

***Powell County Fiscal Court******Regular Called Meeting******Date: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025******Time: 6:00 p.m.******Location: Powell County Emergency Operations Center  
33 Commerce Drive  
Stanton, Kentucky 40380***

Presiding: Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive

Present: Fiscal Court Clerk Connie Crabtree, Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Chad Patton, Magistrate Brian McKinney, County Attorney Robert King, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton, CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock, Assistant Ambulance Director Arlene Neal, E911 Director Larry Hall, Brian Billings, Tony Tipton, Jacob Estes, Lisa Johnson, Eric Williams, John Knootz, Ann Cecil, Robbie Campbell (wife), Animal Control Officer Justin Wright, Shawna Staton, Chuck Dudleson, LeAndrea Knox, Stacey Cain and Ruth Jones

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes called the meeting to order:

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen offered the prayer

Roll Call for the following members: A Quorum was established.

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes - Present****Magistrate J.L. Bowen - Absent****Magistrate Dennis Combs – Present****Magistrate Mike Lockard – Present****Magistrate Brian McKinney – Present****Magistrate Chad Patton – Present*****Public Comments:***

Powell County Tourism Director Pete Fingerson –Unable to attend

***Minutes of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving the minutes of the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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 Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving all bills submitted for payment. Magistrate Mike Lockard told members of the court that Hex Glass needed to come back and look at the new courthouse doors they installed because they needed some adjustments to the locks. Members of the court agreed to hold their check until they come and look at the door locks. Once the issues are addressed the check can be mailed.

Motion passed unanimously

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***Treasurer transfers: Cash, Budget and Interfund Transfers:***

The Treasurer presented all transfers to members of the court for approval.

***Interfund Transfers***

Transfer from General Fund to Ambulance Fund - \$20,000.00

Transfers from General Fund to Dispatch Fund - \$10,000.00

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving all Cash, Budget and Interfund transfers.

Motion passed unanimously

***Financials 2/1/25 – 2/28/25: Financial Statement and Cash Balance Statement Summary:***

The Treasurer presented the 2/1/25 – 2/28/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Statement for court approval.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Chad with all members present voting in favor to approve the 2/1/25 – 2/28/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary.

Motion passed unanimously

***Old Business:***

***( David Esteppe – Requesting Opioid Funding for program)***

David Esteppe was present at the meeting to follow up with members of the court about getting opioid funding for their program.

Judge Barnes said they had been talking to Lauren Carr with KACO and there are some things they would have to follow up on such as grants and contracts.

Magistrate Brian McKinney told David they were impressed with his program and hope to support it but at this time they are still training on the grant process and how to distribute the opioid monies.

Judge Barnes agreed with Magistrate McKinney. He said the court was impressed with the program and all they do regarding Foothills, but we must make sure we spend the opioid funding correctly.

There will be a training regarding the opioid funding on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Judge Barnes told David to contact him after this date and he would try to have more information for him

No Action taken at this time.

***Department Head Updates:***

**E911 Director Larry Hall** updated members of the court with calls that came into the dispatch for the month of February 2025

Sheriff's office- 374

Stanton Police Department – 274

Clay City Police Department- 91

Middle Fork Fire Department – 48

Stanton Fire Department – 64

Clay City Fire Department – 53

Search & Rescue – 0

EMS – 233

Larry made members aware Kathy Wells graduated from the academy and Katlyn Hinds is currently in the academy.

Larry also told members of the court that E911 got an audit request, we were turned in because someone does not like the way things are being done around dispatch and there is jealousy. He said records had to be submitted along with time sheets. This all was submitted and everything passed.

**Assistant E911 Director Arlene Rogers:**

Judge Barnes let members of the court know the EMS Director that was hired in January had to resign due to medical issues. We can discuss filling that position later.

Assistant E911 Director Arlene Rogers has been doing a great job of filling in during this time.

Assistant E911 Director Arlene Rogers told members of the court 4 individuals had applied for part-time positions and two employees want to be moved to a full-time position. She asks for court approval for the following:

(Advanced EMT's Jeffrey Gross, Katherine Powell moved to full-time positions) (Paramedic Amy Jones, Paramedic Jessica Caudill, Advanced Paramedic Samantha Barton and Paramedic Gerald Barrells hired for part-time positions)

***(Hiring Advanced EMT Jeffery Gross – Full Time Position)***

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of moving EMT Jefferey Gross to a full-time position at the Powell County Ambulance Service  
Motion passed unanimously.

***(Hiring Advanced EMT Katherine Powell – Full Time Position)***

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of moving Advanced EMT Katherine Powell to a full-time position at the Powell County Ambulance Service.  
Motion passed unanimously

***(Hiring Paramedic Amy Jones- Part Time Position)***

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of hiring Paramedic Amy Jones as a part-time employee for the Powell County Ambulance Service.  
Motion passed unanimously

***(Hiring EMT Jessica Caudill – Part Time Position)***

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of hiring EMT Jessica Caudill as a part-time employee at the Powell County Ambulance Service.  
Motion passed unanimously.

***(Hiring Advanced EMT Samantha Barton – Part Time Position)***

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor of hiring Advanced EMT Samantha Barton as a part-time employee of the Powell Country Ambulance Service.  
Motion passed unanimously.

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**(Hiring Paramedic Gerald Barrells Part Time Position)**

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Brian Mckinney with all members present voting in favor of hiring Paramedic Gerald Barrells)as a part-time employee for the Powell County Ambulance Service.

Motion passed unanimously

Assistant E911 Director Arlene Rogers let members of the court know that two employees will be leaving for medical leave, and one will be leaving for fire school

Judge Barnes said Powell County is the lowest in our area as far as pay for EMS workers. Currently our EMT employees make \$13.00 per hour, Advanced EMT's make \$14.00 per hour and Paramedics make \$15.00 per hour. We need to increase these rates for these workers.

Judge Barnes let members of the court know the new ambulance is in the works.

***CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock:***

***CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock*** let members of the court know CSEPP is continuing the closing out.

Kevin said it was great to have John Knootz on board.

The tower sites on Furnace and Black Creek need a Memorandum of Understanding going forward so that FEMA can leave the equipment after CSEPP's closeout. County Attorney Robert King asked him who the agreement would be between. Kevin told him it's an agreement with the Kentucky State Police for Black Creek tower site and Eastern Kentucky Power for the Furnace tower site. Robert told him to ask and see if FEMA could draft the MOU for us and if they do not then he will work with Kevin getting one drafted.

***(Approval of Kentucky Emergency Membership fee)***

***CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock*** asks members of the court to approve the Kentucky Emergency Management membership fee in the amount of \$50.00. This fee is due in April of each year.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the \$50.00 membership fee for Kentucky Emergency Management.

Motion passed unanimously.

CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock let members of the court know himself and John has a good partnership, and he will continue to work with him to make sure all paperwork is completed the best they can.

***(Approval of Kentucky Recycling Coalition Membership fee)***

***Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden:***

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden asks members of the court to approve the membership fee of the Kentucky Recycling Coalition in the amount of \$200.00. Tim has been voted to be their Solid Waste Recycling Representative for their board.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor to approve the membership fee of the Kentucky Recycling Coalition in the amount of \$200.00

Motion passed unanimously

Solid Waste Coordinator along with two other employees took an exam a few weeks ago to get their Composting Certificate. Tim was the only that passed the exam. He getting this certificate now makes us legal and we can move forward with composing.

***Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton:***

***Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton*** let members of the court know they had received a quote in the amount of \$4,650.00 from David Bailey to clean, seal and paint the detention center's parking lot.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving this quote in the amount of \$4,650.00 from David Bailey to clean, seal and paint the detention center's parking lot.

Motion passed unanimously

***Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton*** let members of the court know they need to purchase 100 mats for the SAP program. The total cost is \$106.00 per mat. They would not purchase them all at one time, they would purchase them in two increments.

Neal said he will get a quote for the mats and email it to members of the court.

***Chief Deputy Neal Hamilton*** let members of the court know the SAP program is down six inmates and they currently have 182 state inmates. There are 53 Powell County inmates and a few from Wolfe, Menifee and Estill Counties. There will be six inmates leaving tomorrow.

***Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy was unable to attend the meeting.***

***EM Director John Knootz:***

The new EM Director John Knootz introduced himself. John is a lifetime resident of Powell County. He became an EMT and firefighter volunteer back in 1993. He worked in Montgomery County as a Captain for 23 ½ years then went to Clark County for another 1 ½. John retired this past August.

John, along with CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock has been working together to get rid of some of the stockpiles. The battery packs on the fire engines needed service. Kevin will see if CSEPP will reimburse the county for some of the cost. When the other packs on the fire engines were checked twelve to eighteen of them failed, which is a problem. John suggested the fire departments buy at least one battery per year.

John has a quote from Fleet 911 for 9 battery packs ( \$6,667.00 each) and 45 bottles which the air goes (\$1,680.00 each) would cost around \$135,603.00. The fire departments could use their state aid money to help with these purchases. If 10 battery packs were purchased , they would give us 10 bottles for free.

John let members of the court know that all sirens did go off during the test on Friday. Two had to be worked on. They had to put new batteries in the one located at the road department. John, along with Rick, went and looked fixed the siren located at Lions Club before the test on Friday.

We may have to replace four to six of the sirens in the future.

John, along with Judge Barnes and CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock meet with FEMA. They went and looked at Cow Creek Road. This road has shifted because of the water underneath. They have asked for cribbing and steel rods. They went and looked at a mud slide on Halls Hill Road which is threatening a house.

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The last thing they looked at was 2 log jams in the red river. We do not know what FEMA will help us on until we get the paperwork back.

Judge Barnes spoke about the self-contained breathing apparatuses for the fire departments. In the past we have gotten used packs. Around 10 years ago the City of Winchester donated several packs to us. The Lexington Fire Department and Montgomery also has donated to us some packs. All the packs we have received are used ones. We had to take these because the fire departments could not afford new ones. Last week there was a fire, and someone died from smoke inhalation. Our fire fighters are important, we need to make sure they have safety gear when they go into structure fires.

***Animal Control Officer Justin Wright:***

***(Approval to hire Shannon Turino as a part-time employee for the Powell County Animal Shelter)***

Animal Control Officer Justin Wright let members of the court know Shannon Turino have applied for a part-time position at the animal shelter. Judge Barnes interviewed Ms. Turino last week. Justin and Connie sit in on the interview. They all agreed she would be a great candidate for this position. Ms. Turino is a vet tech and has twenty years' experience with animals. She has been donating a lot of her time at the animal shelter. After discussing members of the court also agreed she would be great for this position.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of hiring Shannon Turino as a part-time employee for the Powell County Animal Shelter.

Motion passed unanimously

**Deputy Judge Executive:** No discussion

**County Attorney Robert King:** No discussion

***District Updates:***

***Magistrate Chad Patton:*** Has a small road list but the road crew has worked on it. He welcomed John Knootz as our new EM Director. He appreciates CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock working with him to make a smooth transition. He also said he appreciates Larry, Connie and Arlene.

***Magistrate Brian McKinney:*** Appreciative of the road repairs.

Update on Broadband: Mountain Telephone is working on the Eastern end of the county. Spectrum is working on a grant for the North Bend and Hatcher's Creek areas.

Crystal Broadband has a grant for the Frames Branch, Little Hardwicks Creek and Furnace Mountain areas.

Spectrum has applied for the new BEAD Grant for the Brush Creek, Black Creek and the Western end of the county.

Windstream currently does not provide internet for the county, but they plan to put in a bid to do this.

***Magistrate Dennis Combs:*** Ask Judge Barnes if he has reached out regarding the emergency easement for Shiloh Road. Judge Barnes told him there were still a couple of people they needed to talk to. They met with one property owner. They are talking about establishing a new roadway at the end of Shiloh

Road over to Beech Fork Rd. The owner of the farm has agreed to let us build a road, but it will cost the county \$17,000.00 but this does not include what we would pay him for a gate. The only time this gate would be unlocked is during a flood. The gate would be given to a local resident so they could unlock the gate we needed. Judge Barnes said they have also discussed another option. Right beside the farm mentioned is another road that some say was a county road in the past. At this time, we cannot find any evidence of it being a county road. The plan is to talk to two separate landowners to see if they would allow the county to establish this road and get an easement in case of an emergency. Magistrate Dennis Combs also mentioned Black Creek. Judge Barnes said he had talked to our representatives and the Kentucky Department of Transportation. They are looking to widen the roads starting on Black Creek Route 11 from Easy Stop to the Bypass in Mt. Sterling. The Montgomery County side is going to cost around 38 million dollars and Powell County side around 40 million dollars. Magistrate Chad Patton ask if he has heard anything with Hinkle. Judge Barnes told him he had spoken with Rueben, and they hoped to get started in April. There are twelve roads needing repairs. Next year when it's time to bid we need to accept all bids for paving so that whoever can get to it first we will take them.

**Magistrate Mike Lockard:** Mike told members of the court the jail seemed to be getting a better quote to seal the parking lot than we got for the courthouse parking lot. The quote for the parking lot at the detention was in the amount of \$4,650.00 and the courthouse parking lot was \$4,400.00. Judge Barnes said there is always water standing in front of the courthouse, so he wants to talk to them about repairing it before getting in sealed. Court members agreed to revisit the bid later. Treasurer Connie Crabtree said she wishes we could get a grant to repair the courthouse clock. EM Director John Knootz said he would check in getting us a quote.

Judge Barnes said we have had complaints about several illegal dumping sites. There is one on Braham Cemetery and one on Hill Top Road. We are planning on working with the County Attorney to prosecute these people. They have been working with the people to give them a chance to clean it up before acting. Judge Barnes also mentioned an Amber grant. This grant is for abandoned mining land. We are in the district to be able to ask for economic help.

Judge Barnes said the members of the fiscal court work for the people of Powell County. If someone has something to say or has a question, they do not need to hesitate on contacting them.

Darrell Billings said we should ask AOC about helping with repairing the clock at the courthouse. This courthouse is very important to the court system because so many people are outside during court days.

Tourism Director Pete Fingerson: Unable to attend meeting

#### **Resolution for Food Bank:**

A couple of ladies, one being Ann Cecil, were present at the meeting representing Powell Country Emergency Food Bank. Currently the food bank is on Ann Cecil's property. Their current desire is to build a new building on this property. They have contacted John Brooks, which administers grants. John has been helping them with getting a grant to build this building which would better serve them than the one they currently are using.

Judge Barnes asks if this would be a long-term lease? They told him it would be.

The plan is to build a bigger open building. This resolution presented will give them permission to apply for a Community Development Block Grant.

Whereas it is necessary and in the public interest that the county avail itself of the financial assistance provided by Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and the 1981 Amendments

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permitting the Kentucky Department of Local Government, Division of Community Development, to commerce a Community Development Program with the community.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving this Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Application. (Resolution). This motion also approves the cost for the grant writing process. Motion passed unanimously.

***Animal Control Officer Justin Wright: Proposal for the Removal of Deceased Animals from Public Roadways:***

Animal Control Officer Justin Wright presented members of the court with a Proposal for the Removal of Deceased Animals from Public Roadways:

Justin is proposing the inclusion of a comprehensive program for the prompt removal of deceased animals from public roadways in Powell County. This proposal seeks to improve public safety, reduce the environmental impact of animal carcasses and enhance the overall maintenance of our roadways.

Additionally, he requests that the county government consider an increase in the compensation allocated for the removal and disposal of deceased animals, given the growing demands and complexities involved in the process. Justin said there have been several calls that came into the animal shelter asking about picking up a deceased animal. He tells them they are not responsible for doing this so he cannot help them.

***1. Current Situation and Need of Action***

At present, the removal of deceased animals from roadways is not addressed by any department within the county government.

***2. Proposed Solution: Implementation of a Dedicated Animal Removal Program***

Traffic Hazards and Safety Risks  
Health and Public Safety Concerns  
Environmental Impact  
Aesthetic and Community Impact  
Economic Impact  
Economic Impact  
Animal Welfare Concerns  
Justification for Increased Compensation  
Cost Breakdown and Suggested Compensation  
Conclusion

***Total Estimated Cost: \$10,1400 annually: x2 Employee's***

***(A copy of the Proposal will follow meeting minutes)***

Magistrate Chad Patton ask Justin if he thinks there is enough manpower to do this and will if effect other animals at the shelter such as them getting sick because they would be exposed to the deceased animals. Justin told him he had a box he planned on using which can be sanitized. Any deceased animal would be bagged first so they would never make direct contact with the metal on the inside of the box.

Magistrate Mike Lockard asked Justin if this would include deceased animals in ditches. Justin told him he thought ditches should include them. He also asks Justin where he planned on taking these animals. Justin told him he would take them to the new certified compost area at landfill. Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden told Justin they cannot accept roadkill at the transfer station. They are only allowed to take farm animals. Justin said he would work on a solution for this.

Magistrate Dennis Combs said he thinks there would be possible contamination. Justin told him they would use proper equipment such as boots, gloves, suit and face visor guards but as far as new exposure there would be none they are not already exposed too.



Judge Barnes said he is worried about the liability of the worker. For instance, if they are on the parkway picking up a deceased animals there would be a chance of them getting hit by a vehicle. He asks the County Attorney for his opinion on this. He told Judge Barnes he did agree with this. He also thinks once you undertake to do this you have to do it well because you are creating liability if someone does hit something in the road. Members of the court tabled this discussion.

***Powell County, Kentucky Situation Table Update:***

Data Recorder Stacey Cain and Backup Data Recorder LeAndre Knox were present for the meeting to give members of the court an update regarding the Powell County, Kentucky Situation Table. They gave each member of the court a handout with the data collected. This data collected was for 18 months. Powell County was the fourth county to sit up a Situation Table.

The Situation Table is a unique, risk-based, rapid triage model that brings together multiple human service providers to address situations where individuals and our families face a specific threshold of Acutely Elevated Risk (AER). It addresses those who often face the highest levels of composite risk in the community and too often fall through the cracks in the system. (A copy of the Handout will follow minutes).

The number of Situations presented from August 16, 2023, to March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, were:

2 – Open	10- Male
2 – Rejected	22 - Female
28 – Closed	Total 32

Grand Total – 32

Stacey invited members of the court to attend their meetings. There is a zoom link to join, or they can come to the meeting. The meeting is held every Wednesday at 12:00 at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Members of the court thank Stacey and LeAndre for giving them an update on the Situation Table.

***Tony Tipton and Brian Billings: Powell County Fiscal Court Hollerwood Offroad Adventure Park Project Public-Private Partnership request for Proposals:***

Tony Tipton and Brian Billings were present for the meeting. Tony told members of the court they were there to give them an update on the progress for the P3 Agreement.

They took care of all the recommended changes such as dates and times that were discussed in the last meeting. Brian completed the most updated version. They have made headway on contacting potential bidders.

Judge Barnes said he is good with it now that the changes are made.

Brain said he would like them to concentrate on the schedule. He wants to make sure members of the court know about it. It is on page 19 of the agreement.

If the fiscal court agrees this evening it will go out on the Powell County Industrial Authority website as a formal Request for Proposal. They plan to have the Pre-Proposal Meeting and Site Visit on March 26, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. for potential bidders. They will be meeting here at the Emergency Operations Center and then if anyone wants to go to the site they can.

Meeting Schedule Follows:

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Issuance of RFP

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Pre-Proposal Meeting and Site Visit

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Written Questions will be Due: Anything discussed, or Tony goes to park with them is relevant information until the question is formally asked on the website. There will be questions the fiscal court will have to give them guidance on.

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April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, Response to Written Questions  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Private partner Proposal Due  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Oral Presentations

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of to accept the Powell County Fiscal Court Hollerwood Offroad Adventure Park Project Public-Private Partnership Request for Proposals.  
Motion passed unanimously

***Codell Construction Company Pay Estimate #5 – Powell County EMS Project:***

Pay Estimate #5 submitted from Codell Construction for the Powell County EMS Project in the amount of \$163,327.41 was submitted to members of the court for payment approval. The estimate is as follows:

Builders First Source (Direct Owner Payment) - \$19,400.00

Irving Materials, Inc. Direct Owner Payment) - \$11,249.50

Atlas Enterprises (Direct Owner Payment) - \$4,427.00

Codell Construction Company - \$128,250.91

Total: \$163,327.41

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving Pay Estimate # 5 submitted from Codell Construction for Builders First Source - \$19,400.00, Irving Materials, Inc - \$11,249.50, Atlas Enterprises - \$4,427.00 and Codell Construction Company - \$128,250.91 totaling \$163,327.41. The estimate submitted is for the Powell County EMS Project.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion passed unanimously

***2025 Incentive Payment for Judge Executive Eddie Barnes:***

Eddie Barnes completed his annual incentive for the calendar year 2025 and is due for a total of \$3,976.59.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard approving payment to Eddie Barnes for the completion of his annual incentive for calendar year 2025 in the total amount of \$3,976.59

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Aye

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Abstained

Motion Passed

***2025 Incentive Payment for Magistrate Brian McKinney:***

Brian McKinney completed his annual incentive for the calendar year 2025 and is due for a total of \$3,976.59

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving payment to Brian McKinney for the completion of his annual incentive for calendar year 2025 in the total amount of \$3,976.59.

Motion passed unanimously

***Appointment to the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board:***

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes said he would like to nominate Connie Crabtree as the new Alcohol Beverage Control Board Member. He talked to the Administrator and the Investigator, and they agreed to this appointment.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the appointment of Connie Crabtree to the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board. This appointment is to take effect immediately.  
Motion passed unanimously

***Appointment to the Powell County Tourism Board:***

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes told members of the court three names had been submitted for this appointment.

Eric Griggs

Al Cornett

Rita Shepherd Tolson

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving the appointment of Eric Griggs to the Powell County Tourism Commission Board.  
Motion passed unanimously

***Two (2) Appointments to the Powell County Airport Board:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving the appointment of Billy Estes to the Powell County Airport Board.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the appointment of Perry Slone to the Powell County Airport Board.

Motion passed unanimously

***Powell County Clerk 2024 Excess Fees:***

Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer Connie Crabtree made members of the court aware that Powell County Clerk Jackie Everman turned a check over to the county in the amount of \$48,723.36 for 2024 Excess Fees.

***Resolution: Tasers for the Sheriff's Office:***

Need new figures

Tabled until next meeting

***CD at Bank: Opioid Monies:***

More information is needed regarding this and to decide on what amount to put into a CD  
Tabled until next meeting

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Judge Executive Eddie Barnes welcomed Jacob Estes, Darrell Billings, Ruth Jones and Middlefork Fire Chief Robbie Campbell along with his wife to the meeting. He appreciates them attending and would like to encourage everyone to attend.

***Closed Session: KRS 61.810 ( C ) ( F ): 8:06 p.m.***

A motion was made Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to go into closed session. KRS 61.810 ( C ) ( F ).  
Motion passes unanimously

***Court Resumes:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to resume the meeting.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes made it aware that No Action was taken in the Closed Session.**

***Pay Increases for Woody Tipton (Employee at Powell County Transfer Station) and Chelsea Seale ( Employee at Powell County Animal Shelter).***

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving to increase Woody Tipton (Employee at the Powell County Transfer Station rate of pay from \$12.00 per hour to \$13.00 per hour and Chelsea Seale ( Employee at the Powell County Animal Shelter) from \$12.00 per hour to \$13.00 per hour. The increases are to be effective immediately.  
Motion passed unanimously.

***Powell County Ambulance Director Position: Hiring Arthur Ashley***

Due to Daniel Williams resigning as the EM Director for the Powell County Ambulance Service, Judge Executive Eddie Barne said Arthur Ashley would like to accept the full-time position as the EM Director for Powell County Ambulance Service. Arthur is a retired Captain EMT from the Lexington Fire Department. He has family roots here and worked in the ambulance service and fire department years ago. He also used to be the Emergency Management Director for the county and is currently the Flood Plain Coordinator for the City of Stanton.

Arthur told Judge Barnes on occasion he would be gone Friday, Saturday and Sunday out of the state to teach fire/rescue classes. Judge Barnes told him that he would cover for him if needed.

Magistrate Dennis Combs asks what his salary would be. Judge Barnes said it would be at the current salary of \$57,000.00.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of hiring Arthur Ashely as the EM Director for the Powell County Ambulance Service.

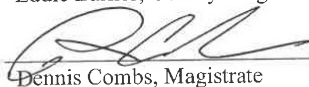
Motion passed unanimously.

***Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.***

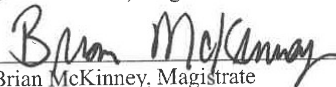
A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of adjourning the meeting.  
Motion passed unanimously.



Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive



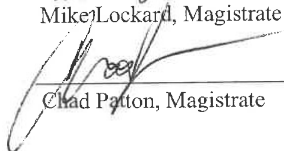
Dennis Combs, Magistrate



Brian McKinney, Magistrate



Mike Lockard, Magistrate



Chad Patton, Magistrate