A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held on October 22, 2025, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda.

Presiding: Tina K. Teegarden,
Judge Executive

Present: David Kelsch, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Danny Holleran, Sandy Ruf, Kevin Jarrells, Craig Miller, Heather Brumley

Let the record reflect that the Court Members received a copy of any Transfers and Vendor Claims.

Upon Motion of Debbie Mayfield, second by Danny Holleran, that the court approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 8, 2025.
Vote being unanimous.

Road Department Update

Road Supervisor Stacey gave an update. They have been working on some culvert pipes on Parina Rd and getting ready for blacktop. They are still bushhogging. They've cut down a couple trees and cleaned them up. Magistrate Kelsch thanked the road department for their quick response to a downed tree on Dover Rd. Stacey also stated the Solid Waste Coordinator let him know that they collected an estimated 25,529 tires at the tire amnesty event. Magistrate Miller asked if there were any county roads that had flex funds to be used this year. Judge Teegarden stated no.

Animal Shelter Expansion Update

Tabled

Judicial Center Contract Employee-Maintenance

Tabled- waiting on AOC to get back with some answers regarding their requirements. Judge Teegarden stated that one thing we have learned, on the county's end, is that if you have an individual contractor who does not have an EIN # it effects the retirement if they work 40 hours a week, so they are trying to get to the bottom of that. Judge Teegarden states to her understanding, if it's a business that wouldn't be the case, just if it's an individual contractor. We are waiting on confirmation.

Ordinance 25-02 Re: Encroachment Permits 1st Reading

Judge Teegarden stated she was contacted by a magistrate about adding in a section that states if there is any road damage that it has to be fixed. She added that in, it was nothing new, just bringing some verbiage to the front page. The water district needs to be brought back in and not be exempt because they had actually been doing this. Judge Teegarden stated she has the binder with her that has all the encroachment permits back to 2018. There is also a spreadsheet that shows how many water district projects there have been. It has the City of Augusta projects and ARSA projects that have been approved by the Encroachment permits. Magistrate Ruf asked how many employees at the water district had their licenses. Judge Teegarden stated she was not sure. Magistrate Ruf stated there are employees that have been out there for years that have not gotten their license yet and she's not sure why. There should be a limit as to how long they have to get the licenses. Judge Teegarden stated that would be something that you could possibly recommend to the Water Board. We have no authority over employees. The Fiscal Court only has the authority to appoint board members. Judge Teegarden suggested magistrates attend a monthly water board meeting to make any recommendations and ask questions. Magistrate Miller stated that would be up to the water board and from what he knows there are individuals at the district that have been studying and preparing to get those licenses so hopefully that can get resolved soon. Magistrate Miller stated there were a few spelling errors that needed to be corrected. Magistrate Brumley stated she did have someone contact her with concerns about paving the road back. They said they couldn't pave the road back at 3:00 in the morning in the middle of the winter. In the ordinance it talks about whomever damages a county road would fix it, but it doesn't talk about a timeline. She asked road supervisor Stacey if they would get with him to fix the road and he stated yes, it all depends on what time of year it is. This is

what has always been done in the past. Magistrate Miller asked about the fees, Stacey stated the fee is just for the encroachment permit. If a culvert is being put in for a private drive, the resident must provide the culvert and the road department just puts it in.
Motion for the 1st Reading made by Heather Brumley, second by Sandy Ruf.
Vote being unanimous.

County Owned Lot Surplused – Licking Estates

Judge Teegarden stated County Attorney Moore got information as to what it was donated for etc. Attorney Moore stated this property was deeded over to the county in 1982 for the purpose of a roadway which was never done so she does not see a problem with moving forward and getting rid of it if they want to. Judge Teegarden stated the way that it would need to be done would be to surplus the lot and it could be done by auction or sealed bid. Magistrate Jarrells suggested doing it by auction. Judge Teegarden stated that you would have to pay an auctioneer if they went that route. A sealed bid would be no cost to the county except for the advertisement fee. Judge Teegarden asked PVA Florer if he had any comments. He stated it comes down to how the county wants to do. He did find a survey; it is actually 1.2 acres. Magistrate Jarrells asked if they did a sealed bid, could they put a starting number? Judge Teegarden stated yes. He suggested then that a sealed bid would be better. Magistrate Jarrell made a motion to surplus the property, second by Debbie Mayfield.
Vote being unanimous

County owned lot to be sold by sealed bid

Magistrate Mayfield asked PVA Florer what the average price per acre in Bracken County is right now. He stated an average that he is seeing right now is anywhere from $3500-$5500. He looked up the last lots to sell over there where this lot is and they were in the $2500-$3000 range. Magistrate Mayfield asked if this lot was landlocked, he stated no. Magistrate Ruf made a motion to do a sealed bid starting at $3500, Magistrate Jarrells second it. Attorney Moore stated the assessed value on the property right now is $4,000. Magistrate Ruf amended her motion to make the minimum bid $4000.
Vote being unanimous

Bid Award for Mowing, Weed Eating, Landscaping- Judicial Center/Snow removal- all County buildings

Judge Teegarden stated everyone got an updated list of bids since the last meeting. The only new information was RK Lawncare bid the entire thing as a package. Precision property stated they would work whatever was awarded to them and All Around Lawncare said the same a Precision. Magistrate Miller stated if you had them all in a package and were looking at totals from what they received today, it would be as follows; for snow removal, landscaping and mowing, for all 3 properties it comes out to Precision $16,100, All Around $9,495 and RK $7,285. He stated he would like to see these as a combined package deal. Magistrate Holleran asked could they put in the new maintenance persons contract that they are to take of mowing and weed eating at the Judicial Center and then that would only leave snow removal to be contracted out? Judge Teegarden stated she wanted this to be separate and not be put on the new maintenance person there. Magistrate Mayfield asked, if they were to hire an individual vs a business for the maintenance at the Judicial Center and they could add the mowing and weed eating to their duties, could they withdraw that portion from this. Judge Teegarden stated you could unless the bid was awarded today on a 1-year contract. Then you could not change it. Magistrate Ruf stated, as far as the Judicial Center maintenance, that is reimbursed. Magistrate Jarrells asked to just do snow today and wait on the lawncare until they see what is going on with the maintenance position. Magistrate Mayfield stated she agrees on keeping it a package. Her only concern is RK Lawncare is better from a price standpoint but about a year ago there was an incident, RK was to do the snow removal and there was an incident where it was not done and there was a comment made that they could not work with the current judge. She has a problem awarding a contract to someone that doesn't think they can work with the judge. Judge Teegarden stated there were a couple separate incidences. The snow removal incident was that she got a call while she was in Fleming Co. that they needed snow removal asap as a jury trial was getting ready to start. She had not reached out to anyone to keep the contract for that year, it was the first snow of that year, and she took for granted that person was no longer interested in the job, so she reached out to the road supervisor to get someone to go up and salt that lot quickly and it was a different company. The other incident was a water issue, it was with the sprinkler system. Judge Teegarden stated when she made phone calls to get these bids she did ask the personal question, that no contractor would have a problem working with her and the statement was no, there would be no problem working with her. Magistrate Miller stated the public has had 4-6 weeks to get bids in, the court

has all the information before them, he believes they should make a decision today. Once again, he believes it should be a package deal based on a 1-year contract. Magistrate Mayfield stated All Around Lawn and Landscape has been the go-to company for the last year and they have done a good job. Judge Teegarden stated for the landscaping, she had them come in August when the maintenance was off on medical leave and clean up the landscaping as it was getting a little out of control. Magistrate Miller agreed they have done a good job; however, they should be looking at these bids as a financial decision to the county right now. Magistrate Brumley stated in All Around Lawn and Landscape they included cleaning off the back bank behind the Judicial Center 3 times a year. Magistrate Ruf stated Precision talked about trimming bushes 1 time, mulching 1 time, landscaping the beds, clearing weeds and branches to maintain clearance for cars and pedestrians, All Around also included trash and debris removal from the parking lots and regular inspection to maintain professional appearance. Magistrate Miller asked Judge Teegarden, does she feel that if RK Lawncare were to receive the bid that they would be fine to work together. She stated yes, it has always been fine on her end. Magistrate Miller made a motion to approve RK Lawncare for all 3 services at all 3 properties for a 1-year contract price of $7,285, contingent upon the individual snow events. Magistrate Jarrells second it.
Yes votes: John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Craig Miller
No Votes: Heather Brumley, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield
Abstained: David Kelsch, one bidder is a relative
Motion failed

Motion to accept the package deal with All Around Lawn and Landscape for $9,495 made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Danny Holleran.
Yes Votes: Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott
Abstained: David Kelsch, one bidder is a relative
Vote passed

Proclamation-Domestic Violence Awareness Chelle McElfresh
Chelle McElfresh from the Ion Center addressed the court. She is the nonresidential services manager for the BTADD area of the Ion Center. At the Ion center they provide services 365 days a year, 24 hours a day to members in the community. They provide serves for those who have experienced interpersonal violence. The center offers free confidential services. The Ion center is a dual services provider because they provide services to survivors of both domestic violence and sexual assault. In total they serve 13 counties. Most people associate their organization with the intervention side, they go to court with survivors that need EPOs, and they go to the hospitals, and they also have their emergency shelter. Their mission is to reduce the number of people that are hurt by violence and one thing they have implemented is their green dot program. This is in a lot of High schools and in the community college. They have seen a 200% increase in the number of people that seek their services since implementing this. She thanked the court for their partnership in helping to reduce violence in our community. Magistrate Miller thanked them for the work they do and stated there are many ways to be involved and support things like their online auctions etc. Sheriff Boody stated the Ion Center is a tremendous asset to law enforcement; it gives them a resource to give to these victims and the Ion center does a phenomenal job at dealing with these victims. Judge Teegarden signed the proclamation on behalf of the court.

Bracken County Sheriff Quarterly
Sheriff Boody presented the court with his quarterly report. He stated the numbers are in line with where they should be. Motion to approve made by Craig Miller, second by David Kelsch
Vote being unanimous

Sheriff's Office calls for service
Sheriff Boody went over their calls for service. He stated they are pretty in line with where they typically are in the quarter. He stated they are heavier on traffic crashes, he's not sure why but there are other counties experiencing this same issue. He stated they took 24 crash calls in 30 days in September which is very high for them. He stated Deputy Chris Shields resigned from his fulltime SRO position at the end of September. They have maintained him at a part time status working some ballgames etc. They are in the process of hiring an SRO to replace Chris. That individual is expected to start mid to late November. He retired from law enforcement back in 2021 from the Ky state police. In the meantime, Deputy Pickrell and Chief Dodge have done a great job maintaining safety in the schools. Frank Smith that was hired back after several years out of law enforcement, had a lot of classes and training he needed to complete; he has now successfully completed all training. They have received 3 of their firearms and ammunition that was purchased through a grant. The additional firearms are expected to be here by December 8th. They are in peak tax collection season and are processing approximately 83 payments per

working day. Magistrate Brumley thanked Sheriff Boody for the breakdown and updates he gives each quarter.

Letter of Intent PAS Program

Kaleigh Ziegler with the BTADD addressed the court. She stated Judge Teegarden had already signed an agreement for the planning assistance to states program through the Army Corps. Awhile back the Licking River Basin Coordinator brought a map and there were some areas of flooding identified throughout the county. They are going to use those for an application for the PAS program. The goal for this would be for them to come to those areas identified and do studies on them to see what kind of flood mitigation the county could use and apply for funding accordingly. This is the letter of intent; this is just to get Bracken County in the que for funding. The PAS program is free to the county. Judge Teegarden stated Augusta is involved in this as well.

Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Debbie Mayfield

Vote being unanimous

Constable Expense

Constable Kenny Carl dropped off a receipt for uniform items. Pants, boots, shirt, and vest for $463.18. Judge Teegarden stated she only has an account for Constable Fuel and vehicle maintenance. If they are going to pay for uniform items, the treasurer will have to create another account for it to come out of. Magistrate Brumley stated we take care of the cruiser because he truly has a county cruiser that is on county insurance etc. He is the only constable with a cruiser. If the county pays for his uniform though, then they would need to pay for all 8 constable uniforms. Magistrate Holleran asked Sheriff Boody, how many constables help you out? Sheriff Boody stated from a legal perspective, the only constables that are able to perform law enforcement duties are those who were elected prior to January 2023. That would be Johnathon Galloway, Bill Ruf and Kenny Carl, these would be the only current constables that have law enforcement power. Anyone outside of those 3 constables would not need uniforms. Judge Teegarden asked if Kenny was still regularly assisting the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Boody stated yes, he is still out and about and providing a service to the community. Magistrate Miller stated that is a paid position, correct? Sheriff Boody stated he has never been paid by the sheriffs' department, but he believes he gets paid doing special detail, like working events in the City of Augusta, and also highway work. Magistrate Mayfield asked, the rule of being in office prior to 2023, is that something that might change in the future. Sheriff Boody stated no, this is done through state legislature. If anything, they are restricting it more, there has been talk across the state of wanting to do away with constables, but it is a constitutional office. The 2 things they have done is put onto the Fiscal Court to regulate the use of blue lights and then enacted this law of being elected in before January 2023. Magistrate Miller asked, how hard would it be to do this treasury wise? Would there need to be a new account created? Judge Teegarden stated they would need to create an account, approve this as a claim and also approve a transfer of funds to that account. Magistrate Brumley stated there would technically only be 2 constables that get out and perform law enforcement duties that would need uniforms. Magistrate Ruf stated, if there is a clothes account, will they expect to have an account for guns, ammo etc. Judge Teegarden stated several years ago they did buy them tasers. Magistrate Mayfield stated when they ran for this office, they knew that it was at their expense, with no pay. Now that we have "caved" and given a vehicle account, now its uniforms, and how long will it be before we go gun/ammo, a standard has to be created. Judge Teegarden stated if there are questions for the constable this can be tabled so that the court can call him and ask questions before they vote on this. Magistrate Miller stated it is a legitimate ask but it is not a budget line item at this time and could be looked at for the next Fiscal year. Magistrate Mayfield stated if this budget line item were created then it would need to, in turn, be given to the other constables too. Magistrate Mayfield stated she thinks it would need to be discussed so that some sort of restriction could be set on how often they can buy uniform items etc. The court agreed to look at this during the next budget cycle.

General Fund Vendor Claims

Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by Sandy Ruf. Magistrate Brumley did bring up, on the planning commission legal fees, it looks like they are requested to draft the meeting minutes for $100, then when they are transferred to us, they charge $50. She asked Judge Teegarden why they do not have someone locally that can do their meeting minutes. She understands this has to be paid today but this is something she would like looked into for the future.

Vote being unanimous

Road Fund Vendor Claims

Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Danny Holleran
Vote being unanimous

Jail Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Kevin Jarrells
Vote being unanimous

Dispatch 911 Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by sandy Ruf, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

Mold Remediation- Judicial Center
Judge Teegarden stated the contractor amount for dry effect when is $27, 322.00. It is approved by AOC; she would also like to have on record that the court has voted and approved this cost as well. Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott.
Vote being unanimous

Duct Work in Dispatch Building -1st Floor
Judge Teegarden brought to the courts attention as discussed in previous meetings, the duct work needs to be done for the 1st floor in the dispatch building. The new HVAC System has been installed. The previous system was air conditioning only. The heat came from the boiler located in basement of courthouse. The line went from the courthouse house under the asphalt to dispatch building. For the heat and air to work there needed to be ductwork installed to office areas and restroom. The quote for $4761.52 from Bravard whom also did the HVAC system was given to the court. John Scott has reviewed the quote and talked with several different people and the quote looks like a fair estimate.
Motion to approve quote made by John Scott, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous

Other Business:

Enter Executive Session KRS 61.810 (1)(F)
Motion to enter Executive Session made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

Return Executive Session
Motion to return to regular session made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

Change of date for Fiscal Court meeting due to no quorum.
Fiscal Court meeting is rescheduled from November 12th to November 4th at 10:00 am.

Animal Shelter Hire
Magistrate Ruf stated the animal shelter has a need of an employee. She would like to make a motion to hire Erin Childers at the animal shelter fulltime, her position would be Co. Director for $17.00 an hour. This will eliminate the need for the part time position. This would be with full benefits.
Motion made by Sandy Ruf, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

Magistrate Jarrells stated the ladies at the Germantown Park Committee would be like to be added to the agenda. Judge Teegarden stated let's wait until the second meeting in November so there are more court members here.

Magistrate Jarrells gave an update on the park. They have the haunted trail going on Friday and Saturday nights from 7-11. Last weekend they had over 200 people come through.

Also, the ballfields will be started on next weekend. They are going to lift one ball field up and cover it in grass and work on the soccer fields.

Magistrate Miller stated BCAIN will be hosting a fundraiser this Saturday from 11-5 at the Augusta Distillery.

The December Fiscal Court meeting was discussed. It was set for Christmas Eve but is rescheduled for Monday December 22 at 10:00 am.

Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Jarrells, second by Danny Holleran.
Vote being unanimous

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Jennifer Free, Fiscal Court Clerk Tina K. Teegarden, Co Judge Executive