

Powell County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
Date: April 9th, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Powell County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
33 Commerce Drive
Stanton, Kentucky 40380

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Public Comments-**
- V. Clerk's Report (Meeting Minutes) of Last Meeting**
- VI. Bills Submitted for Payment**
- VII. Approval of Treasurer's Financial Statement**
- VIII. Approval of Treasurer's Transfers/Amendments
(Amendment # 000000004)**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Department Head Updates**
- XI. District Updates**
- XII. New Business**
 - Regina Jones – Senator Rand Paul's Office
 - Todd Williams – Mapping
 - Frank Dawahare – Eastern Kentucky Telephone
 - Jail Policy and Procedures Manual
 - Motion to approve the Payoff for loan at Citizens Guaranty Bank
 - Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
 - Gritters Ridge
 - SAP Counselor Position
 - Motion to approve Powell County Library Board of Trustees Appointment
 - Closed Session
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn**
- XIV. Next Meeting May 14th, 2024**

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Present: County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, Fiscal Court Clerk Connie Crabtree, Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen, County Attorney Robert King, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Brian McKinney Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Chad Patton, CSEPP/EM Director Kevin Babcock, Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy, Larry Hall, 911 Dispatch Director, Justin Rice, Asst. Dispatch Director/Mapping Office, Tim Snowden, Solid Waste Coordinator, SAP Coordinator David Howard, Chief Deputy Jailer Neal Hamilton, Micheal Kelso, Jennifer and Darrell Billings, Bill Wesley, Vicky Charles, Deputy Jailer George Nester, Lisa Trent (husband),

County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes called the meeting to order. A quorum was established. Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen offered the prayer. County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call for the following members.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Present

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Present

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Present

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Present

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Present

Magistrate Chad Patton – Present

Public Comments:

State Representative Bill Welsey was present at the meeting to make members of the court aware they had started some paperwork for a Homeland Security grant for the county that may help with our sirens. The grant needs to be submitted by April 22nd, 2024. If members of the court agree to continue processing the grant there are some documents, they will need to supply.

- How many sirens are needed.
- How many are optical.
- Latitude and Longitude
- Consultant – Estimate on the cost of the sirens.
- Maps/Location

Bill talked about HB6 that was passed. There are federal dollars that may help match with the state for some programs.

He told members of the court if the county has already applied for Homeland Security this year, they cannot pursue anymore but may could use other official to apply for the grant.

All members of the court agreed for Bill to move forward processing the grant. Bill will have someone call tomorrow so that we can discuss what route we want to take in moving forward processing the grant.

Darrell Billings was present for the meeting. Darrell spoke of the HB that was funded for Powell County. We are going to be hearing lots of stuff in the upcoming weeks and we need to pay attention to what's going on, very much like the siren project. We should have been talking about this before now. The City of Stanton, City of Beech Fork, and the City of Powell's Valley. The City of Beech Fork got 2 million dollars, City of Powell's Valley got 1 million dollars. They are in the process of getting the cities corrected with the Legislation because they are not cities in Beech Fork and Powell's Valley.

Darrell said there is not a federal grant out there that is not going to cost the county money. If we do not find the money through our state legislators, we will be sitting here years from now still talking about sirens that do not work.

We cannot have someone come in and say they started a grant that is due in a few weeks. Nothing with the federal government will happen in fourteen days. Powell County is always getting left behind. Everyone around us is expanding and growing and we are not. Darrell thanked the court for letting him speak at the meeting.

When Judge Barnes first took office, he had a meeting with CSEPP/EM Director Kevin Babcock to ask him what was first on the agenda. Eddie told Kevin that we needed to get the sirens fixed. We are appreciative of Estill County giving us their sirens because without these ours will not be fixed anytime soon.

Bill Welsey came back into the meeting and told members of the court that 20 million dollars was coming for Powell County to do road projects.

Projects are prioritized. We cannot tell 99 legislators what they are going to do because everybody has a district that has applied for different things. We must apply for things before we can get them.

Lisa Trent – Discussion about ditch

Lisa Trent along with her husband was present for the meeting with complaints concerning mosquitos, cars speeding, drugs, needles, and their culvert. She would like the police to come and check things out at least once a night.

Road Supervisor Patrick Mccoy said in the past they put channel line in the culvert. Lisa's husband said the ditch holds water and will not drain. Patrick told him their entrance pipe was not in the best condition. Judge Barnes told them they needed to contact Sheriff Danny Rogers about people speeding on the road. He also told them whatever Patrick's recommendation was concerning the ditch he would stand behind it.

After discussion Judge Barnes asked Patrick if he could go look at the ditch again. Patrick told him he would take a second look, but his recommendation would be to get a new entrance pipe. The county does have a permitting process they would have to follow. Patrick will come out and see what size culvert they need. After the homeowner purchases the culvert, then the county will assist with the installation of the culvert and provide one load of aggregate to cover it. Lisa's husband said

they could not afford the purchase of a new culvert. He said if they would come out and fill in the ditch this would make him happy. Patrick told him he would come out in the morning to look at it. Lisa asks about getting something where she lives to warn her of a tornado.

Judge Barnes told her the warning sirens were designed for external warning not for people sitting inside homes. You can purchase a warning radio or sign up for Code Red. CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock told her to go on the Facebook website and it would tell her how to sign up.

Cindy Geddis - Discussion about sirens

Ms. Geddis told members of the court that Jessica Faulkner planned on attending the meeting but was unable to, so she came in her place. She was present for the meeting to discuss her concerns about the sirens. She said she is happy with the recommendations that Mr. Welsey gave but she is still concerned that the sirens will not be fixed. Judge Barnes told her that we were going to make it happen. Magistrate Dennis Combs said he went and looked at some of the sirens. His plans are to work on them this weekend. Magistrate J.L. Bowen said he promises he will stay on this until they are repaired. Judge Barnes said the sirens were his priority when he came into office. The sirens have been down six plus years. The sirens are twenty-four years old and are obsolete. It's hard to find parts for them.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen said the sirens are designed to communicate back and forth with dispatch. Since then, we have upgraded our radio system, but the radio was not upgraded in the sirens. CSEPP/ Director Kevin Babcock said the only thing upgraded was the controller. We applied for a grant to replace five but were denied. Around four years ago Madison and Estill Counties got grants through CSEPP to replace their sirens. Cindy asks how many times we have been denied. She said if she had copies, she could talk to some people to help push it through. Kevin asks her to get up with him after the meeting.

Justin Rice - Discussion of Wells Lane

Justin Rice told members of the court that Wells Lane was in rough shape. The road department crew patched a hole last year but it's back again. Magistrate Dennis Combs told him this road was on the list to be blacktopped in the future.

Cody Angel - Pilot Program

Mr. Angel passed out a copy of a proposal to members of the court for the county opioid abatement. He told them he currently operates a program in Clark County. It is called Clark County Home Incarceration Program with medication assistance treatment. Tony Kirk also assists him with this program. He would like to initiate this kind of program here in Powell County. With this program he aims to treat withdrawal symptoms while the individual is in custody and then transition them into a sober living facility where they can find employment and transportation needs.

Judge Barnes asks him if plans on using the opioid abatement funding for this program. Mr. Angel told him the initial pilot would last a year and is paid with opioid funds but once the individual is out and the insurance is up and running the cost will hopefully be covered by the insurance company. The cost would be around \$86,500.00 for the Start -Up Home Incarceration Program, \$31,600.00 for medical staff salaries plus their fringe benefits, and \$108,000.00 for injectables. The total cost of the program with behavioral staff would be around \$240,100.00.

Judge Barnes said he likes the sound of the program, but his concern is trying to keep it up. How do we know it would be successful in Powell County. Magistrate Brian McKinney told them about the county having an Opioid Abatement Committee that is overseeing the budget and spending. He asked them to come and speak with the Committee to explain the Pilot Program to them. County Attorney Robert King asked if they had applied through with the state to see if they could get opioid funding from them. They said the state abatement portal is closed for the year and does not anticipate it will open again. Magistrate Brian McKinney told them he would let them know when the next meeting is so they can come and talk about their program.

An individual asked about the 2 million dollars for the tourism package that we were promoting. Judge Barnes asked her what 2 million she was talking about. She told him it was advertised in the paper. Members of the court told her they had no idea what she was talking about. Judge Barnes said we do have a lot of tourism here in the county but as far as tourism funds are concerned the county does not receive any. The tourism funds cannot be spent on certain things, such as public safety like sirens, police, fire, or EMS. Judge Barnes did ask Representative Bill Welsey and Senator Brandon Smith about changing the legislation so that some of the tourism funds can be used for public safety. We should be able to get this funding to help since we have so many tourists coming in. We do not have enough public safety people to take care of it. It seems every fiscal court meeting we get into this discussion. We could put an EMS or fire tax on to help but people will say they do not like taxes but there is a possibility we may have to do this in the future. Darrell Billings told members of the court that he just received a text from the Attorney General office and was told there is a grant available for law enforcement generally, but it may could be used for these sirens, if it is an emergency type situation. They are supposed to respond to me with an amount, name, and contract number.

Meeting Minutes of the March 12th, 2024, meeting:

A motion made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving the meeting minutes of the March 12th, 2024, regular meeting.
Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting Minutes of the March 18th, 2024, meeting:

A motion made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the meeting minutes of the March 18th, 2024, special meeting.
Motion passes unanimously.

Bills Submitted for Payment:

All bills were submitted to members of the court for payment approval.

A motion made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor of approving all bills submitted.
Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Transfers: Cash, Budget, and Interfund Transfers:

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

Interfund Transfers:

Transfer from General Fund to Ambulance - \$30,000.00
Transfer from General Fund to Grants - \$1,500.00
Transfer from General Fund to Dispatch - \$5,000.00

Budget Transfers:

Reserve For Transfer – Ambulance Rental Payment - \$7,800.00
Budget Transfers for third quarterly Report - \$630,00.00
Budget Transfers – General (Reserve for Transfers) to Grant(Reserve for Transfers) Fire Trucks - \$315,000.00

A motion made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving all transfers to include interfund transfers, cash transfers and budget transfers.
Motion passed unanimously.

Financials: Financial Statement and Cash Balance Statements:

The Treasurer presented the financials for court approval. 3/1/24 – 3/31/24 financial statement and cash balance statements.

A motion made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor of approving all financials to include the 3/1/2 – 3/31/24 financial statement and cash balance statements.
Motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Budget Amendment # 4

The budget for the current fiscal year is amended to increase the receipts of the following funds to include unbudgeted receipts from:

Grants - \$300,000.00 – Fire Trucks
General - \$42,500 – Election Equipment
Jail - \$99,616.00 – Jail Arraignment Equipment
Road - \$34,729.70 – Truck License
General – \$230,000.00 – Surplus Prior Year
Jail - \$45,000.00 – Surplus Prior Year
LGEA - \$25,000.00 – Surplus Prior Year
CSEPP - \$40,000.00 – Surplus Prior Year
Total - \$832,335.70

Old Business:

Magistrate Mike Lockard asked about the courthouse doors. Judge Barnes said as far as he is concerned, we plan to sue them. County Attorney Robert King said we are going to sue but we should reach out to some other company to order the doors.

Magistrate Chad Patton ask when we would find out about our roads. Judge Barnes said he is meeting with Corbit Caudill next week and going over them.

Department Head Updates:

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden - Approval to prepare an PRF for a

New or Used Truck:

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden made members of the court aware of the SWACK meeting to be held April 22nd – 24th. Darrell Billings will be supplying lunch that day.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen ask how the recycling program was going. Tim told him it was going well.

He let members of the court know that he turned in the grants for recycling in the amount of \$330,000.00 and composting grant in the amount of \$190,000.00.

Tim told members of the court it was not worth putting a transmission in the purple truck.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen asked if he found a good used truck could we still use the bed that is on the purple truck. Tim said he had found a truck but it's over the threshold of \$40,000.00.

Judge Barnes asked if we could do an RFP on a truck. This is fine with him if they approve of him doing so. Tim also asks if he could go with diesel for this truck. All members agreed to it. This request can be included in the RFP.

A motion made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of preparing an RFP for a new or used truck.

Motion passed unanimously.

CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock:

CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock has been working on the siren issues. If anyone has any questions you can email or contact him.

The CSEPP exercise is June 12th, 2024. Powell County is going to be assisting with mutual aid during a wide area search in Fayette County.

We should receive our 2024 CSEPP funds in August. When we do get these funds, we will be budgeting for our 2025 monies. We will have a large sum of money but will be unable to use it. This is the way that FEMA wants to make sure everything is right. Going into this time next year we will be talking about no more CSEPP funding. If we have surety in December and January, we will have three months to do the paperwork and at that point we will no longer have CSEPP funds to help with electricity, water, and no maintenance for medical equipment etc.

Kevin asks for court approval for him to attend an EM conference in September. The early bird registration fee is \$275.00, plus \$50.00 for annual fee and \$600.00 for the hotel.

A motion made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving this request for CSEPP/EM Director Kevin Babcock to attend the EM Conference in September with all expenses paid relating to this conference.

Motion passes unanimously.

The EMPG Funds were released today for the 2024/2025 year. We will have \$13,000.00 and the county will match \$13,000.00. The now allow for maintenance on sirens. Magistrate Chad Patton ask who we had working on the sirens. Kevin told him Ricky Wasson, Dennis Combs, and John Koontz. Ricky will be working on the one at Meadow Green Park because he has a lift to raise into the air.

Mapping Coordinator Justin Rice:

(Approval CDP – MapSync Proposal)

Justin presented a quote from CDP – Map Sync.
Todd Williams representing Map Sync was presented for the meeting to explain the quote to members of the court.
If the court approves this quote this will be replacing Bluegrass Area Development. This quote is the same amount we have been paying to Bluegrass Area Development other than the startup fee. Justin has applied for a grant which means there is a possibility we could use it to help with this fee. Mr. Williams told members of the court the 911 mapping addressing is gone, and the state now has moved to NG 911. Since this has happened it is a requirement that you have a good data set. It has gotten to the point where most communities do not have the resources in technology to do this. Every quarter you must submit mapping data to the 911 State Service's Board to get our telephone funding.
Map Sync specializes in 911 mapping. The proposal is to provide our GeoSync software, training, consulting, technical support, and data services to assist Powell County 911 personnel in efforts of maintaining HG911 GIS data.
CDP-MapSync proposes to provide their 911 GIS Solution (annual fee and implementation services (one-time fee) for a total first year contract amount of \$10,000.00.
A motion made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor to approve the proposal from CDP – Mapsync to provide GeoSync software, training, consulting, technical support, and data services for Powell County 911 personnel in effort of maintaining HG911 GIS data in the total amount of \$10,000.00.

911 GIS Data Solution (annual fee) - \$8,000.00
Managed E911 GIS Solution (annual fee) - \$1,000.00
Implementation Services (one-time fee) - \$2,700.00
Discount (new Client) - \$-200.00
Sub-Total One-time fee - \$2,500.00
Total 1st year - \$10,000.00

Motion passed unanimously.

Mapping Officer Justin Rice asked for court approval to accept Todd Williams services with CDP-MapSync for Powell County.

A motion made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving Todd Williams services with CDP-MapSync for Powell County. This motion also approves to go ahead and pay the One-time fee for Implementation Services in the amount of \$2,500.00.
Motion passes unanimously.

Darrell Billings told members of the court that Powell County is more ahead of the system in mapping than Estil County.

911 Dispatch Director Larry Hall:

911 Dispatch Director Larry Hall made members of the court aware of Public Safety Telecommunications Appreciation Week April 14TH – 20th, 2024. Larry asks Judge Barnes to read and sign the Proclamation.

Larry made members of the court aware that all dispatchers are now DOJT compliant. Crystal is in the middle of her four-week academy training. Larry presented her with her proclamation. Larry went over the calls that came in at the dispatch for the month of March.

2777 total telephone calls:
EMS – 181
Sheriff's office – 278
Stanton Fire Department – 21
Search & Rescue - 1
Stanton Police Department - 286
Clay City Police Department -216
Clay City Fire Department - 29
Search & Rescue – 1

This does not include the calls that were turned over to the State Police. Larry attended the City of Stanton and City of Clay City meetings to present them with a proposal asking for a contribution to fund 2 dispatchers. It would be a total cost of \$102,000.00 per city per year.

Funding from tourism and alcohol beverage control cannot be used for dispatch. People need to start calling our legislators about revising the legislation regarding tourism and alcohol beverage controls funds.

The dispatch will be looking into hiring two people. Brinton told Larry the jail had an SAP Coordinator position open, and he may interview for it. If by chance he does get the position, then the dispatch will have another position to fill.

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy:

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy told members of the court that this was their busy time of the year. They have 60 public access routes that must be rocked and graded every year prior to Memorial Day.

They have several base failures on the agenda. There will be 4 different road closures. Patrick will post this on the public pages when this takes place.

There are several culverts to replace. They have installed several entrance pipes for citizens that either had damaged pipes or for new construction.

An ordinance is in place for entrances and culverts size countywide. If there is a damaged pipe for entrances on a driveway and it causes damage to a road there are repercussions for this. There were four (4) different landowners on Little Brush Creek that shared one entrance. We could not get everyone to work together to get the issue resolved so the road department had to step in and purchase the culvert and install it per our county ordinance. All necessary repairs were completed.

That entrance caused an encroachment upon our county, so we will tabulate the cost for this project, divide it out among the four (4) landowners that share the entrance. They will be responsible for reimbursing the county for the repercussions or a lean could be placed on their property.

Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel:

Business License Collected 7/1/23 – 4/9/24 - \$61,100.00

301 Records

Since Last Fiscal Court Meeting

\$5,650.00 increase

(30) Business License

District Updates:

Magistrate Chad Patton – Turned in his road list. He has talked to Patrick about some minor things.

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Talked to Patrick about some things which have been taken care of.

He also thanked Patrick for taking care of the issue on Little Brush Creek.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Forestry Service Road off Gritters Ridge. This discussion is on the agenda for tonight.

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Sent Patrick a list of minor things which have been taken care of.

Magistrate Mike Lockard - Derickson Lane – Patrick has not heard back from Clark Energy.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes:

Judge Barnes made court members aware of the \$95,000.00 grant the county will be getting to help in assisting with a couple of log jams in the river. We put together two request proposals for the Clay City Industrial Park requesting engineers to lay out the park. We requested \$750,000.00 of earmarked funds from Congressman Barr's office for the paving inside the Clay City Industrial Park.

The ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) monies and the KDI funds totaling one million dollars for the Clay City Industrial Park are looking great. This park has been sitting here for over 20 years and has not been utilized. Hopefully by the end of this year we will be able to get some people in here.

Judge Barnes told members of the court he had gotten a call about a project coming in that has 50 million dollars to build a factory to hopefully put individuals to work.

Judge Barnes said his doors are always open. If anyone has any questions or comments, they are welcome to come in and talk to him.

New Business:

Regina Jones – Senator Rand Paul's office

Ms. Jones was on the agenda but contacted Judge Barnes to tell him she was unable to attend the meeting this evening.

Frank Dawahare – Eastern Kentucky Telephone:

We currently have Eastern Kentucky Telephone. Frank Dawahare presented a proposal to members of the Court. There is new technology and service out currently that is a lot some obtuse and

cheaper. They would like to move the county to this service. It could be a saving of \$400 to \$500.00 per month.

Judge Barnes told him he had received another proposal from OnSip.

Both proposals will have to be reviewed before making a decision.

No Action was taken at this time.

Powell County Detention Center Policy and Procedures Manual:

Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton asked members of the court to approval the Policy and Procedures Manual. During the last inspection at the Detention Center this was brought up. The policy needs to be approved before the inspection is approved.

Members of the court asked him to get them a printed copy so that they could read it before they approved it. Neal said he would email them a copy. Magistrate Brian McKinney asked if there had been any changes made to it. Neal told him there were just a few small changes that were made just as the visitation policy, jail management software and the mail policy. Neal told members that he would highlight the changes that were made before he emailed the policy to them.

No Action taken at this meeting.

SAP Counselor Position: Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton and SAP Coordinator David

Howard:

Neal emailed members of the court a proposal for an SAP Counselor position.

He told them having SAP Counselor's is how the jail makes their money.

There must be a 21 ratio. David Howard fills one of these positions plus we have four more.

Currently we receive \$35.34 per state inmate and an additional \$10.00 for every SAP inmate per day.

We will be down around \$27,204.00 by losing an SAP position. We are currently down 10 SAP inmates and cannot request inmates until an SAP counselor position is filled.

They have had several applications including the one that was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Some have not been qualified and the ones that were did not like the rate of pay.

The current starting pay is \$18.00 per hour with a \$1.00 pay increase at their 6-month probation and then another \$1.00 at their one (1) year anniversary bringing the pay rate to \$20.00 per hour.

There are currently three (3) SAP counselors due to Christi Henderson resigning.

Whitney Cook Start Date 12/20/2019.

Jan Hamilton Start Date 10/16/2020.

Kim Banks Start Date 8/11/2023.

Current pay is \$20.00 per hour except for Kim Banks making \$19.00 per hour due to her one (1) year anniversary is not up currently.

Neal told members of the court they are proposing the following pay scale to help attract another counselor and maintain current.

Counselor 1 – New Hire \$22.00 per hour.

Counselor 2 – After a 6-month probationary period - \$23,00 per hour.

Counselor 3 – After 1 year - \$24.00 per

Counselor 4 – After 4 years up to \$25.00 per hour

Counselor 5 – After 7 years – To be Determined by fiscal court in coming year.

Magistrate Brian McKinney asked if they approved a \$1.00 per hour increase now and then revisit in December. Neal said the \$1.00 increase would not make any difference. Neal told members of the court he will get the total overall figure of how much it would be with the increases. Judge Barnes suggested calling a special meeting to discuss this proposal along with their policy and procedures manual. No Action taken at this meeting.

Approval to Pay off the loan at Citizens Guaranty Bank:

The Treasurer asked for court approval to pay off the loan the county currently has with Citizens Guaranty Bank. The balance is \$179,687.00 plus any interest due. This loan was taken out prior to Judge Barnes' term to help with emergency road work. A motion made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor to pay the loan balance due in full at Citizens Guaranty Bank. Motion passed unanimously.

Powell County Library Board of Trustees Appointment:

Judge Barnes received a letter from the Powell County Board of Trustees asking the fiscal court to approve a vacancy position due to Billie Campbell's position expiring on April 26th, 2024. A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving Jessica Hall to fill the vacancy position for the Powell County Board of Trustees for a (new 4-year term). Motion passed unanimously.

Gritters Ridge:

Judge Barnes told members around two weeks ago himself along with David Tipton, Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy, Road Foreman Daniel Clair, and Justin Rice went and looked at Gritter's Ridge Road. It started out as a Forestry Service Road then was deemed over to a county road. Due to the lack of maintenance, it's reverted to a passageway. After looking at it and based on the estimate it would be around \$150,000.00 to repair the road which is around a mile long. Judge Barnes feels it's not worth repairing. This is a public passageway that goes between two Forest Service pieces of property which is around 70 acres.

County Attorney Robert King suggested closing it as a county road and letting Mr. Tipton have it if he's going to maintain it. Robert said it bothers him to say that a private individual is going to maintain a road that is used by the public. He would rather say the county would be willing to turn the road over to you.

After discussion the court agreed to table this discussion until a later date until there is more clarification.

A motion made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of tabling this discussion until a later date. Motion passes unanimously.

Darrell Billings let members of the court know about some federal funding that has become available for anyone who's own their own property and home and their single income is less than

\$31,400.00 or combined income combined with a spouse is less than \$51,400.00 would be eligible for home repairs such as new windows, siding etc.

Closed Session: KRS 61.810 Subsections (B) & (F)

A motion made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to go into closed session.
Motion passes unanimously.

Court Resumes:

A motion by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor to come back into session.
Motion passed unanimously.

No Action was taken in Closed Session.

Continuing of District Updates: Polly Kalar (Black Creek Road) Muncie Road/Old

Muncie Hollow Road:

Judge Barnes told members of the court about Ms. Kalar asking if the county could rock her road down from the barn to the highway (Old Muncie Road/Muncie Hollow Rd).
Judge Barnes said he had talked with County Attorney Robert King and there is nothing that shows it's a county road.

After discussion a motion was by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members voting in favor of graveling the bus turnaround portion only.
Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: The Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.


Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive


J.L. Bowen, Magistrate


Dennis Combs, Magistrate


Mike Lockard, Magistrate


Brian McKinney, Magistrate


Chad Patton, Magistrate

