

**Powell County Fiscal Court  
Regular Called Meeting**

**Date: May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Budget Amendment #4)**
  - IX.**
  - X. Old Business**
  - XI. Department Head Updates**
  - XII. District Updates**
  - XIII. New Business**
- Items to be Discussed:**
- Acknowledgement of Public Notice LGEA Funds
  - Motion to approve County Road Aid Agreement/Resolution
  - Motion to approve Bluegrass ADD Resolution for County Roads
  - Motion to approve the 2024/2025 Annual Standing Recurring Expenses
  - County Clerk Jackie Everman – Pay increase for Election Workers – Early Voting Days
  - Frank Dawahare - Eastern Kentucky Telephone
  - Kasandra Hanshaw/Brittany Herrington – “First Day Forward”
  - Pete Fingerson – Powell County Tourism
  - Ritchie Mechanical – HVAC Quote for Road Dept Garage
  - Motion to approve Powell County Airport Board Appointments
  - Sealed Bid for Ditch Witch
  - Part-time Position for Siren Consultant
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2024/2025 Budget
  - Closed Session KRS 61.810 Subsection (1) (F)

- XIV. Motion to Adjourn**
- XV. Next Meeting June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **SIGN IN SHEET**

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Present: Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen, Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer Connie Crabtree, CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock, E911 Director Larry Hall, Assistant E911 Director/Mapping Officer Justin Rice, County Attorney Robert King, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Chad Patton, Magistrate Brian McKinney, Ambulance Director Nathan Hall, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel, Chief Deputy Jailer Neal Hamilton, Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy, Mitchel Patrick, Frank Dawahare, Eastern Kentucky Telephone, Brandon Farmer, Powell Patriot Newspaper, Animal Control Officer Justin Wright and Darrell Billings

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 Mike Lockard – Present***

***Magistrate Brian McKinney – Present***

***Magistrate Chad Patton – Present***

***Public Comments:***

No Public Comments.

***Meeting Minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting***

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving the meeting minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 , regular meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

***Meeting Minutes of the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, meeting***

A motion was made Magistrate J.L. Dennis seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor of approving the meeting minutes of the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, special meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

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**Meeting Minutes of the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting**

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving the meeting minutes of the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, special meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Bills Submitted for Payment:**

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

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving all bills submitted for payment.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Treasurer presented the transfers for court approval. Transfers include Cash, Budget, and Interfund Transfers.

**Interfund Transfers:**

- Transfer from General Fund to Ambulance Fund - \$27,000.00
- Transfer from General Fund to Grant Fund - \$ 15,000.00
- Transfer from General Fund to Dispatch Fund - \$25,000.00
- Transfer from CSEPP Fund to General Fund - \$60,00.00
- Bank Transfer General Fund to CERT Fund - \$500.00

**Budget Transfers:**

- 01-9200-999 - Reserve for Transfer - \$20,000.00
- 01-5080-723 - Courthouse Maintenance Vehicle - \$20,000.00
- 01-9200-999 - Reserve for Transfer - \$48,000.00
- 01-5212-723- Recycling Vehicle - \$48,000.00

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to approve all transfers to include Cash, Budget, and Interfund Transfers.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Financials: 4/1/24 – 4/30/24 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Statement**

**Summary:**

The Treasurer presented the financial statement for court approval. 4/1/24 – 4/30/24 Financial Statement and the Cash Balance Statement Summary.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to approve the 4/1/24 – 4/30/24 Financial Statement and the Cash Balance Statement Summary.

Motion passed unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Budget Amendment # 4:**

The budget for the current fiscal year is amended to increase the receipts for the General, Jail, Dispatch, Road, LGEA and CSEPP Funds totaling \$832,335.70.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Budget Amendment # 4 in the total amount of \$832,335.70.

Motion passed unanimously.

***Department Head Updates:***

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy told members of the court the road crew had started their first round of mowing and asked that people be patient with them during this time because they will be working on getting the cemetery roads ready before Memorial Day.

Members of the court thanked Patrick and the road crew for the great job they have done for our county.

***Solid Waste Coordinator Time Snowden:***

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden made it known about this year's free dump days.

This year the days will be May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Tim also let members know about the letter he received regarding the 2024/2025 Recycling and Composting Grants the county will be receiving totaling around \$370,000.00.

Members of the court thanked Tim for the great job he has done for our county.

***Ambulance Director Nathan Hall: (Discussion of the purchase of X Series Advanced Monitor/Defibrillators) (CSEPP purchasing two)***

Ambulance Director Nathan Hall told members of the court the Life Pak monitors they use are getting old. CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock talked with CSEPP about purchasing two of them, but three additional ones are needed. Nathan received a quote in the amount of 142,000.00 for the purchase of three including trading in the old ones. The company does offer a 5-year payment plan. If the court agreed to the purchase and plan, we would be required to pay 20 percent down and \$28,000.00 per year for the remaining balance. This does include a one-year back-up plan. Judge Barnes asked how old the life packs were. They are 8,6 and 4 years old. They should be replaced after 5 years. Judge Barnes also asked if the county would have to match any of the amount CSEPP would be purchasing. CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock told him the county would not have to match any. This is a sole source purchase and has a separate quote. The total amount of the quote submitted from ZOLL Medical for two (2) X Series Advanced, monitor/defibrillators is \$93,145.00. CSEPP will reimburse \$73,456.50 for the two (2) units.

Judge Barnes said he agrees we need to get the new monitors on the front line but right now on the backups we could purchase one (1) per year. Magistrate Combs asks if this quote included a discount. Nathan told him that it does, but we would lose it next year.

Members of the court all agreed to table the discussion of purchasing additional monitors but agreed to CSEPP purchasing two of them from ZOLL Medical Corporation in the amount of \$77,942.42, as a sole source purchase.

***(Discussion about EMS employees joining Stanton Fire Department in assisting with emergencies if needed.)***

Nathan asks about EMS employees joining the Stanton Fire Department to assist if needed. He talked to KACo and was told they would be covered under the counties workman's compensation



were out looking at the sirens to make her a list of anything they see that needed updated or anything the dispatch may need that has been funded by CSEPP. If there are any shelf-life items that are needed she can help with those things also. Judge Barnes said they would get together to discuss items needed.

The phone system for the dispatch was paid for in September but as of today they still have not installed the system. They are still operating on Windows 7 but luckily, they have had good luck. Larry told members of the court Magistrate Dennis Combs has been a life saver regarding our sirens. He has installed boards and climbed poles to get these sirens up and running. He saved the county money and has worked many hours repairing these sirens. As of yesterday, all the sirens are working.

Federal Communications donated Ricky Wasson the software for the sirens valued at \$4,000.00. We will have a system that will record daily which means if someone opens a battery box it will show if it loses power. When the sirens are communicating, they will sound but not communicate back to operate from a handheld radio.

Ricky Wasson will be testing the sirens one Saturday per month weather permitting. Right now, there is a way they can do a silent test.

There are four citizens that have reached out on Frames Branch Road, South Fork Road, Estill Road Winchester Road, and Furnace Road. The county attorney is working on some paperwork for these citizens to sign allowing sirens to be placed on their property.

#### **CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock:**

CSEPP/EMA Director Kevin Babcock let members know of the surety date will be January 2025. Three months after this the county will start funding CSEPP. We will go from 85 percent share to a 10, 15 or 20 percent share.

The last CSEPP exercise will be held on June 12, 2024. Powell County will be doing some mutual aid with Fayette County.

Judge Barnes said Larry and Justin has worked hard on getting the sirens up and running. He said Kevin is instrumental in the grant process, especially with roads. He and Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy get together in completing FEMA projects. He appreciates what Kevin does for the county.

#### **Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel:**

Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel gave members of the court an update on the business license collected.

Business License - \$64,989.59      322 Records as of 5/13/2024.

Judge Barnes said he appreciates what Kevin does.

Kevin thanked Pete Fingerson for working with him.

Kevin also thanked Justin Wright for dealing with the malnourished dog named Bella. Vickie Koontz Rogers at Holler Hounds took the dog in and is being neutered back to health.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen asked if we had heard anything about the city's helping in funding two dispatchers. Larry told him he gave them two proposals. It would cost the cities around \$102,000.00 each but they have not made any indication they will do this.

**Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton:**

Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton made members of the court aware of the incident that happened at the detention center a few days ago. They had to fire one of the deputies for having an inappropriate relationship with an inmate. The deputy that was fired was arrested. Neal said going forward if this happens against that person will face charges.

Southern Health Partners called about a company that has approached them about supplying them with insurance for any county inmates that have not been sentenced yet. There would be a \$2,000.00 deductible. There was an inmate that cost the county around \$180,000.00 last year so a \$2,000.00 deductible would be good. Neal welcomed anyone from the court that wanted to sit in on this zoom meeting for as long as there were not 3 members of the court present. If so, we would then have to call a special meeting.

Neal said they have been mowing some cemeteries to help get them ready for Memorial Day. If anyone knows of a cemetery that needs mowing to let him know.

**District Updates:**

Magistrate Chad Patton – Thanked the road crew for getting Danny Dale Rd in good condition. He has a few more places he wants addressed once the road crew gets through getting cemetery roads ready for Memorial Day.

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Nothing at this time

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Appreciates everyone for what they do for the county.

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Appreciates everyone for what they do for the county.

Magistrate Mike Lockard - Clark Energy cleaned up after contractors. The County Attorney has something to file regarding courthouse doors.

Judge Barnes – Several Dumps reported. The county can charge criminal charges if they do not clean them up. Most people have been receptive to cleaning their dumps up. Judge Barnes said we want to give this person a chance to clean it up.

Exploring more grants.

We want to thank Clark Energy and Estill County for their help in getting the sirens up and running.

A plaque has been ordered for Clark Energy and the plan is to give it to them the plaque at their annual meeting.

**New Business:**

**Powell County Clerk Jackie Everman: (Request to raise election workers rate of pay for the early voting days)**

Powell County Clerk Jackie Everman told members of the court back in 2020 we went to voting centers which cut the number of precinct workers from 48 down to 28. She has a good group of workers and would like to keep them. Six (6) out of the 28 precinct workers work early voting days, which is the Thursday, Friday and Saturday leading up to the election. They are currently making 12.00 per hour working 9 hours per day. Jackie is asking the fiscal court to approve a pay increase for these workers.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of increasing the precinct workers working the early voting days to \$150.00 per day.



Motion passed unanimously.

***Kasandra Hanshaw and Brittany Herrington – “First Day Forward”***

Kasandra and Brittany were present for the meeting to let members of the court know what “First Day Forward” program consists of.

First Day Forward was created through a Rural Communities Opioid Response Program implementation grant, and developed by the Northeast Kentucky Substance Use Responses. Some of the things this program helps individuals obtain identification cards, social security cards, birth certificates, medical cards, Snap benefits, medical benefits, case management, etc. Upon release, connect the individual to resources in the community (support groups, medical care, medication for opioid use disorder treatment, employment opportunities, housing options, etc. First Day Forward is currently in seven northeast Kentucky counties: Boyd, Carter, Clark, Greenup, Mason, Montgomery, Rowan, and Powell. FDF is a jail reintegration program that aims to connect inmates to resources, both during incarceration and after their release. This project administered by St. Claire Healthcare and the Northeast Kentucky Area Health Education Center, in Kentucky strives to give those suffering from substance use disorder (SUD a true “First Day Forward” as they re-enter the community.

They left their contact information in case someone needed to get in touch with them about the program.

***Frank Dawahare – Eastern Kentucky Telephone:***

Frank Dawahare submitted a phone proposal to members of the court during last month’s meeting. There was an alternate proposal submitted from OnSip so the court tabled the discussion until they could look over both proposals.

Eastern Kentucky Telephone has now resubmitted a new competitive proposal to the fiscal court. This proposal does include new phones.

If the fiscal court approves to go with Eastern Kentucky Telephone it would save the county around \$400.00 to \$500.00 per month.

Judge Barnes said they also have been looking at the phone system for the Emergency Operation Center. There would still have to be some work done with Proteck but could potentially save up to \$700.00 per month going with Eastern Kentucky Telephone. The 911 lines would have to stay with AT&T because of switching mechanism’s that goes on with dispatch and the recorders, but we could switch the non-emergency lines. Magistrate Chad Paton ask if we could keep all the same numbers and they told him we could.

Neal asks if there would be a possibility that the jail could also be tied to the phone system, Frank told him they could talk about it, but he did not think they could include the jail.

The county does have a 2-year contract with OnSip at this time but based on the saving we would have it paid for in four months. Judge Barnes said he was displeased with OnSip. He tried calling them several times leaving numerous messages on their recorder, but no one ever called him back. Every time he has called Eastern Kentucky Telephone someone always answers.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor to go with Eastern Kentucky Telephone for the county phone system.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Pete Fingerson – Powell County Tourism:**

Pete introduced himself to those that did not know him. Pete is the Powell County Tourism Director for Powell County. He operates the Welcome Center.

The tourism commission is solely funded by the 3% transient tax . Pete let members of the court know the Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel had been helping him with names of people that had purchased business licenses that may not be paying the transient tax.

Their grant sponsorship donations budget is over 15% of their budget but there are hopes to increase it this fiscal year. They are a part of two different multiple jurisdictions campaigns throughout the state, one being Red River Gorge Way Funding Campaign (Powell, Lee, Menifee Wolfe, and Estill County) the other is the Signage Campaign which will tie all the counties together. There are going to be beautiful signs installed in the county within the next several months.

Phase 1 will be around 40 signs throughout the five (5) counties.

Pete is also involved in the Kentucky After Dark Program and a sponsor of the Red River Gorge Farmers Market. The Lieutenant Governor will be visiting on August 10<sup>th</sup> for Natural Farmers Week. They have also signed up for the Adopt a Highway Program.

Judge Barnes asked Pete to explain how the transient tax dollars can be spent. Pete explained that there is an Ordinance in place that reads all transient tax dollars must be spent on tourists or tourism related. Fifty percent of their budget is operating the Slade Welcome Center, staff and keeping the building maintained. They do try to help the community as much as possible by sponsoring local events.

Magistrate Brian McKinney asked Pete what the plans were for the Hatton Creek property they now own. Pete told him they had no plans as of now. They are currently working with Craig Dawson to get a feasibility study done. They reinstated their committee for the Hatton Creek property. There have been different ideas such as an archery range and mountain biking trails, but nothing is set and stone at this point.

**Acknowledgement of Budget Hearing Regarding Proposed Use of County Road Aid and Local Government economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds.**

A notice was published in the Powell Patriot for a public hearing to be held at the courthouse on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

There were no verbal comments or written comments submitted on uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds.

**FY 2025 County Road Aid Cooperative Program Agreement and Resolution:**

This Agreement, entered into as of the date of the signature below of the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet is made by and between the Commonwealth of Kentucky transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural And Municipal Aid and the Fiscal Court of Powell County 177.320(2) provides that 18.3% of revenue resulting from the imposition of motor fuel taxes on taxpayers pursuant to KRS 138.220(1)(2) KRS 138.660(1)(2) and KRS 234.320 shall be set aside for the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of county roads and bridges by KRS 179.410 and 179.415 (“County Road Aid Funds”. For the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, this amount is \$871,201.64.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving the FY 2025 County Road Aid Cooperative Program Agreement and Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution Bluegrass Area Development – List of Roads in County Road System:**

There is a list of county roads was sent from Bluegrass Area Development. Judge Barnes along with Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy looked over the list and made the needed corrections. Some of the roads were obsolete. Judge Barnes said something needs to be done about Watson Ridge Road. We have no Watson Ridge Road listed in Powell County but on the Powell/Estill line there is Watson Ridge Road. 911 Director Larry Hall said this has been an AT&T issue. The boundaries have not been redrawn since 2019. They found a blank form, but no one ever signed it. When the boundaries are drawn Courtney Blythe Road should be the end of Powell County. We are hoping after the draw it will fix the problem.

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving the Bluegrass Area Development Resolution whereas the Powell County Fiscal Court agrees the following county roads are a part of the county road system. Appendix A & B. ( A list of these roads will follow meeting minutes) Motion passed unanimously.

**2024-2025 Annual Standing Order to Pre-Approve Certain Recurring Expenses.**

Pursuant to KRS 68.275 (3).

A motion was made by magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving the 2024-2025 Annual Standing Order to Pre-Approve Certain Recurring Expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

**Quote: Ritchie Mechanical – 2 hanging gas heaters for Road Department:**

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy told members of the court the garage they have outfitted for mechanical work has like a hotel/motel split heating unit in it. During the winter if a truck goes down and needs repairing, they use this building to work on the trucks. The heater they currently have does not heat the building enough to keep it warm for the employees. Patrick presented members of the court with a quote from Ritchie Mechanical to install 2 hanging gas heaters in the building for the total amount of \$17,024.00. One of the heaters will keep the building at a comfortable temperature once the bay doors are closed and the other unit will come on to keep the temperature raised.

Magistrate Dennis Combs asked Patrick if they already had natural gas at the road department. Patrick said when they came out to look at installing the new heaters, they suggested putting in a separate meter because the breaker room as well as the garage are running off one meter. Patrick has already talked to Delta Gas and the fee would be around \$90.00 for the installation of the new meter.

Currently when it's cold and the workers are there during work hours, they are using a Torpedo heater which is not the safest to be using inside a building that has flammable materials. It is also so expensive for diesel to operate this kind of heater as well as the electricity. Magistrate Chad Patton asks Patrick if this was the only quote, he had gotten. Patrick told him that it was the only quote. Judge Barnes asked members if they would like to proceed or get additional quotes.

Magistrate Brain McKinney suggested waiting on getting new heaters until winter.

After discussion members of the court decided to table this discussion so that 3 additional quotes could be received.

No Action was taken.

**Powell County Airport Board Appointment:**

Judge Barnes made it aware Chairman of the Powell County Airport Board Chuck Donaldson was present for meeting.

The two names nominated by Mr. Donaldson for appointment on the Powell County Airport Board were Tom DeFilippo and J.R. Wallace.

Mr. Donaldson told members of the court both men were good characters.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members in favor of appointing Tom DeFilippo to serve on the Powell County Airport Board.

Motion passed unanimously.

County Attorney Robert King asked Mr. Donaldson to speak rental of the hangers at the airport. Robert asks him if he had numbers in mind per square foot for the hangers. Mr. Donaldson said the hanger leases are something that needs resolved. The airport has seven (7) hangers total but has no formal lease agreement on any of them. They do not even know who owns the hangers properly. He was the only one paying rent at the time. He pays \$100.00 per month for a 2500 square foot hanger which comes down to .04 cents per square foot. If you use this as a base and count for the other square footage of the other hangers, we should make around \$12,000.00 per year which they are not currently getting. The county is not getting any revenue for the upkeep or the maintenance of the airport. They have electric, insurance, and water bills that must be paid. They have these expenses, and the only income is from the hanger rent and fuel sales. Mr. Donaldson said they need to formalize some kind of hanger lease system and he recommends .04 cent per square foot. County Attorney Robert King has talked to several people and some of them think they own the hangers. He thinks we need to decide on a value for rent and then proceed with establishing it. Back in time people built and maintained the hangers. What was supposed to happen back in the day was the longer they kept their hangers the more rent they would pay to recoup their expenses, but this has not happened.

Some people have paperwork, and some do not, but most leases have now expired. FFA gave an expansion of the runway which federal money involved. They want to say it has to be fair market value for anything involved with rental around the airport. Robert, along with Mr. Donaldson, has met with Hanson and several others and their recommendation was we need to go to other places comparable to our airport to see what they have. This would help in getting something established with fair market value for what we have.

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Robert said he needs to go and speak with others so that it does show our diligence on this. Mr. Donaldson said until we formalize some sort of land lease agreement, we will have two people wanting to build hangers which would make four (4) airplanes. We need 10 airplanes at the airport to continue getting federal grant money, so we do not need to lose anyone else. The County Attorney said he would feel comfortable putting this on next month's agenda. This will allow him enough time to have the opportunity to go speak with others about their airports.

**Sealed Bid: Intimidator 12XP – (12”Drum Style) Chipper:**

Judge Barnes opened a sealed bid submitted from Earthworx Equipment. The bid submitted was for a:

Intimidator 12XP (12:Drum Style) - \$36,290.00  
Ford MSG-425 2.5L, 84 horsepower gas engine without clutch - \$13,205.00  
Murphy PV485 panel with reversing auto feed for Ford 84 horsepower gas engines - \$2,150.00  
NACD Spring Loaded Clutch for Ford 84 hp gas engine - \$1,175.00.  
Hydraulic winch with line docking station and manual push button feed assist - \$5,350.00.  
Hydraulic flow control for feed wheel rate adjustment - \$325.00  
Single 8,000-pound Torflex EZ lube electric brake axle - \$1,245.00.  
(2) 215/75R 17.5 tires mounted on 8-bolt gray duty gray rims - \$540.00  
Clean out and inspect door on transition - \$175.00.  
Lockable aluminum toolbox - \$175.00  
Option 7 Prong to 6 Prong Coiled Cord - \$45.00

(Quote # 167740) Customer Net Unit Price - \$51,573.75

Magistrate J.L. Bowen asked Tim what the chipper would be used for. Tim told him it would be used at the compost yard and the composting grant money would be used to pay for the chipper.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the purchase of a 12’ Drum Style Chipper, Engine, Control System and Engine Installation, Clutch, Infeed, Feed System, Axle, Tires/Rims, Chipper Discharge Transition, Toolbox and Coiled Cord from Earthworx Equipment in the total amount of \$51,573.75.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Part-Time Position for a Siren Consultant: Communication System Advisor.**

911 Director Larry Hall told members of the court he had received a proposal from Rickey Wasson about a part-time position as a Communication System Advisor. ( a copy of the proposal will follow the meeting minutes.) If the court approves this part-time position the salary will be taken from the EMA (DES) 78-5135-739-008 Warning Siren Project line if the budget.

The Proposal:

**Descriptive Duties:**

- Inspection of equipment at tower sites for needs of repair or replacement and make recommendations for repairs.
- Oversee siren system for maintenance and testing remotely as well as visual inspections on each tower monthly.
- Have access to all communication sites and buildings storing equipment and available parts for emergency repairs.

- Complete inspections to determine problems and fix or replace or make recommendations for repairs and replacement by other vendors.
- Prepare monthly reports from inspections.

**Contract Terms:**

- Work will include up to 5 hours per week for duties listed above at a fee of \$250.00 per week. This fee includes fuel utilized to travel to towers when a county vehicle is not available or needed.
- Any time over 5 hours per week would be charged at \$50.00 per hour and would be approved by the County Judge Executive before being completed.
- Any used parts available will be used to service equipment.
- If parts are not available in stock, purchases would be approved by the county before repairs.
- Use of county truck or transportation by a county worker could be utilized to get to sires for inspection.
- Permission to transmit on any radio system in the county's name for testing only would be granted.
- The County would have the final say and full responsibility for each repair or upgrade and maintenance procedure.

Judge Barnes said we need one person responsible to do this. Rickey will turn in time sheets to 911 Director Larry Hall which then will be forwarded to payroll Clerk Stephanie Faulkner. All parts, equipment etc. will be approved by the fiscal court before any purchases are made.

Judge Barnes said prior to our last meeting he had talked to people at the office of Kentucky Homeland Security. Regina Jones from Rand Paul's office has been searching for grants. She said there are no such grants for sirens. The only way to get grant money for this type of thing is it was related to terrorism.

During our last meeting someone was present telling the people there was a grant available for sirens. Come to find out there is no such grant.

Judge Barnes said he appreciates input from the public in helping to approve of our community, but he does not appreciate someone coming in and making us look stupid.

A motion was made Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the hire of Rickey Wasson as a Communication System Advisor. This will be a part-time position with a salary of \$13,000.00 per year. (work will include up to 5 hours per week for duties at a fee of \$250.00 per week). This motion also approves Rickey's proposal listing his descriptive duties and contract terms.

Motion passed unanimously.

Magistrate Chad Patton ask members of court if Magistrate Dennis Combs could be paid to help with the sirens or would this be a conflict of interest. Judge Barnes said he done an excellent job, and he appreciates the hours he put into repairing the sirens.

County Attorney Robert King said he did not think we could do this, but he would check into it.

Jesse Miles was present at the meeting regarding Smallwood Road. He was asking members of the court if they had heard anything about a proposal for sewer. Members of the court told him they weren't aware of anything, and he would need to contact the City of Stanton.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2024/2025 Budget: KRS 67.077**

The County Treasurer presented the 2024/2025 Proposed County budget to members of the court for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. KRS 67.077

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the 2024/2025 Proposed County Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

**Closed Session: KRS 61.810 Subsection (1) (F).**

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor to go into closed session KRS 61.810 subsection (1) (F). Motion passed unanimously.

**Court Resumes: Coming out of Closed Session:**

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to come back into session. Motion passed unanimously.

Judge Barnes made it aware there was action taken in closed session.

**Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

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**Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive**

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**J.L. Bowen, Magistrate**

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**Dennis Combs, Magistrate**

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**Mike Lockard, Magistrate**

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**Brian McKinney, Magistrate**

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**Chad Patton, Magistrate**