rates:

The Powell County Public Library Board set their tax rates as follows:

Real Property – 5.2

Tangible Personal Property – 5.2

Inventory – 5.2

Drug Dog:

Jake Rogers currently was working for the City of Clay City. Jake is the officer that took out the drug dog. He recently went to work for the sheriff's office so no one is available to do so now. The City of Clay City is asking the county to purchase the dog from them so that we can use it for the sheriff's office.

Judge Barnes said we could take half of the funds from the Alcohol Beverage Control Account because of it being a tracking dog.

Magistrate Brian McKinney asked if we could negotiate that price because \$12,000.00 seemed high.

Judge Barnes said that he would contact Brian Hubbard to see if we can use opioid funds to help pay for the dog.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all in favor to table this discussion until the next meeting.

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Approval for Treasurer to do a Budget Transfer to create an expenditure line for road department CDL Licenses:

The Treasurer asked for court approval to do a budget transfer to create an expenditure line for road CDL Licenses.

02-6105-543 Road CDL Licenses - \$10,000.00

02-9200-999 Reserve for Transfers - \$10,000.00

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all in favor to allow this budget transfer.

Fire Truck:

Judge Barnes told members of the court that Southeast Fire has a refurbished mini pumper for sale in the amount of \$95,000.00. Judge Barnes said that he would contact Jerrod Childers with USDA to see if the federal grant money we are applying for in the amount of \$300,000.00 could be used to pay back the loan if the county borrows the money to purchase this mini pumper. Jerrod said he should have an answer by tomorrow. If this request is approved, then Southeast Fire can be contacted.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all in favor to give authority to Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to contact Southeast Fire and let them know that we plan on having a meeting to decide on the purchase of the pumper contingent that we can pay for the loan out of the federal grant monies we are applying for.

Appointment to the Powell County Health Department:

Judge Barnes asked for the court's approval to reappoint Rita Tolson Shepherd to the Powell County Health Board.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all in favor to approve the reappointment of Rita Tolson Shepherd to the Powell County Health Board.

Appointment to the Powell County Tourism Commission Board:

Judge Barnes asked for the court's approval to appoint Delbert Brown to the Powell County Tourism Commission Board.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all in favor to approve the appointment of Delbert Brown to the Powell County Tourism Commission Board.

Morton Salt Quote:

A quote was received from Morton Salt Company. The quote was as follows:

200- Ton at \$101.50 per ton

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all in favor to approve the 200-ton salt quote at \$101.50 per ton from Morton Sale Company.

Tax Administrator/Economic Development Hire:

Magistrate Brain McKinney asked Judge Barnes if we had the salary set and job descriptions for this position. Judge Barnes said he was thinking around \$35,000.00 a year. This would be for an Assistant Tax Administrator, Economic Development position.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Brain McKinney with all in favor to table this discussion until this position can be advertised in the paper.

Pay Increase for Road Laborer Ricky Townsend:

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy asked the Treasurer to present a request for Ricky Townsend to receive a pay increase. Currently Ricky is a part-time employee making \$12.73 an hour. Patrick is asking that his rate of pay be increased to \$15.00 per hour. Magistrate Brian McKinney asked if they were looking to hire someone full-time. Judge Barnes said that they had hired Kevin Hopskins at this time, but they are still short on people. Magistrate Brian McKinney said he feels a full-time person should get a raise before a part time person.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all in favor of approving a .50 cent per hour increase. This would make his new rate of pay \$13.23 per hour.

Purchase of a Land Pride Rotary Cutter:

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy asked the Treasurer to present a quote from Holbrook Equipment in the amount of \$25,500.00 for a RCM5710 Land Pride Rotary Cutter.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all in favor to allow the purchase of a Land Pride Rotary Cutter in the amount of \$25,500.00 from Holbrook Equipment.

Approval for the Proposal for ONSIP:

A proposal was submitted from Mike Johnson with Joker Solutions for ONSIP.

The Treasurer told members of the court that 90 percent of the calls that come into the County Judge's office is either for the Circuit Clerk office, County Clerk office or the Sheriff's office. It would be nice to have an answering recording to direct the caller to the right department. The ONSIP is a recording to do so.

The new phones being installed are free of charge.

The Per Seat Unlimited Plan for 5 phones would be \$18.95 each – Monthly cost - \$94.75.

Phone Promotion – No charge

Phone Numbers - \$2.00

E911 - \$1.80 (5) - \$9.00

Monthly total - \$105.75

One Time Charge Detail - \$15.00

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs to allow this proposal for ONSIP. (Proposal will follow minutes)

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all in favor of adjourning. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive



J.L. Bowen, Magistrate



Dennis Combs, Magistrate



Mike Lockard, Magistrate



Brian McKinney, Magistrate



Chad Patton, Magistrate