A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held on July 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 John Scott, second by Debbie Mayfield, that the court approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 25, 2025.
Vote being unanimous.

Road Department Update

Road Supervisor Stacey gave an update. The bushhogs have been continuing to run. There have been a few different storms over the last week or so in different parts of the county, so they have been fixing gravel roads, washouts and have cleaned up several trees. New culvert was put in on Vermillion Road, this was an 80/20 project. Tom Ennix is driving rail on Grovers Run starting today.

Animal Shelter Expansion Update

There was gentleman that was going to anonymously do the drawings for the expansion at the animal shelter. He was going to do it for free. His daughter tragically passed away and he is not going to be able to do that now. Magistrate Miller has some contacts with an architectural firm. Magistrate Miller stated the name of the firm is Associates & Enzweiler in Cold Spring. Judge Teegarden stated she would like to get permission to allow him to go there and get a price for having drawings done to give the court something to work with. There must be drawings for specs on plumbing, electric etc. Judge Teegarden asked for objections from the court on allowing him to do this. None were made. Magistrate Miller stated he could have a preliminary drawing back from them by August 13th. It'd be in the $2,000-$3,000 range. Magistrate Jarrells asked what kind of building was being built out there. A pole barn? Magistrate Miller stated it is drawn up as an addition to the existing structure. It would be a 30x30 ft addition with an 8 ft porch. It would be a standard stud frame addition. Magistrate Jarrells stated he knows some Amish that have bred dogs and have pole barns with a good setup. Magistrate Miller stated this has office rooms, bathroom, laundry and a lobby. The new addition would be more added to that with additional kennels. The current office and laundry room will be made into kennel space. The kennels are huge so the length of the kennels will be kept but they may be brought in on the width a little. Judge Teegarden stated she is working on getting the standard size regulations from the state. Magistrate Miller stated this way they can go ahead and get someone professional in here to draw it up and bring before the court and then they can add, change, take away whatever is agreed upon. Judge Teegarden stated she did meet with Mills fencing about putting tall chain link fence all the way around the property out there. They don't have a quote yet but are working on one. She has reached out to the other company that was recommended but has not heard back from them yet. Magistrate Kelsch had asked Judge Teegarden to reach out to Mark Tucker about getting a camera system out there. She has talked with Mark, and they are to get together at the end of this week/beginning of next to discuss this. Judge Teegarden stated she and Magistrate Kelsch had discussed this on Friday, the court needs to update the ordinance. There needs to be a process figured out for when the shelter doors are closed to intake. People can't be tying dogs to the front gate, putting them in kennels and tying it to the front gate and leaving them with no water etc. There are going to have to be some restrictions put into the ordinance. This will be in the packet to review next time. Magistrate Jarrells asked if there was any existing camera system. Judge Teegarden stated yes, there is one that was bought off Amazon, it shows certain things but people are putting their backs to the camera so you can't see faces etc. There is one facing the gate from the inside but there needs to be one coming and going on Hamilton Rd so that license plates can be captured in the camera. Magistrate Miller asked if there could be better signage for cameras put out there so that people know there is video in use to hopefully help deter what is going on. Magistrate Mayfield asked if there could

be something put on it to the effect of "there will be prosecution". Judge Teegarden stated that could be added once the ordinance is updated.

Ordinance re: ATVs on County Roads

Judge Teegarden stated the floor is open for continued discussion on this. Judge Teegarden stated she did confirm with Lewis County that they did pass the ordinance to allow it on their county roads. Magistrate Mayfield stated originally there was an unscientific poll put out by Magistrate Miller about this. She went back and did some figuring. There were 94 no's and 70 yes's. There was a lot of banter back and forth about why they wanted yes or no. A lot of the comments on the yes's were for the farmers which of course already have an exemption on this. She said most of the no's were because of safety. Magistrate Mayfield stated just in the last 2 days there was a serious accident somewhere in the state, maybe Rowan County, and the Sheriff in that county mentioned this bill and stated he was not for it. Magistrate Holleran asked Sheriff Boody what his take on this was. Sheriff Boody stated his opinion is it will precipitate more injuries and fatalities. His issue with it is insurance coverage on it, whether they are covered and how they are operated. He is still 50/50 on it as to whether it is a good thing or a bad thing. He stated he is signed up for a KACo training later today at 2:00 on this subject. Any Magistrate that wants to sign up to watch it can, it's a free online web training. Sheriff Boody stated it is not his decision though; it is up to the court. He would however like better clarification on this whether it be the Attorney General, the legislature or our local County Attorneys whether they consider the farm exemption to be. Yesterday alone he looked out his office window and saw a side-by-side drive right through the middle of town, no plates on it or anything. Sheriff Boody read the current law on restrictions and operations on atv' s. KRS 189.515 (5). He stated it is very convoluted when you get into the restrictions of what is or is not allowed or what would be considered related to farm or agriculture and whether it needs to be a commercial business. Magistrate Ruf stated the state should look at this again and add to it about the farming. If there must be a tag for this to be on the road there could be some identifying sticker on the farm vehicle showing it is for farming. Sheriff Boody stated that if tags and insurance are required on them, it ensures they are insured and gives the sheriff's office a little more teeth for enforcement purposes. Magistrate Miller stated the other problem is it still falls to the sheriff's office to inspect them and the clerk's office to tag them regardless of whether this is passed in our county. Magistrate Ruf stated last weekend on Hayley Ridge and Mattox Rd they were out driving on the roads, all the people have heard was there was a law that passed but they do not bother to look at the list of requirements they must do to have them legally on the road. There are already people on the roads and they're going to stay on them regardless. Sheriff Boody stated he would like clarification from the court as far as what they want from them. Judge Teegarden asked a question to Sheriff Boody. If the court does nothing or keeps it as it is now and these are not allowed on the road, if the court passes that they will allow them on the road, what kind of teeth does that give the sheriffs office? Sheriff Boody stated that with the farming and agriculture exemption the way its written, depending on what they tell us, for example, the one that went through town yesterday, if this law is passed and they must be tagged and insured that would give them grounds to cite them just as they would any other unsured, untagged motor vehicle. Sheriff Boody stated the main function on this is not enforcement but is to educate the public on whether you can or can't do this. Magistrate Brumley asked, in the information you read, did it say you must wear protective gear while driving these? Sheriff Boody stated yes if you are not engaged in those activities exempt and if you are under the age of 16. If we are going to legally allow these on the roadways any passenger under the age of 16 would be required to wear a helmet most likely. Magistrate Mayfield stated no matter what style the vehicle is. Sheriff Boody stated yes but then you get into the minitrucks, golfcarts, slow moving vehicles and all these other things and it's a convoluted mess. Magistrate Mayfield asked what happens if they do nothing. Magistrate Miller stated then it would be illegal to ride on the county roads in these. Unless under one of these exemptions by law. Magistrate Miller stated Fleming County has passed theirs, Robertson County is in the process of passing theirs. Lewis county has passed theirs. Pendleton County has just started the discussion on it. Mason County is still in discussions on this per the last court meeting. Magistrate Kelsch stated if this is not passed its going to come back on the farmers and watching a close eye on the 2 tenths of a mile that they are only supposed to go. Sheriff Boody stated they are already getting those calls. Magistrate Mayfield stated part of what people don't quite understand is they heard a new law went into effect, but they don't know all the requirements under this new bill, and you'll have to insure and pay property taxes on this every year. Magistrate Kelsch asked if a farmer still must insure theirs if this bill is passed, their still exempt, right? Sheriff Boody stated they are still exempt, if you are insured under a standard farm insurance for your property, that may cover theft, but it may not cover if something happens when you are out driving these on the roads when it's not insured as a motor vehicle though. Magistrate Ruf stated an idea would be, every farmer has a number to be exempt from taxes, have that be required to be a sticker that must be put on their atv. That would show that they are using this for farming activity. Magistrate Miller stated in the Fleming County ordinance they restricted minitrucks as not being street legal. Magistrate Miller stated

the legislative bill had good intentions, but it has put undue burden back on the counties. Magistrate Kelsch asked if there was a timeframe on this. Judge Teegarden stated no there's not. Magistrate Miller stated there is no time limit but if we don't do anything it is illegal for these to be on the roads unless you are farm exempt. So now its going to fall on the sheriff's office of more calls and enforcement. Magistrate Jarrells asked if it could be open to the public at a special meeting? Judge Teegarden stated another option would be if it is voted on and passed today, there would need to be an ordinance drawn up as there is no ordinance currently. It would be allowing the assistant county attorney to type the ordinance, and the process would still have to be gone through for a first reading, then a second reading and then the ordinance would not actually be in effect until after it is published in the newspaper. Magistrate Kelsch asked if this could be put on the ballot. Judge Teegarden stated no, this is a county ordinance, it is our jobs to do this. Sheriff Boody stated he is attending the training at 2:00 and they will provide an overview of the law etc., he recommends not doing anything until a little more information is given at this meeting. Magistrate Miller stated he was going to make a motion to have this go for a vote but due to the KACo training later today he recommends tabling this until the next meeting and then have a final decision at this meeting. Judge Teegarden asked if there were any objections to tabling this and bringing it up at the next meeting. There were no objections.

County Comprehensive Plan
Tabled

Change Order Senior Project
Sierra from BTADD presented the court with another change order. This is involving renovations for both the senior center and the country closet. Right now, there is a space between the country closet and the senior center next door, in between those buildings. The original plan was to have the original parking lot fully sealed, however this small area, about 360 square feet, had originally been paved but it is severely deteriorating, some of the asphalt remains but mostly it is hard pan gravel right now. His thought was that this material is not suitable for sealing. He would like the court to consider removing the hard pan gravel and failing asphalt, saw cutting and removing a couple of the paved areas that are cracked and deteriorated and then coming in and putting new asphalt in that area. The cost is $8,402.27. She wants to be clear that unlike other change orders that held up the project, this is not one of those situations. This is more so that we have the resources there and available, we can go ahead and do it right while they're there or you can cross that bridge later down the road. This is at the expense of the county; this is not included in the grant. Sierra gave a little idea of where we are financially in this project. The county is at $49,016.27 so that includes the local match, the construction overage that hasn't been touched yet, includes all change orders before this one. If this is approved, then the county would be in $57,418.54. Magistrate Mayfield asked Sierra if she knew what the project cost was for just the sealing of that area, Sierra stated she did not. Magistrate Mayfield stated she was just interested in the cost of sealing vs repaving. Sierra stated she could get that information and get back to the court. Judge Teegarden stated this was initially in the plans to be sealed but its impossible to be sealed since its that loose gravel that's been broken up. Magistrate Miller asked if they had a date of when they wanted to do the other 2 sections. Sierra stated they do not, Judge Teegarden stated though that they should have the whole project done by the end of the month. Judge Teegarden stated this would come from the General Fund reserve and this is where the vans pull up to deliver food etc. so this area is driven through more than once a day. Brown County construction is the subcontractor that would be doing the work. Magistrate Mayfield asked Judge Teegarden if she knew how long it's been since the parking lot has been done. She stated she believes it was since Pie Jett's days. That specific area was probably done in the late 80's though. Magistrate Ruf stated it would be better to go ahead and get it done now because it would probably be more expensive to get a contractor to come out for that small of an area later. Magistrate Miller stated he will reach out to Brown County construction and see if they can do anything to help considering what the building is used for.
Motion for approval of the change order for $8,402.27 made by Sandy Ruf, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous

Resolution CPPP KYTC Thompson Ridge/Fords Ave
These are the roads that were submitted to transportation in Frankfort and presented to legislation last year. They approved Thompson Ridge and Fords Ave with the funding of $355,000 for paving. This resolution and agreement are for Judge Teegarden to be able to sign and take care of all the paperwork and reimbursements for this project.
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous.

Agreement

Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

AirMed Care Contract
This will be in effect from 7/14/25-7/14/26. There is no increase in price this year. It is $32,940. Magistrate Brumley asked Judge Teegarden to explain, for the public, what we are getting for that $32,000. She gets questions a lot from people asking if they should do extra and what is covered by what we pay for as the county. Judge Teegarden stated it covers residents in Bracken County that are air care flighted to a hospital or air care flighted from our nearest hospital which Is Meadowview. Anything outside those areas resident must buy the extra coverage. It just covers accidents in Bracken County. So, the extra covers them outside of the county and there is another one you can pay for if it is outside the country. Magistrate Brumley stated residents are still unclear when these renewals come as to whether they need to pay for this or not. Judge Teegarden stated there used to be a representative that would come set up a booth, but they don't do those anymore. Now all we have is a phone number to give people to call and have them sign up. Magistrate Miller stated he remembers in the past seeing them at rock the block and other events, Judge Teegarden stated she believes once covid hit they have not gone back to setting up at events. Magistrate Kelsch stated last time this was renewed he requested an ad be ran in the newspaper explaining to residents what this covered. Judge Teegarden stated she believes John Dells at the health department put something in the paper for them about this. She stated she will reach out to John to see about getting that put in the paper again.
Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous

ACO Fulltime Hire
Magistrate Mayfield stated there were 8 applicants received for Assistant animal control officer. Magistrate Scott, ACO Heather Honan and herself conducted interviews with all the candidates on June 23rd & July 1st. Each candidate displayed strong qualifications for the position however one candidate displayed themselves as the ideal choice. Magistrate Mayfield would like to make the motion to hire Michelle Murphy for the fulltime position, the proposed hourly rate is $14.48 with all benefits applicable. This employment is contingent upon successful completion of all preemployment vetting procedures.
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous.

Sheriff Quarterly Activity Report
Sheriff Boody handed out a quarterly activity report. He stated it is consistent with the first quarter of the year as far as far as numbers go for calls for service.
Sheriff Boody went on to state On May 2nd the Bracken County Sheriff's Office entered into an agreement with the immigration and customs enforcement to participate in the Task Force Officer Program. The 287 (g) Task Force Model Serves as a force multiplier by allowing state and local law enforcement agencies to have a limited enforcement of immigration authority during routine police activity. The officers will each complete 40 hours of online training to cover immigration law, civil rights law, cultural issues, liability issues and obligations that local law enforcement has under federal law with regards to immigration. 6 of them will be expected to complete this training by August 12th. As of this morning 4 of them have already completed it. The purpose of this is to solely to provide our officers with information regarding immigration law and will give them a tool, if necessary, to utilize during their duties. This is not for them to be conducting immigration enforcement as a regular activity, that's not their focus but should they encounter someone that is a danger to this community they will have the means to address it. Sheriff Boody stated on June 11 they received a ballistic vest for deputy Frank Smith through the Attorney General vest grant program, with a retail value of $1,800. On June 12th they also received grant approval for the replacement of firearms and ammunition for court security, through the Ky Office of Homeland Security. They applied for this last year and were denied. They did get it this year in the amount of grant in the amount of $5,370.

Training Incentive-Robert Boody
Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous

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

Jail Fund Interfund Cash Transfers
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second Danny Holleran
Vote being unanimous

Dispatch 911 Fund Interfund Cash Transfer
Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by Craig Miller
Vote being unanimous

General Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Debbie Mayfield
Craig Miller asked on Fiscal Soft software expense, is this an annual payment? Judge Teegarden started yes.
Vote being unanimous

Road Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by John Scott
Yes votes: Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, David Kelsch
Abstained: Craig Miller, there was a payment to Miller Lumber Company

Jail Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Kevin Jarrells
Vote being unanimous

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

Federal Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by David Kelsch
Vote being unanimous

Other Business:

Judge Teegarden gave some updates.

-Senior center project-should be completed at the end of July, the deadline is the end of August, but they are ahead of schedule

- Broadband Feasibility study- will be completed in August

- The city sidewalk that is also joined with the sidewalk across the front of the courthouse. We are still in the Feasibility phase. This is for ADA compliance. She was advised by the transportation cabinet that they will not have to reapply, that we will go straight from the feasibility study to the design phase and straight into the construction.

- She applied last week for the spay/neuter grant, they will award the county, but the money will not be given until after January 1st to use.

- She submitted an 80/20 for Hargett's Ln

- She received emergency funds for a slip-on Snag Creek

Magistrate Jarrells stated the recycling trailers are finishing at auction now. One is going for $6,000 and all are over $2,000 apiece.

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