A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday November 26, 2025, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda.

Presiding: Tina K. Teegarden,
Judge Executive

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

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

Upon Motion of Debbie Mayfield, second by Danny Holleran, that the court approve the minutes of the Special meeting November 4, 2025.

Road Department Update
Road Supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. They have finished laying culvert pipes on Parina Rd so it will be ready for blacktop next year. The bushhogging is done for the year. They've done some coal patching on Cooke Ridge. They did go out one night and spot treat some roads that were slick. They ordered 100 ton and that was delivered last week. They shouldered Grovers Run; it took about 200 ton. Judge Teegarden stated she did get with Jon Wilson on Hwy 22, he reached out to Mr. Platt and Jeremy Reynolds. They do not know why those lines are not there, but they are working to put it in the plan to be done. Magistrate Kelsch let Supervisor Florer know there is a stop sign on Dover Rd that is knocked down.

Animal Shelter Expansion Update
Tabled

Judicial Center Contract Employee Maintenance
Judge Teegarden stated she gave members a copy of the email from Danny Roads that states they are all in agreement that they need a dedicated 40 hr per week maintenance person for the Judicial Center. Judge Teegarden stated she feels getting a county employee with benefits would be the best route to go to be able to have someone to stick it out. The hourly wage for this will need to be set. This hire will need to do daily walk throughs to check HVAC systems, make sure all the hardware/software is working, as well as air intake system. They have to be there for any preventative maintenance that is scheduled. There are quarterly and annual inspections for this. Magistrate Mayfield asked if Judge Teegarden was wanting to combine the positions or keep them separate. Judge Teegarden stated keep them separate. Magistrate Mayfield asked about the contract they just did for the outside landscaping and sidewalk maintenance. After next year, could that position be combined to this maintenance position. Judge Teegarden stated yes, next year it could be combined. The job description will need to incorporate that this will be put into their job description after next year. This will include a full benefit package that the other employees get. When this person is absent, they would just call Judge Teegarden and/or Mel Winchester if needed. There is a vendor that can be called in for most repairs. The rate of pay for the last entry level hire was $15.50. Magistrate Kelsch asked about the security staff, Sheriff Boody stated he has 7 staff there, so he is good. Magistrate Brumley asked if AOC reimburses for that entire position. Judge Teegarden stated yes. Magistrate Ruf stated there is not as much to do as before since their job is going to be strictly for the Judicial Center. It isn't fair for someone that's not doing much to be making more than what the court security at the door is making. Magistrate Miller asked what the Sheriff's office is currently paying. Sheriff Boody stated he is reimbursed by AOC, and the maximum reimbursement is $15.00 an hr. and that is what all his security is currently at, and they do not get benefits. Motion to approve a $15.00 an hour plus benefits was made by Kevin Jarrells, second by Debbie Mayfield.
Vote being unanimous

Maintenance position for county properties
Judge Teegarden stated the current maintenance was at $15.50 on January 22, 2024, when he started. Magistrate Jarrells recommended keeping it $15.50 with benefits. Magistrate Brumley stated since this includes all 4 properties and they are in charge of sidewalks, all the mowing etc. She believes it should be higher. She recommends it start out at $17.55 plus benefits. Magistrate Kelsch asked if we could start out at $15.50 and move to $17.55 after the probation period.

Motion to approve the $15.50 for 90 days then moving to the $17.55 plus benefits, was made by Heather Brumley, second by Craig Miller
Vote being unanimous

Ordinance 25-02 Encroachment Permit 2nd Reading and Adoption

The county attorney included the updated portion, she added the KRSs that are required in order to pass ordinances.
Mayor Craig Hester addressed the court. He stated it seems like it is targeting a group of people, specifically the City of Brooksville, City of Augusta, Water and ARSA are the 4 targeted. What about the electric company, telephone companies etc. that operate in the county. Judge Teegarden stated the reason that was in there was the water district was exempt previously, so they were added back in. This ordinance has been for everyone since 2015, all local utilities. ARSA had not been created yet. He stated it should list all of them if they are all included. Judge Teegarden stated she can't list them if there are companies that come in that she doesn't know of yet, this is just to cover any company that is encroaching on a county road. Mayor Hester stated this ordinance seems to be created from an easement for driveways and culverts. He says that because looking at the requirements for back filling for example, there are things in that ordinance that are for backfilling water line. Back filling a water line and backfilling a culvert pipe are 2 different things. Mayor Hester stated there needs to be more thought brought into this rather than just passing this ordinance that's been added on to from another ordinance. His recommendation would be to create a totally different ordinance that pertains to encroachment and right of ways for utilities. Judge Teegarden stated when Earl created this ordinance in 2015, he got the ordinance from Pendleton County to go by. She believes Pendleton counties included both. Mayor Hester said it doesn't make sense for a utility to be covered under this. Judge Teegarden stated for example, Windstream meets with them to go over and decide per road how they are going to repair. The local utilities, ARSA, Augusta and the water district in the past, have gotten with them on the repairs and it's usually agreed upon before it's even touched. Mayor Hester stated the last thing he wants to touch base on is the emergency part of it. Imagine the water line in your back yard, it busts, you can't restrict them from fixing the water line in your backyard. Magistrate Brumley stated it doesn't, you have 3 days after this to get the permit or let them know this has gone on. This is not restricting them in an emergency situation at all. Road supervisor Florer gave an example. 2 weeks ago, the water district had a problem on mini farms road. It was a Saturday night; he called him and text him a picture and they agreed to get together Monday morning to fill out the permit. They met, filled it out, went and looked at it and it was 6 ft off the road, Supervisor Florer stated he did not even have to have a permit being that far off the road, but he still called them to let them know. That's how they work with the water district. Mayor Hester stated if it works like that then there's no problem with that but why does there have to be all this red tape to cover it. Judge Teegarden stated because it's not happening, no one is contacting the road supervisor when cuts are being made, and they need to know when there are cuts in the county roads. Mayor Hester stated then that request should be made, Judge Teegarden stated it has been made. Mayor Hester said he had never been contacted. Mayor Hester stated there are a lot of things that happen that are not addressed, and he feels this needs to be looked at before something is passed that cause heart ache for the utilities that are there. He also hopes that there is some policing from this body. There was a gas line put down on Chaney Rd in 2018 and the only thing that was done was the superintendent came before the court and asked to run that gas line down the road, there was no paperwork that was done. Magistrate Brumley stated it was on record at the court meeting. Mayor Hester stated the paperwork that was in the ordinance back in 2018 was not followed through. Judge Teegarden stated that is what they are trying to do. She advised she was not Judge in 2018. This was not the same court in 2018. Mayor Hester stated that's the other thing he's asking, if they're going to do this, then do this. Magistrate Ruf stated its basically a commonsense approach to whatever specifically needs to be done for the job. Mayor Hester stated it's not, it's written with all these stipulations in it. Magistrate Miller stated one thing discussed at the meeting 2 months ago was that if something is done at 2 am in January, it's going to be done in the spring as is a standard construction process. As this was established in 2015, it's been law for 10 years. A new final version does not specify Augusta, Brooksville, water district, Arsa, it includes any individual or public utility and says all local utilities. The other purpose for this is the legality and liability portion for something to be in writing. How this is changed and adopted from the way it's been for the past 10 years is to protect all. Judge Teegarden stated there is a section for private drives for residential. Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

Property Licking Estates surplus

Tabled

Appointments of Extension Co-op Kelsey Moore
Kelsey Moore is appointed for a term of 1/1/26 through 12/31/28
Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous

Appointments of Extension Co-op Tom Malone
Tom Malone is appointed for a term of 1/1/26 through 12/31/28
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Craig Miller
Vote being unanimous

Resolution KTAP
Buffalo Trace sent this resolution from District 6. This is the joint grant for the sidewalk project. This is for the front of the courthouse and on the opposite side of the street from Hal's all the way down to the crosswalk. Judge Teegarden stated she handed out the drawing that shows the level of the grant that this resolution will allow them to apply for them. Judge stated the mayor had applied in 2019 and was denied on the cities part. She had applied for the small part in front of the courthouse and had been denied. When cities and counties apply they are in competition with each other. Judge Teegarden stated she and Mayor Hester had agreed to go in on a joint grant this time to see if they may have some victory then. The first part was awarded, and they did a feasibility study because of the handicap accessibility on the cities part. The handicap accessibility was addressed in the drawing, this is a huge, costly project. It is an 80/20 grant that they will be applying for. If they are awarded, Judge Teegarden stated she would immediately get with Buffalo trace and flip over and apply for the grant that will cover matches. That would put them at a 3% match. This would take the match from $258,600 to $38,790. She believes the mayor stated there may be some cities funds that are available to go with that, they would have to work through that, and she will keep the court 100% involved & informed. The feasibility study was required due to the steps and the crosswalk. Judge Teegarden stated they will be applying Monday through Buffalo Trace who applies for these for them. It would be awarded around March or April. Judge Teegarden stated with it being such a large size grant she wants the court to be involved. Magistrate Kelsch stated the sidewalk is on the other side of the street so why are we responsible for the city side. Judge Teegarden stated the sidewalk is on both sides of the street, so this is a joint grant between the city and the county. Magistrate Kelsch asked if it was an even split of the grant money. Judge Teegarden and Mayor Hester stated it would not be a 50/50, they will be working together on what needs to be done. There is more work that needs to be done on the bank side than the courthouse side. Mayor Hester spoke on what the project entails. He stated this project is more than just sidewalks, this has been in the works for 7-8 years. With this, there will be 5 pedestal lights like the ones in front of the Justice Center, they will be going down the parking lot on both sides of the sidewalk. There will be a handicap area in front of the beauty parlor on the corner. There will be grassy areas on both sides of the road and every one of the business entrances will be ADA complaint. This means from the sidewalk into the building as well as the parking lot to the sidewalk. There will be electric integrated to these sidewalks for the different events that are done around town. This is going to be something that everyone will be proud to have in between the bank and the courthouse. All utilities will be underground, it's going to be something we are proud to have. Judge Teegarden stated she didn't see any light posts on the drawing. Mayor Hester stated he talked to the architect on this and there are light poles in the project. Magistrate Miller asked, will the final part of this flow through transportation, Judge Teegarden stated yes. District 6 has been steering this project, they have been keeping all the paperwork etc. Motion to approve the resolution for Missy Hardy (BYADD) to apply on the county's behalf made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous

Germantown Park Committee
Karin Poe with the park committee addressed the court. She handed out a park summary report that includes all the things they have done and what they hope to do in the future. The items with an asterisk are given top priority. She mentioned that there was a grant received through community grants for $70,000. $18,000 of that was spent on electric installed at the stage area. $49,000 was spent on the ballfields and soccer fields. There is about $3,000 leftover to be spent on completing the stage area. There was a $50,000 grant that was used for electric and water which was installed at the top of the park as well as for gravel on the existing road and they developed a new road. The city has agreed to give money to help with the bathrooms, new sinks, new commodes and a few other things. Mayor Dwayne addressed the court. He thanked the court for their $7,500 that is given to them every year. This money is very helpful however they would like to request an advancement similar to the one Augusta did when they remodeled the pool.

This would allow them to put the icing on the cake on some of these larger projects. The park has come a very long way from where it started a few years ago. The volunteers have given thousands of hours of their time to improve this park for the whole community. In order to try to get some of these things done in this century they would like to get an advancement for maybe 10 years. Magistrate Jarrells personally thanked all who work at the park. Judge Teegarden stated in 2018 they did a loan with Augusta for 20 years of their $7,500 payments. It entailed a lot of paperwork. They got $150,000 but they had to have specifics of what the money was being used for. They had to do an interlocal agreement between the city of Augusta and BCFC, it had to be approved by DLG because this is a budget item. The estimates all had to be sent in on what all the money was going to be used on so that is what would be needed for the court to consider doing this. Judge Teegarden asked them to send estimates to her and then they could take a vote to have Beth move forward on an interlocal agreement. Magistrate Mayfield reiterated whatever they want the money to be spent on needs to be specific because you can't change your mind after it's been requested. Mayor Sharp stated he hopes to get most of the projects done within the first 3 years at the most. Judge Teegarden stated just 1 estimate is all she would need to start this, DLG would let them know if they need anything else. Mayor Sharp stated the goal is for the park to be self sufficient in the years to come. Judge Teegarden stated there is a trails grant again that Germantown may want to apply for. This will be added to the agenda on December 10th meeting.

General Fund Budget Transfers
Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by Kevin Jarrells
Vote being unanimous

Senior Citizen Fund Interfund Cash Transfer
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous

Dispatch 911 Fund Budget Transfer
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

General Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval with the addition of $4,250 of the comprehensive plan was made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Heather Brumley
Yes votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf
Abstained for KACO reimbursements: Judge Teegarden, Craig Miller

Road Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous

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

Senior Citizens Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

Dispatch 911 Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous

Other Business:

Sheriff Boody stated he provided the court members with a sample ordinance of a towing and wrecker operator ordinance. Currently there is a tow operation list that is managed and operated by the Sheriff's office, and it has been for years. It creates a conflict of interest for the sheriff and law enforcement. It puts them in the business of regulating businesses. In the last 2 days he's had 2 tow truck owners contact him and want to be added to the list. They may or may not meet certain specifications to be on that list. It makes it difficult to regulate these rules when he is also

the office that is enforcing them. Sheriff Boody is asking the court to entertain enacting an ordinance similar to the one he provided taken from Oldham County where the Fiscal Court would create the rules, and he would just enforce them. Judge Teegarden asked if there was something already in place like regulations and such that are needed that the Sheriff could provide for County Attorney Moore to look over as far as what has gone on up until now. Sheriff Boody stated for example, the court can set rates, he is not in the position legally to tell business owners what they can or can't charge. The other issue he runs into is if someone believes they have been charged and inordinate amount by a towing company, his office is the office they come to and file a complaint about it, and he has no way to resolve that. Magistrate Miller stated he would check with KACO too and see what other small rural counties have in place. Magistrate Kelsch asked how many wrecker services are here in the county. Sheriff Boody stated just the 2 right now. The other issue is if they have to tow a vehicle for evidentiary purposes and have to store it, it raises the issue of where is stored, who pays for it etc. here in the county there are no secure storage facilities. Judge Teegarden asked Sheriff Boody if he could give them a list of how many vehicles there have been that have needed to be stored in the past and what the cost was and who paid. Attorney Moore stated there was 1 case in circuit court this past year where this has come up.

Magistrate Miller mentioned that the Brooksville Small Town Christmas Parade will be on December 6, 2025, at 2:00. There will also be vendors set up in the courthouse until 1:00. Augusta Parade ins December 13.

Magistrate Jarrells mentioned that Cookies with Santa at the Germantown Park will also be December 6, 2025, from 5-6:30.

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