

# **A G E N D A**

***Powell County Fiscal Court  
Special Called Meeting***

***Date: February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

***Time: 8:30 a.m.***

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

***I. Call Meeting to Order***

***II. Roll Call***

**Meeting Item:**

- **Motion to approve Bills Submitted for Payment**
- **Motion to approve LandPride Bushhog for Road Department**
- **Motion to approve 2024 Incentive Payment for Eddie Barnes KRS 64.5275(6)**
- **Motion to approve 2024 Incentive Payment for Chad Patton KRS 64.5275(6)**
- **EMS**
- **Discussion of the 2024/2025 Jail Budget**

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Present: County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer Connie Crabtree, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Chad Patton, Magistrate Brian McKinney, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton, Jailer Teddy Lacy, Operations Captain Holly Drake, Ambulance Director Nathan Hall, Wireless 911 Director Larry Hall, Deputy Judge Dale Allen and Mitchel Patrick. 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 - Absent***

***Magistrate Brian McKinney - Present***

***Magistrate Chad Patton - Present***

***Bills Submitted for Payment:***

Magistrate Dennis Combs questioned an invoice from Lowes. Judge Barnes told him the invoice was materials for a bathroom to be used for the SAP females at the jail.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving all bills submitted for payment.

Motion passes unanimously.

***Purchase of a LandPride 10' Rotary Cutter (bushhog) From Holbrook Equipment for the Road Department:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the purchase of a LandPride 10" Rotary Cutter from Holbrook Equipment in the amount of \$25,500.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

***Approval of County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes 2024 Incentive Hours: Pursuant to KRS 64.5275(6):***

County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes completed 40 hours of training for calendar year 2024. The value of an incentive payment for 2024 is \$1,288.17. County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes successfully completed 2 units and is due 2 incentive payments totaling \$2,576.34.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving an incentive payment in the amount of \$2,576.34 to Eddie Barnes for the calendar year 2024.

Motion passed unanimously.

***Approval of Magistrate Chad Patton 2024 Incentive Hours: Pursuant to KRS 64.5275(6).***

Magistrate Chad Patton completed 40 hours of training for calendar year 2024. The value of an incentive payment for 2024 is \$1,288.17. Magistrate Chad Patton successfully completed 4 units and is due 4 incentives payments totaling \$5,152.68.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving an incentive payment in the amount of \$5,152.68 to Chad Patton for calendar year 2024.

Motion passed unanimously.

***EMS Discussion:***

Ambulance Director Nathan Hall asked for court approval to have a surplus property sale for some items they have such as air conditioners, hot water heaters, a cage that came out of a Tahoe, etc. The funds made from these items can go into the ambulance account to help buy new dishes and other needed items for the new ambulance service building once completed.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen asks that they keep the air conditioning units in case someone elderly or the homeless may need them. We could contact the Ministerial Association to see if they would be interested in these items.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the surplus property sale for the ambulance service. Motion passed unanimously.

Ambulance Director Nathan Hall asked for the court to approve the purchase of a new cell phone to be used for after hour calls during the demolition period of the ambulance building.

Dispatch Director Larry Hall told members of the court that Ambulance Director Arlene Rogers was welcome to have his office until the new ambulance building is completed.

***2024/2025 Jail Budget Discussion:***

Jailer Teddy Lacy and Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton were present for the meeting to go over some things concerning the jail budget. They made members of the court aware they had laid off four (4) deputy jailers at this time and Justin Perry and Josh Pelfrey plan on leaving to take other jobs. This should save the jail around \$139,515.00 a year in salaries.

The discussion of twelve (12) hours shifts for part-time employees has been discussed but no decision has been made at this time. Neal went over a couple of receipt lines that we received

more than expected. One of them being Contract with other Counties and the other was HB556 funding.

Currently they have 243 state prisoners, but we are continuing to lose them each day. They need to house at least 195 inmates to keep the revenue up that we receive in state funding which would be around \$200,000.00. 172 of those inmates are in the SAP program. They also have discussed housing females for the SAP program if they could make the room for them.

They would have room for eighteen (18) women if they could clear out two (2) cells in the back. Each inmate must have a bed.

A guy that deals with financials for county government said that every jail in state would like to be in our situation because Powell County is in better shape than others.

Neal told members of the court about an incident he heard happened at the transfer station. He was told there was an inmate jumping up and down on the compactor. Dorvin Bush was the only one supervising the 5 inmates at this time. Neal said there needs to be more than just one person supervising these inmates. Last year court members agreed to the installation of cameras at the transfer station so that the judge's office and the jail could watch the inmates at the transfer station. Protek Security installed the cameras but the wi-fi is an issue.

***A special meeting was scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.***

***Adjournment:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

Eddie Barnes

**Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive**

J.L. Bowen

**J.L. Bowen, Magistrate**

Dennis Combs

**Dennis Combs, Magistrate**

Brian McKinney

**Brian McKinney, Magistrate**

Chad Patton

**Chad Patton, Magistrate**