

A G E N D A

Powell County Fiscal Court

Special Called Meeting

Date: April 30th, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Powell County Emergency Operations Center

33 Commerce Drive

Stanton, Kentucky 40380

- I. Call Meeting to Order***
- II. Pledge of Allegiance***
- III. Roll Call***

Meeting Items:

- Motion to approve all bills submitted for payment
- 2025-2026 Proposed County Budget KRS 68.240
- Extension of Hollerwood P3 Agreement
- Closed Session KRS 61.810 (C) (F)

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Present: County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes, Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen, Fiscal Court Clerk Connie Crabtree, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Chad Patton, Magistrate Brian McKinney, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Ambulance Director Authur Ashley, Jailer Teddy Lacy, Chief Deputy Jailer Neal Hamilton and Darrell Billings.

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 – Present

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Present

Magistrate Mike Lockard - Absent

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Present

Magistrate Chad Patton – Present

Bills Submitted for Payment:

Bills were submitted to members of the court for payment approval:

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving all bills submitted for payment including the purchase of the 2025 Dodge Durango. Members of the court want the minutes to reflect that the new 2025 Dodge Durango will be brought out of the Alcohol Beverage Control Funds which is no cost to the county. This vehicle will be used by Rob Williams. He plans to retire in a few months from the Clay City Police Department but will continue as the ABC Investigator, but if something happens, he does not continue as the ABC Investigator this vehicle will still be used for that position. These vehicles can be handed down after two years.

Motion passed unanimously

2025-2026 Proposed County Budget KRS 68.240

The Treasurer presented the 2025-2026 Proposed County Budget to members of the court . Per KRS 68.240 (Submit Entire Proposed County to the fiscal court by May 1).

(Ambulance Director Authur Ashley – Discussion of 2025-2026 EMS Budget)

Ambulance Director Authur Ashley told members of the court since he was the director he has seen things that made him shake his head. There has been no leadership, and it has not been run correctly for many administrations prior to Judge Barnes. We are now playing catch up. Arthur said he has a plan to fix it.

Arthur broke down numbers so that members of the court could better understand 24/48 shifts, how the money works, what scheduled overtime and unscheduled overtime means as far as killing the budget. He said we are losing so much money by not doing transfers.

July 1, 2024, through April 29th, 2025, the EMS service has made 2142 runs and 195 transfers.

The prior EMS Director was not making any transfers, and this is where we can make our revenue.

We have lost many dollars by not making them. Since Arthur has been here, 45 transfers have been made.

Our EMS service currently has 11 full-time staff. Two critical care paramedics, two paramedics, two advanced EMT, five EMT's and seven part-time EMT's. Authur reduced the work roster because of people not responding to him. He said he will not wait for someone to come to work for him, he will make spots for people who do want to work.

He told members of the court he had to terminate one employee and may have to terminate another.

The upcoming budget will reflect three shift supervisors, six full-time paramedics, six full-time EMT's, two full-time transfers, one paramedic and one EMT. This will be twelve full-time front-line personnel.

Arthur said our county will no longer operate as BLS we will now operate as ALS because this county deserves better. He plans to run a transfer truck daily to bring in revenue. After six months he plans on running a second truck so that we can double the revenue.

Authur would like to increase the Deputy Director salary line to \$45,000.00. At this time, he is not worried about an increase for himself he would rather give it to the people working the front line.

The uniform line will increase to \$10,000.00 and the training line will increase to \$10,000.00.

He has a plan to lease two new EC units. Leasing these units means we can always have a new one.

Authur will be asking for a \$2.00 increase for the EMS employees. He said his job is to make sure the standard care, practice and protocols are done. His plan is to run the EMS Service like a business.

Darrell Billings said he would be glad to check on some leasing options for us.

Magistrate Dennis Combs asked if the budget was based on the occupational license tax and the fee on water bills being passed. The Treasurer told him it was.

Judge Barnes said these taxes have not been raised in years.

We need ambulances. We cannot jeopardize people's safety or life by hauling them to the hospital in a junky ambulance or breaking down on the side of the road.

Members of the court discussed having a budget workshop on Monday to discuss the proposed occupational tax increase and the fee on water bills.

Extension of Hollerwood P3 Agreement:

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs and seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of extending the Hollerwood P3 Agreement until June 15th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

Closed Session KRS 61.810 (C) (F)

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen and seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of going into closed session. KRS61.810 (C) (F)

Motion passed unanimously.

Court Resumes:

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

Motion passed unanimously

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes made it known that no action was taken in closed session.

Larry Hall - Termination of Employment with the Powell County Fiscal Court :

Judge Barnes asked members of the court what their recommendations would be based on the evidence shown regarding the complaints against E911 Director Larry Hall. Magistrate Brain McKinney made the recommendation to terminate Larry Hall's employment with the Powell County Fiscal Court.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brain McKinney and seconded by Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of terminating Larry Hall's employment with the Powell County Fiscal Court.

Motion to include paying vacation and sick leave.

Motion passed unanimously

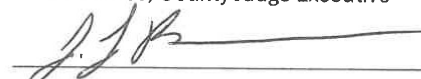
Adjournment:

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

Motion passed unanimously



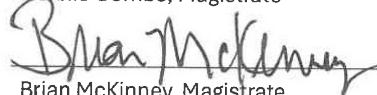
Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive



J.L. Bowen, Magistrate



Dennis Combs, Magistrate



Brian McKinney, Magistrate

Chad Patton, Magistrate