A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday, June 25, 2025, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda.

Presiding: Craig Miller,
Magistrate

Present: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Craig Miller, Sandy Ruf, Kevin Jarrells
Absent: Judge Teegarden, 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 June 9, 2025, meeting.
Yes Votes: Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells
Absent: Heather Brumley, Judge Teegarden

Road Department Update
Road department Supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. Every road has been mowed at least once; some roads have been mowed a second time. The bush hogs will continue to run. They have been working on some gravel roads., hauled some rock in and hauled some railroad ties in for future T Rail work.

Animal Shelter Expansion Update
Expansion-tabled
There is an update on the sewer system. There had been some emails sent with pictures showing that the new system has been completed. The health dept inspections have been successfully passed. The drains underground from the outdoor kennels were clogged, they had not been cleaned out in about 25 years. Judge Teegarden had Derrick Davidson, the contractor, drain the indoor kennels. There is a new invoice on the vendor claims for $275, that was outside the scope of the other bid.

County Budget FY2025-26 2nd Reading/Adoption
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Sandy Ruf
Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

Medical Cannabis/Employees *Resolution
This was discussed last meeting. KACo advised a resolution as opposed to an ordinance. It is up to the court to appoint the County Attorneys office as to whether they want to do a resolution or an ordinance. There were 2 resolutions handed out at the last meeting as guidance. One is a basic resolution prohibiting medical cannabis by county employees. That takes the sheriff dept, road dept and dispatch removed, so it is just judges' office, clerk's office and animal shelter. There is a full 3-page resolution or a shorter one-page resolution. If the resolution is adopted, it will need to move into the administrative code. Magistrate Miller read the short version. Magistrate Ruf stated it passed in states but not federally, insurance won't cover if there's an accident involving this. Magistrate Mayfield asked if this was something that could be adjusted and changed on a later date. Magistrate Miller stated that is correct. Upon recommendation from KACo they are saying a resolution is going to be more easily accessible as opposed to an ordinance due to the fact that some federal standards may be changing.
Motion to approve the shorter version made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Sandy Ruf
Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

Ordinance or Resolution re: ATVs on County Roads *Ordinance

This is for the special purpose vehicles that will become legal statewide June 27th. This has been discussed a few times. It allows counties to make the recommendation, pass an ordinance or not vote at all to allow side by sides, utv's, minitrucks, military vehicles and full size special built vehicles on county highways limited to 20 miles. The clerk's office brought the paperwork that shows the vehicle inspections that would have to be approved through the sheriff's department. Any owner of these vehicles would have to go through this entire process and have it licensed, insured and registered through the clerk's office to get tagged. This will include minitrucks. Magistrate Kelsch asked if there was a way the county could limit this to daytime only hours for driving? Magistrate Mayfield stated when they were at conference 2 weeks ago, they asked Rich Ornstein, KACo attorney, if there was a way for counties to customize this bill, such as could you take out specific vehicles etc. and they were told there was no customization to this bill. Sheriff Boody stated, the county can be more restrictive than state law, they just cannot be less restrictive than state law. Magistrate Kelsch asked specifically about defining specific roadways, it is agreed that that is left open for counties to do. Magistrate Ruf stated they could not be driven on the AA, Magistrate Miller stated he does not believe that is correct. In the law it says the only roadways that are restricted are interstates and federal parkways. In section 2 under designated highways, SLSPV shall be permitted on the following highways that are within the jurisdiction limits of Bracken County. Option 1 permits all highways. Then you have where you can restrict highways. Option 3 you can restrict miles per hour option highways. Magistrate Mayfield made a request to table the discussion on SLSPV until there is a full Fiscal Court. Magistrate Holleran second that.

County Comprehensive Plan (approved 2024) Kristie Dodge/Jamison French
Tabled

Bid Award Rock
Road Supervisor Stacey stated he just received one bid; it was posted for 2 weeks. That bid was from Hilltop stone in Butler Ky. It went up from .50 to .75 and the haul rate went from $6 a ton to $7 a ton. Magistrate Jarrells asked what the price was from Flemingsburg. Stacey stated he does not know; the bid was out for 2 weeks but they did not place a bid.
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott
Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

Bid Award Fuel
Tabled

Fulltime Assistant ACO Hire
There are still interviews going on. Magistrate Kelsch asked how many applicants were received for that. Magistrate Mayfield stated 8. Magistrate Kelsch asked if most of them were in the county. Magistrate Mayfield stated there were about 60% in county, 40% out of the county. Magistrate Kelsch asked what the holdup was on this. Magistrate Mayfield stated there were a few applicants that were not available for interviews this week.
Tabled

2024 Sheriff Settlement
All court members received a copy to review. Magistrate Kelsch asked if they were still full staffed. Sheriff Boody stated yes. Magistrate Miller asked if the commission rates stay the same annually. Sheriff Boody stated the commission rates are generally the same annually. The only commission rate that would be subject to change would be the school commission. Magistrate Miller stated they are lower percentage wise than the others. Sheriff Boody stated yes, percentage wise they are lower. The maximum for schools is 4%. Magistrate Miller stated as you can see, the Sheriffs Office took in over $5.3 million in taxes in 2024.
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Danny Holleran
Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

Jail Fund Interfund Cash Transfer
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott
Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

Senior Citizens Fund Interfund Cash Transfer
Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by Danny Holleran

Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

General Fund Budget Transfer
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Kevin Jarrells.
Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

Dispatch 911 Fund Budget Transfer
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Kevin Jarrell's\ Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

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

Road Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Sandy Ruf
Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

Jail Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Danny Holeran
Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

Senior Citizens Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Debbie Mayfield
Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

Dispatch 911 Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by Sandy Ruf
Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

Other Business:

Magistrate Jarrells gave an update on the recycle trailers. They are on Chuck Marshalls website to be auctioned off on July 9th.

Going back to the SLSPV, a clarification was made that the city government can choose on this as well. So, if the County chooses to take no action or to vote no, the city is allowed to approve them within city limits and vice versa. Magistrate Mayfield asked if mini trucks can be excluded from that bill. Magistrate Miller stated no, they are part of this class of vehicles under the new law. She asked Magistrate Miller if he knew what other counties have voted on this. He stated Fleming is passing, Robertson is passing it, Lewis he has not heard, Mason, he was told that it has not been brought up for discussion nor has Harrison County or Pendleton County. Magistrate Miller stated Fleming and Robertson County had Resolutions that were given to all the court members to look at. Both of those counties are in the process of passing it this week as the law goes into effect on June 27th. Cassidy with the Clerks office reiterated Clerk Free's statement from the prior meeting, that whether the county or city chooses to pass this, if someone comes into their office and has gone through the proper channels of insuring, and inspecting, the Clerk's Office is required by law to register and plate these. Magistrate Mayfield asked Sheriff Boody, from a legal standpoint, what happens. Sheriff Boody stated that if the county takes no action or

chooses not to approve them, they would not be legal to be driven on the roadways here. They would need to be trailered and taken to a jurisdiction where they are allowed for use. Magistrate Ruf stated but still, before they can even get the tag, they must do this whole list of stuff and be inspected. Magistrate Miller stated correct. Sheriff Boody stated most of the newly manufactured vehicles meet all these requirements with the anticipation of these already being road legal in places like Tennessee and North Carolina. So, they are already manufactured to these specifications. This would be more towards something that's say 15 years old and are wanting to update to get street legal. Cassidy also mentioned that going through these proper channels and registering them will also make the customer liable for those taxes every year just the same as a regular vehicle. Magistrate Mayfield asked if that was a certain percentage. Cassidy stated yes, it is 6% just like vehicles. Magistrate Mayfield stated most people, unless they just recently purchased this, will have to do some upgrades to make these street legal. If they want to do this though you must go through the proper channels. Magistrate Ruf stated it's just like the driving age to 15, some parents threw a fit over this but at the end of the day, if you don't want them to get them then don't sign. Magistrate Miller stated he and the Sheriff were discussing, and the general assembly has put this burden on the counties pretty much but at the end of the day it comes down to doing what's right and what's legal. There's always going to be a safety concern, there's a safety concern walking out of here and getting in your truck and driving now. If you are legally driving, legal driving age, driving right and doing what's right, it's going to decrease and limit the opportunity for something wrong to happen. We can't control any type of accident but the purpose of all these inspections and the following of the process is someone doing the right thing. And they still must be a licensed driver. Sheriff Boody stated for law enforcement, their biggest issue is how are they going to address it when they find it on the road. One of the biggest issues he sees right now is the exemption for farming or agriculture. The exemption for this is not clearly defined. His opinion is if you're not engaged in commercial activity, just because you own a farm does not give the exemption to drive it down the road. When the public is encountered and they state they are driving around looking at cattle, how much of an argument are they willing to have over it. But if you pass this ordinance, it gives them a little more room than to make sure they have tags, are registered and are insured. If someone takes a side by side and its not tagged or insured and I get involved in an accident and there's no insurance coverage for me or the other vehicle involved, who's going to pay for that? Magistrate Ruf stated insurance will do anything to get out of paying.

KACo had a board meeting last week and there has been a lot of time and work put into planning an information session on county jails. Even though we do not have a county jail, this still directly affects us as we pay $10-$15,000 a month for prisoners. He will ask Mel to email out to everyone all the paperwork they have put together. It is a very comprehensive document showing why we need help in the county jail stipend. Mel stated it has already been emailed out to everyone.

Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Jarrells, second by Danny Holleran.
Yes Votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Absent: Judge Teegarden, Heather Brumley

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