A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Monday December 22, 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 Craig Miller, that the court approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025, meeting.

Road Department Update

Road Supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. They have mostly been dealing with the snow. John Ray with Straight Edge construction has one of the slips done and the 2nd one started on Snag Creek. They have already back filled the first one. Magistrate Kelsch asked what kind of shape we were in with salt. Stacey stated they have used all the mixed and have ordered 150 ton more. They are almost out of the fly ash. Magistrate Kelsch asked how much it usually takes, Stacey stated usually 9-10 full loads of salt and ash mixed so when they move to salt only, they'll be looking at 100/110-ton round trip. That would be if they still want them to do the whole road. Right now, they do end to end, the court will need to let him know if they still want to do end to end or just do curves and hills. Salt is $111 a ton right now. Magistrate Kelsch asked what Stacey's recommendation would be, Stacey stated they could try just doing hills and curves but that is what most of the county is anyway. Magistrate Mayfield stated that will also affect schools and the ability for buses to get around. Stacey stated if you don't salt it and its really bad and cold then the ice will stay there until the sun comes out to melt it. Magistrate Miller asked about the trucks they use. Stacey stated they have 3 little one-ton trucks and 5 single axel trucks. Stacey stated this is the 3rd order of salt he has made this year. Magistrate Jarrells asked if there was a place to stockpile it to maybe buy it when it's cheaper? Stacey stated the price stays the same. Magistrate Mayfield asked if there was any shortage of salt right now. Stacey stated no, they usually order 350-400 ton, this year they put in for 2,000 ton. They have probably ordered about 300 ton so far this year. Magistrate Ruf asked if Stacey was able to check on a telephone pole she had asked about. She said she stopped down and looked at it and the tree that is holding the pole up is about dead so any amount of wind or ice could bring it down. Stacey stated he will pass it along to John at the state and follow up.

Animal Shelter Expansion Update

Magistrate Miller stated there is a copy of the DS2 proposal, this is the first quote that he has gotten in over 4 months of trying to get plans from architects. This is a full set of prints for the project. It is for $6,000 plus 10% of the reimbursable cost of permit fees. This includes everything needed for the blueprints to get started on the animal shelter expansion. This is for a 30 ft wide, 40 ft long addition to the building that is already there. If this is approved today the architect is going to meet at the shelter with a few of those on court to go over everything. Initial payment of $3,000 with the return of this contract would be due today. Magistrate Kelsch asked if this was the only bid, he got or did he have any others. Magistrate Miller stated this is the only one, he's tried for 4 months to get bids back from contractors and this is the only one that has gotten back to him.
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

Judicial Center Full Time employee hire

Tabled

County Maintenance Full Time employee hire

Tabled

Property Licking Valley Estates surplus

Tabled

Germantown Park Committee
Tabled

Bracken County Library Board appointment
Library Director Shroll had the Department of Library and Archives in Frankfort send the letter recommending the appointment of Sara Fryman for a term of January 2026 to January 2029
Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by Danny Holleran
Vote being unanimous

Bracken County Library Board Reappointment
Library Director Shroll had the Department of Library and Archives in Frankfort send the letter recommending the reappointment of Alex Hyrcza for a term of January 2026 to January 2029
Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous

Bracken County Sheriff Budget 2026
Sheriff Boody briefly discussed his budget. He stated there is an increase from last year's budget mainly due to salary increases. That will be made up with additional commissions and fees from the office based off of collecting taxes etc. He is requesting the same amount that was provided to the office by Fiscal Court last year. He went over the last few years returns. 2022 was $49,000, 2023 $72,000, 2024 $94,000. A lot of that was because they were not fully staffed. Now he has 4 fulltime road deputies, he does not anticipate returning that same amount of money though since he is fully staffed now. Next year he will be requesting a new patrol car to replace an aging pick up truck. The cost of it would be $43,000 plus lights and sirens package which brings it to about $56,000 to replace that vehicle in the Fiscal Court budget for 2027. There are currently still 9 vehicles in his fleet. 2017 ford 174,000 miles, bald tires, bad transmission, bad battery. They can surplus it or hang on to. Other than that, the fleet is in relatively good condition. The vehicle they are replacing is a 2019 dodge ram with 121,000 miles. They have a 2015 with 155,000 miles on it and one with 126,000 miles, these are SRO vehicles. Judge Teegarden asked, will this new vehicle park the Dodge Ram truck? Sheriff Boody stated it will park it and leave it as a spare. It may go to an SRO. Magistrate Ruf asked, for the SRO, why can't they take an older vehicle that has less miles and give the new vehicle to the police officer. Sheriff Boody stated that is what he is going to do. The new vehicle will go to Ian so that it is replacing the truck he is currently driving. The 2015, 2017 and 2018 are the SRO vehicles. The budget does include a 2.5% budget increase for sheriffs' office employees for July 1, 2026. This will include the state advance as well as the maximum setting for salary.
Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Kevin Jarrells
Vote being unanimous

Bracken County Clerk Budget 2026
Clerk Free discussed her budget. It is relatively the same as last year. She has 4 full time employees and 1 part time employee. The last few years she has turned over about $60,000 in excess fees, she is on track to turn over about the same if not more this year. This includes a 3% budget increase for clerks' office employees. This will include the maximum setting for salary.
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

General Fund Interfund Cash Transfer
Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

General Fund Budget transfer
Motion for approval made by Kevin Jarrells, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous

Senior citizen fund
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous

General Fund Vendor Claims
Magistrate Mayfield asked, on the colonial heights invoice, it has feline listed. Judge Teegarden stated that was supposed to go to BCAINs account, that was an error in billing. BCAIN will be reimbursing the court for that.
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

Road Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second buy Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous

Jail Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous

Senior Citizens Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by David Kelsch
Vote being unanimous

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

Other Business:

Judge Teegarden reminded the court that there will be no meeting on the 24th, this is the last meeting until January.

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