A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday, July 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 July 9, 2025, meeting.

Road Department Update

Road Department Supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. The bushhogs are running and heading into the Minerva area. There has been an issue with the new John Deere tractor, it has to do with the joystick control. John Deere has been called and they are waiting to hear back from them. They have been cleaning from the heavy rain and flooding still. They helped the solid waste coordinator one day. Someone dumped a bunch of garbage behind one of the recycle trailers behind Snappy. Tom Ennix has finished doing the TRail on Snag Creek. They are finishing up the cribbing and backfilling on Grovers Run. Joseph Jefferson is pouring the concrete for the floor in the salt barn today. Magistrate Kelsch asked what exactly it was that they had to clean up over the hill behind the recycle trailer. Stacey stated that instead of putting it into or next to the recycle trailer, someone dumped it all over the bank and down toward a guy's fence. They went down with a mini hoe and helped clean up what they could reach. There was household garbage, not even in bags. Magistrate Mayfield asked if they still had cameras down there. Judge Teegarden stated, no, the one they had got stolen. Magistrate Ruf stated someone dropped a recliner over at the 1109 park n pool. Stacey said he would let the solid waste coordinator know. Stacey stated last week they cleaned up 2 couches and 2 recliners at the back alley at Foster, down where there is a bunch of brush being dumped, he stated they did clean those up. Magistrate Miller stated, speaking of recycling trailers, Augusta School did have to remove 2 of the 3 trailers in order to do construction on the school so there is only 1 at the Augusta Independent School at the moment. Judge Teegarden stated one had been moved to 19 and will be moved back to the school once construction is finished.

Animal Shelter Expansion Update

Tabled until drawings are received. Magistrate Miller gave and update on the drawings. He stated he went and met with the architect last Wednesday and they are not a certified commercial architect. They can't do stamped drawings and engineered plans so they are awaiting a call from Ky Dept of Housing and Building Construction to be sure of what the next step is. He hopes to have another update at the next meeting.

Ordinance re: ATVs on County Roads

This is being moved down the agenda for discussion when Assistant County Attorney Schumacher is here.

Resolution/Agreement CDBG Funding EMS

This is an amended agreement with the CDBG covid funding for the EMS project. It is an amendment from $1,000,000.00 in funding to $1,677,000.10. This is to approve the amended contract to show the additional funding.
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Sandy Ruf
Magistrate Kelsch asked the EMS if they still owned the lot in Chatham. Penny from EMS stated yes, they still have the lot in Chatham. Magistrate Miller asked where exactly the increase came from. Judge Teegarden stated it came from the Dept for Local Government.
Vote being unanimous

Perkins Carmack
The board has approved Perkins Carmack for the work at EMS, they were the only bidder. They extended the bid to allow the court time to seek the funding and do the things they needed to do to get this project up and running. Their bid came in at $1,550,000.00
Motion to award the bid to Perkins Carmack made by Craig Miller, second by Heather Brumley.
Vote being unanimous

Pendleton County Search and Rescue (SAR) Contract
This is the updated contract, there are no changes. The contract price stayed the same at $4,000. This is retroactive to July 1st. It will be from 7/1/25-7/1/26.
Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

Sheriff Quarterly Report
Sheriff Boody gave his quarterly report. He stated the receipts YTD were $329,195.00 and the disbursements were $321,816.00. This is down a bit from last year, but the office received 2 franchises late so those will be reflecting on the next quarter statement. Other than that, everything is in line with where the office was at this time last year.
Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Kevin Jarrells.
Vote being unanimous

Jailer Quarterly Report
Magistrate Miller asked Jailer Clos, do they need to start looking at a vehicle for his office in the next 12 months? Jailer Clos stated no. He doesn't have the new vehicle on here, it hasn't been in service a full quarter yet so he will have that on the next quarter.

ACO Hire Fulltime
Magistrate Mayfield stated that the candidate that was offered the fulltime ACO position turned it down. She determined that Saturdays were not going to be possible for her to work. Magistrate Mayfield, Magistrate Scott and ACO Heather Honan discussed the other options. They would like to make the motion to hire Shannon Boschert for the fulltime ACO. This would be at the proposed rate of $14.48, with all the standard benefits. This offer is contingent upon successful completion of all preemployment vetting procedures.
Motion made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

Award for fuel bid
Road Department Supervisor Stacey stated there was only one bid received. The bid was from Valor Oil, every Monday they find out the OPIS, average it out and add .22 to it. That's for gas and diesel. This is the same process that has been used in the past.
Motion for approval of Valor Oil made by John Scott, second by Sandy Ruf.
Vote being unanimous

General Fund Budget Transfer
Motion got approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

General Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Sandy Ruf.
Vote being unanimous

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 Danny Holleran, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

Dispatch 911 Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by John Scott
Yes votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch
Abstained: Judge Teegarden- due to a vendor claim.

Other Business:

ATVs on County Roads Discussion

Magistrate Holleran asked if it could be tabled until the Assistant County Attorney was present. Jude Teegarden stated Attorney Schumacher said the main things he needs to know would be, does the court want to allow it or not allow it and if allowing it, would there be any restrictions. Judge Teegarden stated she just needs to know what most of the court wants to do, discuss it or table it. Magistrate Brumley asked Sheriff Boody what he found out from the KACo zoom training he attended after the last court meeting. He stated that sitting through the meeting puts him more in favor of it than not. One reason being the reciprocity law that allows individuals from other states where these vehicles are allowed on the road, to come into Kentucky and drive them on our roadways. After a discussion regarding the farming and agriculture exemption the law on it is not clearly defined in statute, it is very subjective and open to interpretation, therefore this makes it very difficult to enforce. There was a discussion about insurance coverage. He stated this would at least give the ability to identify the vehicles that may be illegal on the roadways and gives the opportunity to educate the public on what is needed to legally have these on the roadways. Magistrate Mayfield stated she also attended that training. It was put on by KACo and the experts that drafted the bill. She stated there was a lot of valuable information given and a lot of information that remains unclear. Her primary concern is the legality of the vehicles registered from another state entering counties that have not chosen to opt in. After consulting with Rich Ornstein herself, he stated vehicles registered in accordance with the bill from another state would technically be in violation when traveling through or into counties that have not opted in. Mr. Ornstein did mention that it would be hard for those people to determine which counties have opted in though. Magistrate Mayfield stated she understands the benefits of SB 63 and the streamlining for law enforcement, encouraging tourism and aligning with neighboring counties but she also weighs the reservations expressed by her own community. In an unofficial Facebook poll, many residents are not in favor of our county opting in primarily because they feel it is a safety concern, and our farmers are already exempt from this bill. She feels she must support what people in this county want so she is not in favor. Magistrate Brumley stated that is her concern too, her constituents were not in favor so if they vote yes, the public will need to be educated about the issues. She suggested having an open forum where the public could be educated to understand this. Magistrate Mayfield agreed that if this is passed though it will make Sheriff Boody's job a lot easier. She stated it will be hard to get everyone in the public educated on this one way or another. Magistrate Miller stated the other hard part of this is the reciprocity, if we decide a no vote, we are going to allow residents from other states, who are legal, to be able to operate these things in Bracken County while not allowing the same for our own residents. Magistrate Brumley stated that is why she would like an open forum to educate on this. Right now, she would have to vote no on this because that's what her constituents want and that's what they elected her to do. If they got people to attend a meeting explaining why, maybe people would start to understand both sides of this. Magistrate Miller stated there have been 4 Fiscal Court Meetings where this has been discussed, and people have not been present asking questions. Magistrate Brumley stated people do ask her in private though. Magistrate Miller stated he has no problem having an open meeting about this, but people have had the opportunity to come to a Fiscal Couret meeting to discuss this. Magistrate Brumley stated people don't always feel comfortable coming in and addressing the court in front of a bunch of people which is why they come to magistrates personally with their concerns. She would also like Sheriff Boody to be able to explain to the community how this would affect them law enforcement wise. If only 5 people show up, then at least they tried to explain and educate the public on this. Magistrate Ruf stated as a business owner she has put things in the paper and on social media. Social media and word of mouth are the biggest ways to reach the most people. Magistrate Holleran asked, even if they decide to opt out, that means people from other counties are allowed to come drive these on or roads. Sheriff Boody stated that because of reciprocity, which is what allows you to drive your Kentucky tagged vehicles into other states, other states are allowed to operate their motor vehicles in our state. So, when they see someone that is licensed with TN or MT plates for example, they pull them over, if they have tags and insurance, they're fine however there is a situation that has not been addressed. Say we don't pass that, we cite them even though they are in our county, are we going to make case law out of this? Because legally this is a properly licensed and registered vehicle in their state. Magistrate Holleran asked about a vehicle from say Campbell County, if they vote no for this, would they be able to come drive in our county? The answer to that is No under this law, the reciprocity is for out of state only. Magistrate Mayfield asked what the deal is on the 20 miles that is stated in the bill. Sheriff Boody stated that is also poorly written. If you drive 20 miles in one direction and stop, you are allowed to drive 20 miles back, but they are

asserting that you are allowed to drive 20 miles on, in either direction. It is very unclear and not defined. He stated his office is told that if the person asserts that they are checking fence, counting cows or whatever they are doing is engaging in farming or agriculture then they probably should not write them a ticket for it. Magistrate Ruf asked if there are just kids out joyriding, then he can still do something about that? Sheriff Boody stated if they are under 16 and not properly licensed to be driven at all then yes, that is illegal. If they are driving recklessly or violating traffic laws then yes but if they are a legally licensed individual and they assert that they are out checking papaws fence then no, they are engaging in farming or agriculture. Magistrate Ruf stated but if they are underage, they must have headgear and all that. Sheriff Boody stated no, if they assert that they are engaged in farming or agriculture then they are exempt from all of that. Magistrate Miller asked to look and see a date to do a special called meeting for the public to be able to address the court for SLSPV consideration in Bracken County. Monday August 11th at 5:30 will be the public meeting. Sheriff Boody stated if allowable by ordinance, this would be an opportunity to tighten up and clearly define some of the restrictions. Judge Teegarden stated someone should reach out Rich Ornstein to find out for sure. Judge Teegarden stated agriculture is exempt from this, nothing can be changed with that unless there's a law change. Magistrate Mayfield stated on the zoom meeting that nothing changes for farmers unless they choose to register their vehicles. Magistrate Miller stated he will be putting something together for everyone to share about this open meeting. Judge Teegarden stated her staff will get it in the newspaper.

Tractor for Industrial Park

A tractor out on the horse trails and lakes is having issues. Gary Riggs addressed the court. The tractor that is used at the horse trails is a 23 Horsepower lawn tractor basically, with a bucket. That works good for around the lake but about 2 months ago it died completely down in the trails. He had to be dragged out. And when it is wet it will not go through the trails. It also jumps out of 4-wheel drive if you are going down an incline unless you keep your foot on the lever. A bigger tractor is needed to go through the trails with. The current tractor was bought the year Earl was in office in 2011. They gave $14,000 for it. It was used at the time. He spends most of his time right now getting stuck/unstuck. He stated he volunteers his time over at the horse trails. He suggests buying a new tractor. He went down to Riverside and got a quote. It is for a 37-horsepower, front end loader and 5 ft bushhogger on the back. Aaron will be able to mow around the lake on it and Gary can go through the trails on it as it will have tractor tires. They will put fluid in the back tires. The quote came to $33,170.00. He is going to check back at the beginning of next week and see if he can get that price to go down a little. Magistrate Brumley asked if that was 4-wheel drive. Mr. Riggs stated yes. Mr. Riggs stated this would cut down tremendously on his time. He stated he took his own personal bushhog over last week and he got so much more done because he was not stuck all the time. He stated he's not sure if they would take it in on a trade as it is a John Deere, but it could be surplused. Magistrate Jarrells suggested using the money made off the recycling trailers towards this. Judge Teegarden stated she was going to let the court know that the recycling trailers brought in $35,775.00. They charged a fee of $175 so $35,600.00 is what the county made. Motion to purchase the tractor from Riverside and to surplus the current tractor, to be sold at auction with Marshall. The funding that was made from the recycle trailers will be used to pay for the tractor at Riverside, was made by Kevin Jarrells, second by John Scott.
Vote being unanimous

- Magistrate Brumley asked about the $47,000 given for the Opioid. She stated Johnathan Gay keeps putting on his Facebook page all these success stories and different places people are going to. Are we able to see about using that money to support one of those places. Judge Teegarden stated there was someone that came and talked with the court, but nothing has been done yet. She believes the intent was to do something regionally because the balance in that account is not a ton of money. If the court wants to go that route, she can investigate that. Judge McNeil in Mason County had brought up some ideas as well as far as treatment facilities. There are regulations on how that money must be spent. Lois was advised by Lauren just to reach out to verify things that are covered because it is still a little unclear as to what they cover. So, each task we can reach out to them. Magistrate Miller stated it was January of 2024 that addiction recovery care came and spoke to the court. Magistrate Brumley stated yes they had, it just had not been discussed since then so she wanted to bring it back up to see what they needed to do to with it instead of it just sitting there.

- Magistrate Miller gave an update that Rock the Block is coming up in Brooksville on Saturday August 2nd and the Germantown Fair is the week of August 4th.

- Magistrate Mayfield asked Judge Teegarden if she had any information on the renaming of 1159 to Stephanie Hamilton highway. Judge Teegarden stated that was done by Legislation, the sign was delivered 2 days ago. There is a ceremony Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Brooksville Childcare center. Senator Frommeyer and Collin Jarrell took care of making this happen, recognizing members that have given so much back to the community.

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