A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held April 9,2025 for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda.

Presiding: Tina K. Teegarden,
Judge Executive

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

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 Special meeting on March 21, 2025.
Vote being unanimous.

EM Director- Wick Wach
Em Director Wach came and updated the court about the recent flooding taking place around the county. He stated that most of the problems as far as rain, are coming to an end. And most of the county systems pretty much handled themselves, we did not have to ask for outside help during this time. Judge Teegarden thanked everyone that stepped up and came out of the woodwork and helped locally in the community. She stated the county is under a declared state of emergency for 30 days and cleanup efforts will be starting soon.

Road Department Update
Road Supervisor Stacey stated the main thing they have been dealing with has obviously been the flooding. There are still 4 roads under water. Milford had several trees come down that will need to be cleaned up but all the roads in Milford are now passable.

Animal Shelter Expansion Update
Tabled

Recycle Trailers
Judge Teegarden stated she does not forsee a recycling program in the future where we would not have to presort before dropping them off, so this would be up to the court whether they want to surplus those trailers. Magistrate Kelsch asked if there could be statewide advertisement done to where if other counties could use them, they could apply? Judge Teegarden stated she would contact Lisa Evans that works for the department of energy under the division of solid waste to see if she could help with that. Magistrate Miller stated contacting Lisa would be a good place to start as these trailers are fully functional and in very good shape. Judge Teegarden added when the recycling was shutdown in 2020, Jimmy Arthur did all the maintenance work on the trailers to get everything fixed that needed to be fixed that couldn't get done while they were in use, so they have been well kept.

Resolution 25-04 80/20 Bridge Culvert Funding Vermillion Rd
The county received funding for replacing a culvert on Vermillion Road. This is the resolution allowing Judge Teegarden to sign the agreement and direct the project.
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Danny Holleran
Vote being unanimous.

Agreement 80/20 Bridge Culvert Funding Vermillion Rd $9,020
Motion for approval of the agreement was made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Kevin Jarrells
Vote being unanimous.

Enter Executive session per KRS 61.810 (1)F personnel.
Motion to move into executive session made by Sandy Ruf, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous.

Return from Executive session per KRS 61.810 (1)F personnel.
Motion to move into executive session made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

Horse Trails Maintenance Hire
Judge Teegarden stated she was approached by a volunteer group that wanted to help with the horse trails for the year, they would be doing maintenance along the trails, cutting trees along the trails, fixing where water has created ravines and putting gravel down. The hiring on this position is being under the condition that at anytime they would have to take over the horse trails maintenance should the volunteers step away. This position is mowing, bushhogging, weed eating, maintaining all the trail property, down by the sewar package plant and maintaining both lake areas. Magistrate Mayfield is the representative for the interviewing committee. She stated on Friday April the 4th herself, Judge Teegarden, Deputy Judge Lippert and Magistrate Scott all sat in and conducted interviews for the part time horse trails position. There were 3 candidates who applied, and they felt that one of the candidates was more suited for the position. They would like to recommend Aaron Heater be hired for the part time horse trails position at the current hourly rate of $12.05 an hour which will be adjusted with the CPI on July 1st to $12.40 an hour pending all preemployment screening.
Motion for approval made by Magistrate Mayfield, second by John Scott.
Vote being unanimous.

Solid Waste Coordinator Hire
Magistrate Mayfield stated that on Friday April 4th Magistrate Scott, herself, Deputy Judge Scotty Lippert, Judge Teegarden and herself, conducted interviews for the solid waste management position. There were 2 qualified candidates but felt one was more suited for the position than the other. They would like to recommend Gregory Wood for the solid waste management position at $17.50 an hour and other county benefits pending preemployment screening.
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous.

Bid Award: Humvees
The court received a spreadsheet on the open bids. Judge Teegarden read the bids.
The highest bidder is Chris Cummins.
Motion to award to the highest bidder made by Danny Holleran, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous.

Surplused truck for the BC Water District
Judge Teegarden stated the water district has a truck that they have to surplus. It is 2012 Chevy Colorado 4x4 101,830 miles on it. Road Supervisor Florer went and looked at the truck. He brought it back and had their maintenance department look it over. The water district has made an offer that they would like $2,500 for this truck. They would not like to have any cash for it though, they would like to have the payment come in the form of fuel credits as they purchase it from the county road department. County Attorney Moore has come up with an agreement to be signed between the Fiscal Court and the Road Department if they are interested in obtaining this vehicle. Stacey stated they would have use for it at the road department. County Attorney Moore stated she has not done the agreement yet but will if that is the pleasure of the court. This would fall under KRS67.0802 being it is a quasi-governmental agency; you can make a trade. Magistrate Miller asked if it was 2 door or 4 doors. Stacey stated it is a 2 door, 4wd truck and they would use it to follow the bushhogs.
Magistrate Brumley made a motion to accept the agreement, Magistrate Miller second it.
Vote being unanimous.

County Clerk Know INK LLC and Harp Enterprises Invoice
Motion for approval of both invoices made by Sandy Ruf, second by Heather Brumley.
Vote being unanimous.

Sheriff Quarterly Report
Sheriff Boody gave each magistrate a copy of the summary of reports in the Sheriff's office from January 1st to March 31st. They are in line with where they are every quarter. He stated the end of tax collection for the Sheriff's office is next Tuesday April 15th. As of the 7th they are just under 98% collected. Total outstanding balance to be collected $96,022. He stated his office is now fully staffed with the hire of Frank Smith. Sheriff Boody stated in 2023 they received a vest grant through Homeland Security. He applied through the Attorney Generals Office for the vest for Frank. It was approved and he has already been measured and everything. Magistrate Miller stated someone asked him about some Narcan boxes throughout the county. He was wondering how many there are throughout the county. Colleen Bradleyfrom the health department was

present. She stated she did not have the numbers with her as to how many there are, but they are serviced twice a month, sometimes 3 times a month. She will get the numbers back to the Sheriffs office to report to the court. Magistrate Miller stated he had 2 inquiries. One was a complaint about having them and one was a complaint about his house being broken into down in Walcott and one of these boxes is next to his property. Sheriff Boody asked when it occurred, it was not reported. Magistrate Miller confirmed that the person said they had not reported it. Magistrate Miller stated he understands where the people are coming from, there is no surveillance. He let them know that these boxes are done through the Health Dept, he just wanted to bring it to attention today. Colleen stated they have permission for every spot these are placed, none of these boxes were placed without permission. There are about 8-10 county wide, and they are used. She can get the numbers on each box if they would like. Magistrate Miller asked if there could be a conversation between the Health Dept and Sheriffs office about these. Magistrate Brumley asked Sheriff Boody, on the vests, do they expire, kind of like a car seat that expires? He stated the manufacturer has an expiration of 5 years. That doesn't mean they stop working after 5 years, it just means the manufacturer would no longer uphold any warranty or be held liable if anything were to happen after the 5 years.

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

General Fund Budget Transfers
Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous.

Jail Fund Budget Transfers
Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Sandy Ruf.
Vote being unanimous.

Dispatch 911 Fund Budget Transfers
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous.

General Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by Heather Brumley.
Yes Votes: Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott
Abstained: Craig Miller due to having a claim

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 Heather Brumley, second by Danny Holleran
Vote being unanimous.

Senior Citizens Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous.

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

Federal Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous.

Other Business:

Judge Teegarden did want to make the court aware that Jimmy Arthur is still listed as an employee as he will be training the new hire. He has also offered to work and get the scheduled road cleanup taken care of. He will be going in and out of the office to do these things as the preemployment screening process takes some time. Judge Teegarden would like to take a moment to thank Jimmy Arthur for his hard work and dedication to Bracken County. He is working to keep our grant for litter abatement secured while we are going through the hiring process.

Stacey at the road department has worked with Judge Teegarden to work on a slide repair estimate cost for Thompson Ridge. It is $42,000, it is emergency funds.

Judge Teegarden stated that some of the legislators posted that the CPP Funds that used to be considered discretionary funds, have been posted at the state. This is 100% funding for paving 2 roads in Bracken County. It is Thompson Ridge for $224,000 and Fords Avenue for $131,000. Judge Teegarden stated she believes there were 12 roads they applied for and 2 were approved.

Judge Teegarden would like the record to reflect that the magistrates received a copy of the budget for the Bracken County Extension for review. It does not get voted on today, it is just for review.

Magistrate Miller commented further on the CPP program. He stated we received 2 for a total of $355,000. To give a better idea Fleming County had 1 road come in at $223,000. Harrison County had 0. Lewis County had 2 roads for a total of $226,000. Mason County had 0. Pendleton County had 2 roads at $297,000. Robertson County had 0. Campbell County, City of Ft Thomas received $167,000. The Judges efforts and Fiscal Courts efforts with different officials throughout Frankfort has helped as we received the most out of the 7 surrounding counties. That had to be approved through the final general assembly budget and it was voted through at the end of March. This will be a 2026 project. Judge Teegarden stated the roads for the following year usually have to be in to the Transportation Cabinet around September. She already has the list of roads ready; it will be reviewed to make sure that one road is not a priority over another. Magistrate Miller stated even though the name has changed, these funds all operate under the department of rural and municipal aid, so anytime anyone sees Commissioner Bobby Jo Lewis and her team, thank them and continue to push for everything that the county can get.

Magistrate Brumley would like to publicly thank some people. On Friday she was in Mason County when her son called and said the water was coming across the road in Milford. When she was headed home, she received a call from Senator Shelley Frommeyer who said what can she do to help you. Come to find out Garrett Flynn, who keeps a good eye on what goes on in the county, had called her and told her Milford had water coming across the road and to contact Heather. On her way home she had to go the long way, when she got down the hill to her house she noticed the road closed signs. Her first thought was any semis coming down that hill will have no where to turn around. When you get to the bottom of the hill you lose cell service and gps so there will be no way for them to know where to go. She got on the phone and called Senator Frommeyer back and said you can help; you can get someone from district 6 that can move this road closed sign in Milford to the top of the hill. Senator Frommeyer immediately called Bob Yeager and got him on a 3-way call, Magistrate Brumley explained how dire the situation was to get these signs moved to the top of the hill as soon as possible. Within 35 minutes, Mike Platt came from Pendleton County, he started moving signs around and they took it upon themselves to not only stop them at the Bracken County line but they also put them at the end of 1962 so semis could completely pass and go onto Robertson County that way. They also stopped them at 165, which allowed semis to go on. She did hear that some were aggravated that the road signs were stopped so far up, but you had to understand they were being stopped for semis. Magistrate Brumley stated it was like a well-oiled machine with everyone that got involved and it was immediate.

Sheriff Boody stated twice this week they have been summoned to 2228 at the AA where semis have gone down the road and the sheriff's office is called to come assist them to back out to get back to the AA. It is becoming a problem for the office. Judge Teegarden stated district 6 has not signed over that road back to the county yet. She stated they can contact district 6 and let them

know. Magistrate Miller stated there are others that have requested signs at AA and Iler road to Augusta, we can't control gps, but it can be put through to district 6.

Magistrate Miller stated with the flooding, he has been talking to the Augusta volunteer fire department, and there is a new group in Augusta, the gardening club of Augusta that was planning on a cleanup in Augusta that Sat. He talked with the lady overseeing that she asked him to promote it which he did that morning prior to talking to some others. He does not think the city of Augusta and/or the volunteer fire department wants that to move forward. They are going to have some discussions today, the fire dept starting some cleanup on their own today. They probably do not want an excess group of volunteers due to everything that is there. There is a massive amount of debris. This is going to take different department efforts to tie together and coordinate and get things moving. There are plans for the city of Augusta and the fire department and they will be putting something out letting them know. Judge Teegarden added that the red cross has reached out several times a day since the flooding started, they are offering clean up kits for households. She is having the EMA director reach out and she needs a number of households to get to them so they know how many kits will be needed. If the magistrates can reach out to their constituents and let EM director Wachs know if any of them are in need of these kits. Magistrate Miller stated in talking to the city of Augusta this morning, where it is not law, you are not supposed to put any debris back into the river, it is supposed to be cleaned up and disposed of properly. The city is working on dumpsters and those should be there soon.

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