

**Powell County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
Date: June 10th, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Powell County Operations Center (EOC)
33 Commerce Drive
Stanton, Kentucky 40380**

Presiding: Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive

Present: Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer Connie Crabtree, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Mike Lockard, Magistrate Brian McKinney, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Magistrate Chad Patton, County Attorney Robert King, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, E911 Director Justin Rice, Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel, Road Foreman Daniel Clair and wife Brenda, Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy, Jessica Faulker (two of her friends), EMS Employees – Amy Jones & Katie Powell, Dog Warden Justin Wright, Jailer Teddy Lacy, Pam Pinks – Powell County Detention Center, Brandon Farmer – Powell Patriot, EMA Director John Koontz, CSEEP Director Kevin Babcock, Tourism Director Pete Fingerson and Deputy Sheriff Hunter Martin.

County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes called the meeting to order:
County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance:
Roll Call for the following members: A Quorum was established:

County 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:

Jessica Faulkner approached the court. She thanked the fiscal court for taking her phone calls and text messages. She said the Fiscal Court does not get enough praise for what they do. Since the landfill issue happened awhile back her along with her friend Glenda has been a spokesperson. If someone in their community has a question, they call one of them. She said everyone does not have Facebook, but she does encourage them to attend the fiscal court meetings to ask questions they may have or just to voice their opinions. Jessica asks if the fiscal court could start putting Facebook lives on a group page. She wanted to know when Magistrates are not able to attend the meetings, can they make a conference call.

Judge Barnes told her it would have to be posted to the public with the time and address.

County Attorney Robert King told her during covid we could have meeting via zoom.

It couldn't just be audio; you had to be seen also. After covid this did expire but the legislatures went back under the open meetings act and made it where it can be done and not be a violation of the open meetings act. If two people are going to be at a physical place, then it will have to be posted where the meeting will be held, and it must be posted on a website where everyone would have access to log in so you can see the Magistrates that are there and are not there.

Jessica said if we could get this worked out, she thinks this would reduce everyone's complaining plus give them clarity to what's going on. Connie told Jessica she could access the meeting minutes at powellcountyky.us.

Judge Barnes said he appreciates her encouraging people to attend the fiscal court meetings.

Jessica said she heard there were three separate taxes that had been passed. Judge Barnes told her one was a fee and the other was a tax. The 911 service fee will be strictly for our 911 dispatch only. Jessica asks if the county owned the EOC building. CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock told her whenever CSEPP closes out the county will agree to use the building for emergency responses and will be responsible for any cost associated with the building.

All residents within the county that has a water bill will be paying the 911 service fee.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen told Jessica other counties had also established this fee to help cover expenses once CSEPP goes away. He told her they asked the City of Stanton and City of Clay City for financial help, but neither offered to help.

Jessica asks about the insurance premium tax and if it will go into effect next year. Judge Barnes told her the insurance premium tax hadn't yet come to a vote. He told her the occupational tax rate would now be 1.75% which will generate around \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00 annually. Judge Barnes said a lot of people do not understand unexplained occurrences and events such as disasters, ambulances and fire trucks. If we want to progress, we must move forward. We must ensure that money is available to cover emergencies and unexpected expenses. The occupational tax will support the equipment needs of Emergency Services to ensure that efficient 911 operations and response continue. Judge Barnes said people in the community who believe the county is spending money carelessly, but the Fiscal Court and the county departments are conscious about the budget and carefully stay within the guidelines.

When Eddie first came into office deputy jailer employees, transfer station employees, and road department employees were making \$10.00 an hour. We have now increased it to \$13.00/\$14.00 per hour. We have great employees and want to keep them.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen said this county relies on volunteer firefighters. The last new fire truck we had was in 1999. We managed to buy a couple of refurbished ones. New ones cost around \$500,000.00.

Jessica asks if we would use the insurance premium tax to purchase new ambulances and fire trucks. Judge Barnes told her we were looking into that, but they have not acted on this.

Judge Barnes told her if everything improves the tax increase can be decreased.

Jessica asks if he thought departments stayed within their budget or are there issues that could help the budget to have more funding for things such as fire trucks, ambulances or raises?

Judge Barnes told her no offense to Teddy (Jail) or ambulance service but these two are not money markers, but this is just not Powell County it's all over.

Jessica said she has talked to the Magistrates individually and will try and help with anything they made need. She works in the funeral business as a funeral director but is not a politician or businesswoman but is willing to help.

She asks if she could have a copy of the budget. Connie told her she could also access a copy on our county website. Jessica thanked members of the court for letting her speak.

Judge Barnes said they are not politicians either, they work for the people of Powell County.

One last thing, Jessica asked County Attorney Robert King if he had an update on the Blaze Landfill.

He told her Attorney Joe Childers had filed a motion to be heard which he hopes will win the case.

The case of Blaze suing the county in circuit court has been resolved with the county winning the case.

Minutes of May 13th, 2025, Regular Meeting:

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the minutes of the May 13th, 2025, meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

Bills Submitted for Payment:

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

Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer Transfers: Cash, Budget and Interfund Transfers:

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

Interfund Transfers:

Transfer from General to Ambulance - \$55,000.00

Budget Transfer:

Opioid Abatement- 88-9100-398 – Opioid Abatement Liaison - \$16,500.00

Opioid Abatement - Reserve for Transfers - \$16,500.00

A motion was made by Magistrate Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving all Cash, Budget and Interfund Transfers.

Motion passed unanimously

Financials 5/1/25 – 5/31/25: Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary:

The Treasurer presented the 5/1/25 – 5/31/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary for court approval.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members of the court present voting in favor of approving the 5/1/25 – 5/31/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Statement.

Motion passed unanimously

Powell County Tourism Director Pete Fingerson:

Powell County Tourism Director Pete Fingerson was present for the meeting to give an update on tourism. First, he let everyone know he has bags and koozies to hand out.

Pete invited everyone to a conference he is hosting tomorrow through Friday. It's an organization called KECBB. It's basically other tourism directors throughout the state.

The Slade Welcome Center has now been renamed to Red River Gorge Visitor's Center at Slade.

They saw around 5000 people during the month of April which is doubled from last year. They have a new logo which now shows an arch.

They received grants for solar and level two EB chargers for the visitor center. They are the first net zero tourism commission in the whole state to get this. It should be installed in the next month or so. It will take around 8 hours to charge a vehicle, but it still should be helpful.

Pete helped with the river cleanup. They clean around a four-mile section from Pumpkin bottom to Red River Gorge Kayaking.

Members of the court thanked Pete for coming to the meeting and giving them updates regarding Powell County Tourism.

Powell County Tourism Commission Board: Appointment – Hotel-Motel Association:

The letter submitted reads as follows:

The following names are recommended to serve on the board of the Powell County Tourism Board.

Lynne Stidham

Chad Abner

Evan Kinser

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes recommended Lynne Stidham to serve on the Stanton Motel-Hotel Association – Powell County Commission Board. Lynne is currently serving on board. Pete said she never misses a meeting and would like Lynne to continue serving.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen to approve the appointment of Lynne Stidham to the Stanton Motel-Motel Association – Powell County Tourism Commission Board.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Aye

Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Nay

Motion passed 5-1

Red River Chamber of Commerce: Powell County Tourism Commission Board Appointment

The letter submitted to Judge Executive Eddie Barnes reads as follows:

The Red River Gorge Chamber of Commerce wishes to submit the following names for consideration for the expiring seat on Powell County Tourism effective July 2025.

1. Jaqueline Townsend
2. Josie Hollon
3. Mike Johnson

All of them have been advised and are willing to serve

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes said he would recommend Jacqueline Townsend to serve on board. Pete said Jacqueline was appointed to fill Chris Allen's seat last year and would like Jaqueline to continue serving.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the appointment of Jacqueline Townsend to the Powell Red River Chamber of Commerce Powell County Tourism Commission board effective July 2025. Motion passed unanimously

Red River Chamber of Commerce: Powell County Tourism Commission Board Appointment.

The letter submitted to Judge Executive Eddie Barnes reads as follows:

The Red River Gorge Chamber of Commerce wishes to submit the following names for consideration for the expiating seat on Powell County Tourism effective July 2025.

1. Eric Griggs
2. Al Cornett
3. Rita Shepherd

All of them have been advised and are willing to serve

Pete said Eric filled the seat for Nancy Mann who wanted to step down. He said he would like Eric to continue serving.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving the appointment of Eric Griggs to the Red River Chamber of Commerce Powell County Tourism Commission Board.

Motin passed unanimously

Jailer Teddy Lacy thanked Pete for all they did regarding the cleanup. Teddy told him anytime they needed help to let him know.

Pete said he appreciated Tim for letting them take the trash to the transfer station.

Appointment – Powell County Public Library Board of Trustees:

Letter submitted to Judge Executive Eddie Barnes reads as follows:

Due to the resignation of William Rice, from the Powell County Public Library Board of Trustees, we hereby submit the following names for your consideration in filling this vacancy (term to expire 4/26/2027).

Carmen Liles Lynn Smith

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving the appointment of Carmen Liles to the Powell County Library Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of William Rice. This term to expire 4/26/2027.

Motion passed unanimously

LeAndre Knox: Opioid Abatement Liaison

LeAndre Knox let members of the court know the Powell County Opioid Abatement Advisory Council had their second meeting and discussed a couple of recommendations for the fiscal court. ASAP and the council will be working together on what they have to offer for recovery services, then it's submitted to the state. The Advisory Council would like to host the meeting at the EOC next month or so. It is in the statute they can provide meals using the opioid abatement funds. The first recommendation from the Advisory Council is asking the fiscal court to approve \$1,000.00 for a Recovery Ready Community meeting.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the recommendation from the Powell County Opioid Abatement Council approving \$1,000.00 out of the opioid abatement funds for the Recovery Ready Community meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

Opening CD at People Exchange Bank using Opioid Abatement Funds:

The second recommendation from the Powell County Opioid Abatement Advisory Council was to ask the fiscal court to approve \$500,000.00 using opioid abatement funds to open an interest-bearing CD. County Attorney Robert King checked with the local banks here in town and Peoples Exchange Bank has the best interest rate of 4.25%.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to approve this recommendation from the Powell County Opioid Abatement Advisory Council to allow County Treasurer Connie Crabtree and Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to open an interest-bearing CD using the opioid abatement funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 for a 6-month term. The interest earned from this CD would help sustain programs or however the court votes to spend the funds contingent the expense is allowable. This motion also authorizes and directs Connie Crabtree and Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign any paperwork needed regarding the opening of the CD at People's Exchange Bank. The court will revisit this after a 6-month term is complete.

Motion passed unanimously

LeAndre let members of the court know about the overdose rates:
Currently, from the coroner's office we have five overdoses facilities.
Twenty – two suspected overdoses that were non-fatal
Three suspected overdoses where naloxone was administered.
Powell County is #4 in the state

***Powell County Opioid Abatement Liaison Contract Agreement & Job Descriptions:
Bridging Health Solutions, LLC***

LeAndre Knox presented an Opioid Abatement Liaison Contract Agreement to members of the court for their approval. In accordance with KRS 15.29, Exhibit E, Section J (4), the Contractor shall serve as the Powell County Opioid Abatement Liaison, responsible for these duties.

- Position Overview
- Key Responsibilities'
- Program Oversight & Compliance
- Reporting & Data Management
 - Funded Effort & Progress
 - Process Measures
 - Quality Measures
 - Outcome Measures
- Stakeholder Engagement & Training
- Financial & Grant Management
- Additional Responsibilities
- Minimum Qualifications
 - Required
 - Preferred
 - Work Environment & Schedule

This Contract Agreement is entered into as of January 15, 2025, by and between Bridging Health Solutions, LLC and Powell County Fiscal Court.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving the Opioid Abatement Liaison Contract Agreement and job descriptions for LeAndre Knox (Bridging Health Solutions, LLC). This contract is effective as of January 2025. This motion also approves the invoice submitted from LeAndre Knox – Bridging Health Solutions, LLC for the month of January 2025 – May 2025 in the amount of \$4,500.00. This agreement approves payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 per month for the Opioid Abatement Liaison.

Motion passed unanimously

Codell Construction Company: Powell County EMS Project: Pay Estimate #07

Builders FirstSource (Direct Owner Payment) - \$17,447.56

Atlas Enterprises (Direct Owner Payment) - \$3,407.55

Codell Construction Company - \$160,687.98

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving Pay Estimate #07 submitted by Codell Construction for the following vendors. The payments are taken out of the ARPA Funds.

Builders FirstSource - \$17,447.56, Atlas Enterprises - \$3,407.55, Codell Construction Company - \$160,687.98

Totaling - \$181,543.09

Motion passed unanimously

Memorandum of Understanding - Tower Located at Rotten Point (site name), 2271, Black Creek Rd, Clay City, Kentucky

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall become effective June 1st, 2025, and is subject to the terms and conditions between Kentucky State Police (KSP) Communications, 1311 Louisville Rd, Frankfort, KY and the Powell County, 525 Washington St, Stanton, KY. This agreement will allow for the continuation of the use, for emergency communications, of the tower located at Rotten Point (site name), 2271 Black Creek Road, Clay City, Kentucky.

- Powell County will assist in maintaining access , providing annual road maintenance.
- Powell County will maintain utilities for the communication enclosure used for county equipment , including backup generators.
- Any change in communications array will be approved by KSP Communications before changes are made.
- KSP Communications will allow Powell County to access the tower located at Rotten Point for the purpose of maintaining the current array of antennas used for emergency communications with Powell County First Responders.
- The agreement will be in place for 1 year from the above-mentioned date, if KSP Communications maintains control of the tower.

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving the Memorandum of Understanding effective June 1st, 2025, between Kentucky State Police (KSP) and the Powell County Fiscal Court for the tower located at Rotten Point (site name) 2271 Black Creek Road, Clay City, Kentucky

Motion passed unanimously

Tower License Agreement: East Kentucky Power Cooperative Stanton Microwave Tower Site located for Powell County Furnace Mtn to Hinkle and Furnace Mtn to Black Creek.

This Agreement was made and entered into this 10th day of June 2025 by and between East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. ,4775 Lexington Road, Winchester, Kentucky 40391 and Powell County CSEPP , 33 Commerce Drive. Stanton, Kentucky 40380.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving the Tower License Agreement between East Kentucky Power Cooperative Stanton Microwave Tower Site located for Powell County Furnace Mtn to Hinkle and Furnace Mtn to Black Creek.
Motion passed unanimously

2nd Reading of the Revised ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) Ordinance 18-2906 (A)

Section 20 – Signage and Advertising.

Paragraphs G,H,I and J were taken out.

Paragraph K was added: Section Reads:

License may erect on the outside of the premises no more than 2 video boards not to measure larger than 65 inches diagonally. Limit to one neon sign to be seen from the outside.

Section 15 – Regulatory License Fee

Paragraph D - The work ten was marked out and (five) was inserted in the first sentence.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor of approving the 2nd reading of the Revised ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) Ordinance 18-2906 (A).

Motion passed unanimously

District Ten 2025-2026 Rural Secondary Recommendations:

Breakdown as follows:

Allotment - \$1,019,890.00

County Judge Executive Fund – 0

Maintenance/Traffic - \$472,100.00

County Road Allotment - \$92,682.00

Balance - \$455,108.00

D-10 Office Recommendations

Route# KY 213 (Furnace Mountain Road) MP 0-1.191, Width 18’, Length 1.191 miles

Beginning: Estill/Powell County Line

End: Jones-Frazier Road \$118,615.00

Route# KY 1028 (Snow Creek Road) MP 1693-3.0,Width 16’, Length 1.168 miles

Beginning: KY 3352 & KY 1028 Intersection

End: 0.45 miles West of Stone Road \$149,858.00

Route# KY 3354 (Cat Creek Road) MP 3.65-5.379, Width 18’, Length 1.729 miles

Beginning: Existing New Pavement Joint at 3.65 MP

End: KY 11 & KY 3354 Intersection \$188,345.00

Total: \$456,818.00

After reviewing the 2025-2026 road recommendations, a motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving District Ten 2025-2026 Rural Secondary Recommendations as presented.
Motion passed unanimously

Interlocal Agreement Among the Kentucky Counties of Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lexington-Fayette, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Powell, Scott and Woodford. All Entities being bodies corporate and politic of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This Interlocal Agreement is made among and between the Kentucky Counties of Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Frankin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lexington-Fayette, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nocholas, Powell, Scott and Woodford all entities being bodies corporate and politic of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving the Interlocal Agreement between the Kentucky Counties of Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Frankin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lexington-Fayette, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott and Woodford. All Entities being bodies corporate and politic of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This motion authorizes and directs the Judge Executive Eddie Barnes to sign any needed documents regarding the interlocal agreement.
Motion passed unanimously

2nd Reading of the 2025/2026 County Budget:

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard approving the 2nd reading of 2025/2026 budget.

Budget Submitted: 5/15/25

Budget Approved as to Form and Classification: 5/21/25

Budget Signed by the State Local Finance Officer Robert Brown

The budget ordinance was duly adopted by the Powell County Fiscal Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky, on this the 10th day of June 2025.

Magistrate Dennis Combs ask if any adjustments would be made later for the fire departments.
Judge Barnes told him it would.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Abstained from voting for line item: 03-5101-103 A

Magistrate J.L. Bowen - Aye

Magistrate Dennis Combs – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Brian McKinney – Aye

Magistrate Chad Patton – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

2nd Reading Budget Amendment #4:

The Treasurer presented Budget Amendment # 4 for the 2nd Reading.

General – 01-4134 -Occupational License Tax - \$300,000.00

General – 01-9200-999 General Reserve for Transfers - \$300,000.00

General – 01-4901 -Surplus Prior Year - \$700,000.00

General - 01-9200-999 General Reverse for Transfers - \$700,000.00

Grants – 78-4510-179 -CERT Receipts - \$13,565.25

Grants – 78-513-446-179- Specific Equipment & Supplies - \$13,565.25

Jail – 03-4537-01 HB556 Jail – Attendance & Programming - \$120,000.00

Jail – 03-9200-999 Jail Reserve for Transfers - \$120,000.00

Jail – 03-4901 Jail Surplus Prior Year - \$50,000.00

Jail 03-9200-99 Jail Reserve for Transfers - \$50,000.00

Total - \$1,183,565.25

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard with all members present voting in favor approving the 2nd Reading of Budget Amendment #4 totaling \$1,183,565.25

Motion passed unanimously

Acknowledgement of the Powell County Board of Health 2025 Tax Rates:

Members of the Fiscal Court acknowledged the Powell County Board of Health 2025 Tax Rates.

Closed Session: KRS 61.810 (C) (F)

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of going into closed session KRS 61.810 (C) (F).

Motion passed unanimously

Court Resumes:

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

Motion passed unanimously

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

Department Head Updates:

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden

(Hiring of Charles King)

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden asked members of the court to approve the hiring of Charles King at the Powell County Transfer Station.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all the members present voting in favor of hiring Charles King for a full-time position at Powell County Transfer Station. The hire is to take effect immediately.

Motion passed unanimously

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy:

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy let members of the court know they had been working on county roads and their maintenance list.

The slope mower is up and running today. The solenoid went bad, but they found one at a dealership in Tennessee. Meade has so many locations, but our road department uses the one located in Mt. Sterling.

They got the boom truck turned around to where they can now use it.

Road Foreman Daniel Clair – No Discussion

Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel:

Assistant Tax Administrator Kevin Noel let everyone know they can purchase their pet licenses in the county judge's office. The cost is \$5.00 per tag per pet.

Assistant EMA Director John Koontz:

Assistant EMA Director John Koontz let members of the court he had met with FEMA, and we should be receiving funding. They talked favorable about Cow Creek Road. They will be meeting again this week.

John got the siren working at the drive-in.

CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock:

CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock let members of the court know John was doing a wonderful job in his position.

The last day for anything CSEPP related as far as maintenance and caring for equipment will be September 30th, 2025. October 1st, 2025, through the closeout, which could take around three months CSEPP will only cover partial basic operating cost. They will pay square footage for his and Leah's offices and a portion of the restrooms.

Kevin is checking on replacing the air conditioning unit at the Black Creek Tower.

The plan is to purchase trauma bags for the EMS Service. Kevin is going to see if each fire department can get one.

Kevin said we can't stockpile but can get extra pens and paper if needed until CSEPP closes out.

EMS Director Arthur Ashley was unable to attend the meeting. He asks Paramedic Amy Jones if she would ask members of the court for approval to hire Christina Warren as a part-time EMT for the Powell County EMS.

(Hiring of Christina Warren - Powell County EMS)

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of hiring Christina Warren as a part-time EMT at the Powell County EMS.

Motion passed unanimously

Jailer Teddy Lacy:

Jailer Teddy Lacy let members of the court know they currently have 174 state inmates, 51 county inmates, 5 Menifee inmates, 96 SAP inmates and 41 REC inmates (these inmates are the ones that can go out into the county and work which helps the county not have to pay labor and insurance). The SAP program needs to order 100 mats. These will cost around \$107.00 apiece with free shipping. The detention center hasn't had any new ones in five years. They would like to order them at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

The state housing check will be around \$196,000.00 for the month of May.

E911 Director Justin Rice:

E911 Director Justin Rice let members of the court know part-time dispatcher Jackson Freeman can only work a couple of weekends per month, so he is asking them to hire Crystal Rogers as a part-time dispatcher to work the other two weekends. Magistrate Brian McKinney asked Justin if she was already certified. Justin told him he planned to put her in the part-time academy. Jailer Teddy Lacy was bragging about Jackson Freeman. He said he was top notch.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of hiring Crystal Rogers as a part-time dispatcher for the E911 Service.

Motion passed unanimously

E911 Director Justin Rice is looking into replacing the 3rd console computer. They will be getting an upgrade for CAD at the end of July. He got a quote from Mike Johnson a few months ago which was around \$3,000.00. Justin is going to seek an updated quote from him.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs, seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving E911 Director Justin Rice to spend up to \$3,500.00 on a new computer.

E911 Director Justin Rice updated members of the court regarding the NCIC. He filled out paperwork so he could receive a quote which goes through KSP. He was quoted at around \$3,000.00 per station before. He is hoping to have the quote at our next meeting.

E911 Director Justin Rice let members of the court know he created a new address form, which can be downloaded on our county website.

Judge Barnes asked Justin if he had any problems with any radios. Justin told him there were a couple of incidents that happened, but it could have been weather related.

Judge Barnes said radios are not going to work 100 percent.

Dog Warden Justin Wright:

Dog Warden Justin Wright let members of the court know he would be stepping down from this position due to medical reasons. There are individuals interested in taking this position. Chelsea has been doing everything but needs help. Shannon Turnio is resigning from the part-time position at the animal shelter which means there will be a part-time position available. Shannon was fantastic at her job but was not able to keep up with incoming and outgoing paperwork. Justin asks Chelsea if she would be interested in taking his position. Chelsea told him she wants to remain in the position she is in now. Justin said he would stay until they found someone to take his position. Judge Barnes said they would start doing interviews to fill this position. Judge Barnes thanked Justin for doing a great job and told him he will always be a part of the family.

District Updates:

Magistrate Chad Patton: Had a few calls about roads needing mowed but the road crew has begun slope mowing. Chad said he appreciates them.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen: Thanked Patrick and the road crew for taking care of some complaints and issues he had received.

Judge Barnes said it has rained so much the road crew is playing catch-up, and people are getting upset because they are having to prioritize which roads to take care of.

Magistrate Brian McKinney: Robert and Patrick have been working on Homestead. Mtn Rural Telephone featured Powell County in one of their magazines regarding the broad band expansion in the county.

By mid-August Mountain Rural Telephone will have all the structure work finished and can start turning on high speed internet for everyone that lives in the Eastern part of the county.

Crystal Broadband is supposed to be doing Furnace Mountain, Hardwicks Creek, Little Hardwicks Creek and Frames Branch but it's been two years, and they have not started at this time.

The state has 1.1 billion dollars. They are starting new grant applications but have changed the rules regarding how the companies must apply.

Some companies are applying for new grants to do more of the Western side of the county.

Magistrate Dennis Combs asks Brian if there are any updates on Copperas Creek and Brush Creek. He told him Crystal Broadband is supposed to be doing Copperas Creek but has not heard anything on Brush Creek.

Magistrate Dennis Combs: Patrick has a list from him. Tim along with Neal and inmates came out and worked on a project and got it completed.

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes: Working on the Clay City Industrial Park and water and sewer infrastructure. He went to Frankfort several times and had a meeting with Secretary Noel with Economic Development. He also had a meeting with Senator Bledsole and Senator McDaniel about getting some money here in the county to help sponsor our Clay City Industrial Park. Secretary Noel wants to come and do a site visit.

Powell County Sheriff's Office is looking into purchasing a new Tahoe. This vehicle will be taken out of the ABC funds. These funds are restricted and can only be used for educational purposes, law enforcement and administrative purposes. These funds need to be spent by July 1. Judge Barnes checked with a local dealership about getting this Tahoe but if they cannot find one then we will have to check other places.

Judge Barnes mentioned buying two new repeaters and switching out the CSEPP repeaters in the cruisers. They could take one of the repeaters and put it in the Middle Fork Fire Truck and the other one in the Search and Rescue Truck. These repeaters will also come out of the ABC Funds.

Judge Barnes said he wants to thank everyone for working together and wants to also thank all the directors. Everyone is doing a great job.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen reminded everyone of the Drift Racing this Friday and Saturday.

Judge Barnes said he would be attending the County Judges Assoc. meeting this week in Lexington but would be driving back and forth.

Everyone affected by road closures during the Drift Racing has been contacted and had no complaints.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:45

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of adjournment.

Motion passed unanimously

Next Regular Meeting will be July 8th, 2025



Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive



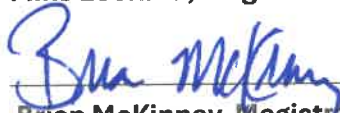
J.L. Bowen, Magistrate



Dennis Combs, Magistrate



Mike Lockard, Magistrate



Brian McKinney, Magistrate

Chad Patton, Magistrate