A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday, April 23, 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 John Scott, that the court approve the minutes of the April 9, 2025, meeting.

Road Department Update
Road Department Supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. All roads are now open and cleared from the flooding. They are continuing to clean culverts and ditches. They have fixed 3 or 4 gravel roads that were washed out in the Foster area. They were also able to finally take all the sanders off the trucks to clean and put them away for the summer.

Animal Shelter Expansion Update
Tabled

Recycle Trailers
These were emailed to Lisa Evans; she was out of town working with counties last week. Judge Teegarden stated that Lisa was going to forward them onto the counties (Monday a week ago), she has not heard back Form lisa. Judge Teegarden asked that this will be tabled until next meeting.

CASA Annual Report
Executive Director Mary Beth Rudd updated the court on their annual report. She has been with the organization for 4 years. The CASA program is a 501C3 and they rely solely on donations and grants. Their mission is to train community volunteers to advocate for children of abuse and neglect in court. Currently they serve Bracken, Mason, Fleming, Nicholas and Robertson counties. In 2024 they served 34 children who were abused or neglected in Bracken County District Court. They were able to provide Bracken and Augusta schools with earbuds to help eliminate some of the cost for parents for back to school. They also provide child abuse awareness books for the children. They currently have 8 volunteers and 4 board members who serve Bracken County. The CASA program is grateful for Bracken County's continued support and helping to carry out their mission. They have served the community for over 25 years. County Attorney Moore added that as far as court, they are a great resource to have, some cases would not be able to be done without their help. They're that extra tier above and beyond social services that can get involved. Ms. Rudd stated the CASA volunteers will meet with the kids one on one through home visits. They then write court reports to the judge advocating to the judge the best interest of the child or family. Their goal is always to reunite the child with their family but only if that is able to be done safely. The goal is always for them to remain safe and in a permanent house. Magistrate Miller stated they are always looking for more volunteers and board members so anyone in the community can reach out to become involved.

Jailer Quarterly Report
Jailer Clos addressed the court. There are a few things he wanted to point out he has been working on. The Maysville hospital transports, he resubmitted a little over $8,000 in hospital bills for repricing. Yesterday he got back $7,901 so it wound up costing the county about $669 so there was a lot of money saved there. Jailer Clos stated he did check out the transmission repair place in Maysville that Magistrate Kelsch had suggested, and he wound up saving about $1,000 by going there so that vehicle is fixed and back out on the road. Inmate housing costs is going up but that doesn't look to be going down anytime soon.

Sheriff Quarterly Report
Sheriff Boody addressed the court. He stated his disbursements were on point with where they were this time last year. His receipts are down, that is because he has not gotten the franchise bills as early as he had the previous years. Other than that, everything is on point with where it typically is this time of year. Magistrate Kelsch asked if he was fully staffed now. Sheriff Boody stated, yes, he has all the staff he can afford.
Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by David Kelsch
Vote being unanimous.

Resolution 25-05 County Road Aid
The total for FY25/26 is $907,998.73. Magistrate Miller mentioned to the court members to note on the first page. It mentions 18.3% comes from the motor fuel tax. This is what the KMCA, KACO and Judge Executives association has been working on. They have been trying to get through the general assembly to increase this to help counties and cities maintain all their roads and streets and highways. This has been going back at least 6 years and nothing has been elevated so this has been part of the ongoing conversation that is discussed at conferences. This county road aid is where it comes back to us. Judge Teegarden stated all the City of Augusta is in the Co-op for CRA to receive funding, City of Germantown joined 2 years ago to receive funding, and she is not sure about the City of Brooksville.
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

Agreement
Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by Kevin Jarrells
Vote being unanimous.

Training Incentive
Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by Sandy Ruf
Yes Votes: John Scott, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch, Debbie Mayfield
Abstained: Danny Holleran

General Fund Budget Transfer
Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous.

Road Fund Budget Transfer
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Danny Holleran
Vote being unanimous.

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

Jail Fund Interfund Cash Transfer
Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

Senior Citizens Fund Budget Transfer
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Kevin Jarrells
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 made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Craig Miller
Vote being unanimous.

Road Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Kevin Jarrells
Vote being unanimous.

Jail Fund Vendor Claims

Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous

Senior Citizens Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

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

Other Business:

County Clerk HVAC
The HVAC in the records room has quit working. There were 2 quotes received. One was from Jeffersons HVAC, they currently service the existing HVAC, and one was from JCR. Judge Teegarden stated the JCR quote includes replacing the lines, the Jefferson does not. Judge Teegarden recommends going with JCR. Magistrate Miller asked who JCR was. Judge Teegarden stated JCR put the mini splits in the judge's office, they are out of Cynthiana. In looking at the quotes Magistrate Miller stated he does not know HVAC terminology, but it does appear that Jeffersons says it will run new lines as well. Judge Teegarden stated JCR would replace everything Jefferson would replace lines to the existing system. Magistrate Miller stated it is about a 10% price difference.
Motion to go with JCR made by Magistrate Miller, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous.

Resolution 25-02 Water Truck / Road Dept.
The truck agreement was approved last meeting. The attorney for the Water District Board sent a resolution instead of an agreement so this Resolution needs to be approved for the Truck to be transferred to us. This will still be for $2500 in fuel credits from the Bracken County Road Department. No Change to the agreement approved the previous meeting.
Motion for approval made by Kevin Jarrells, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous.

Buffalo Trace Road Comm Bids
The final tabulations have been received. Judge Teegarden sat down and reviewed this with the road foreman, and everything was confirmed this morning. These are time sensitive because of the salt contracts etc. The following is what she recommends going with. Judge Teegarden stated Brown County is used on the pipe. Brown Co did not submit a bid, and they will continue using them so they will not be accepting a bid on the corrugated pipe and culverts. The county also bids out their own fuel and own rock each year, they are currently in the middle of those. The following had the lowest bids and are recommended to go with.
Chip n seal, the lowest bid was SC Construction. Hot mix that the road dept picks up and uses, HG Mayes, out of the Maysville plant. Cold mix, the road dept uses themselves and it comes from Brown County asphalt out of Georgetown Oh. For the blacktop/asphalt projects, HG Mayes. Salt, Compass. Magistrate Miller stated these are tabulated through Buffalo Trace, correct? Judge stated yes, some companies only bid on certain things in certain counties.
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Danny Holleran
Vote being unanimous.

Board of Assessment
This year is the year that the Judge Executive appoints. Kathy Bell was reached out to, and she did accept. Judge Teegarden recommends Kathy Bell be appointed to the position for the board of assessment, this is a 3-year term.
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Kevin Jarrells
Vote being unanimous.

Let the minutes reflect that all the magistrates were given a copy of the Bracken County Fiscal Court Budget FY 2025-2026. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Magistrate Kelsch reminded everyone that Friday April 25th is the Augusta Fire Dept Fish fry. It starts at 5 p.m. with an auction at 6:30 p.m.

Magistrate Miller stated the Brooksville Fire Dept Fish Fry is on May 4th from 11:00-2:00

Judge Teegarden stated that the Em Director has gotten with the red cross and there is a program for fire alarms for homes in the county. He reached out to all fire departments and the Brooksville fire dept has agreed to work with them on the program of distributing those.

Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Jarrells, second by Heather Brumley.
Vote being unanimous.

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