

The regular meeting of the Powell County Fiscal Court was held on May 14. All court members were present and on time.

The business portion of the meeting started with one item in old business. This item was the interlocal agreement with Clay City pertaining to alcohol sales. Currently and since those sales began, Clay City has partnered with Powell County to administer their sales. Otherwise, because of their city size, they would only be able to collect license fees. Whereas, if they are with the County, they are able to collect regulatory fees. Even though we have been operating per an agreement, it had never been formally spelled out in a document. This interlocal agreement will address this and give both parties something in writing. The Powell County Fiscal Court voted to accept the latest version, so long as it is acceptable for the other entities that would also need to approve it.

This month we had a couple of gentlemen wishing to speak during the public comment section. Both came in regards to the issue they're having with the city in regards to the roads in their neighborhood. They explained they had been to the last two city meetings on this issue but felt they weren't getting anywhere. The issue they are facing with the city is that in April, without their knowledge, the city took action to remove their roads from the city street system as they are now claiming they aren't city streets and are private roads. There appears to be several issues with the city's claim as there is much documentation and records that indicate otherwise. The roads involved in this are Allie Ln (CS-1095), Homestead (CS-1096), and Abby Ct. (CS-1094), the CS denoting City Street. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet records indicate that since at least 2006 these roads have been in the city street system and in the Municipal Road Agreement. During this duration they have received money through the MRA agreement as well as emergency funds which would have required the acknowledgement of them having been city streets. If they had have been private, then any of these monies would not have been legal and additionally, there should be a tax bill for whoever owns them if they are indeed private property. As of our meeting those particular roads were back listed as city streets.

Following the public comment section Eddie Barnes came on behalf of the Stanton Fire Department requesting an additional \$5,000 dollars. He said their cascade system was starting to have issues and they needed 50 tanks as well. No action was taken at this time as there may be grants available to assist them with this equipment.

Next, Jody Brandenburg from Kentucky River Foothills, came to get a proclamation signed acknowledging May as war of poverty month. We'd like to thank Mrs. Brandenburg and her organization for all the services they provide for our community. They provide or run many programs that wouldn't be available if not for them.

The Airport was the next agenda item. We had a request from them regarding a couple of invoices they needed paid. Each year we make a contribution but with some of the projects they currently have underway we had been made aware previously they would need some additional funds during these phases. There have been substantial improvements made to that facility over the last several years and will be even more in the next three to four years. We are very fortunate to have an airport in our community as it is a big plus for our continued economic growth. The court voted to pay both of these invoices.

The next item handled was opening the bids for a new ambulance. These had been ran in the paper and we had one company submit bids. Southeast Apparatus was the only one that turned in bids and they

submitted one for a Ford and one for a Chevy. Both bids were for \$79,591.00. These bids were for vans with gas engines. There had been much discussion over the last couple of years if we may not be better served by gas engine with the changes in emissions on diesel as well as the price differential. The court authorized the director to investigate between the two and select the one he felt would best serve our service. There should be a four to six-week turnaround once he decides which one to go with.

At this time, we had our department heads come and share what things they had going on and address any questions the court may have for them. This portion of the meeting has been a welcomed addition, while it makes the meeting a little longer it helps keep everyone involved, engaged, and informed on what's going on. We like to thank those department heads for giving up extra time to make this happen.

To end the meeting, we had two separate requests to utilize county right of way. The first being from a gentleman to run a water line, and the second someone wishing to replace a culvert on an easement the county has. The court voted to allow both these requests.

As always, I thank each of you who take the time to attend our meeting or call with comments or suggestions. We encourage your continued input and participation as we work feverishly everyday to continue improving Powell County.