A Special meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Monday February 10, 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, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Sandy Ruf, Kevin Jarrells, Craig Miller

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 meeting on January 22, 2025.
Vote being unanimous.

Road Department Update
Road department supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. They have been removing snow and ice. They have been mixing salt and ash together and have a whole barn full of that. They have 90 ton of pure salt as well. They have been fixing some yards and ditches back from a couple of the snows. They've been coal patching. On Gillespie Ln they fixed a guard rail and widened it for Semi's to be able to get in.

Animal Shelter Expansion
Tabled

County Website
Tabled

HB 9 Grant
This is an agreement between the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic development and the Bracken County Fiscal Court. This is for the sidewalk feasibility study grant that was received with the Ky transportation cabinet and the City of Brooksville. This will cover 19% of the 20% match.
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

Industrial Authority Update
Earl Bush Chairman of the Augusta-Brooksville-Bracken County Industrial Authority addressed the court with an update. 2024 was a good year for the county as far as economic development. NaturChem, the first business to build there, seems to be doing very well. They've got 20+ employees, several of them being Bracken County residents. The manager Rick Blevins is also a Bracken County resident. Tulsit, owned by Chad Rankin, is a new business going in. He has his building built and is getting his equipment setup. He will be producing high end camping equipment. He is working with a marketing group; this is machine shop type work. He hopes to get production soon and will start hiring some people. He has a website tulsit.net. Augusta Distillery has completed its first rick house. They are currently storing about 12,000 barrels. It'll hold 30, 000. The second Rick house will be started this spring. This all ties into the distillery. The distillery has 34 employees. They had 14,000 visitors last year. They expect as many as 25,000 visitors this year. The rick house is close to full production. They produce about 40 barrels a day. They have room out at the industrial park to build about 4-6 more rick houses over the next several years. Earl stated he has heard people say we are not getting anything from this business but that is not accurate. The county does get money from this, last year they paid $26,394.00 in county taxes. That's not including the other districts and taxes in Augusta. This is also the first year so more money will be collected in future years. That's a $5-$6 million investment to the park and $20 million invested in Augusta. Other activities in the park that took place this year, KU ran electrical service across the park. There was an 8-inch water line ran across the park. It was run from the water tower across to the Rick house and then ties into the water line along the AA. That was on a PDI grant through the state. There is 317,000 in the Industrial authorities account right now. They still owe KU 191,910.00, once this is paid off, they will have about $125,000 in the account. There are about 40 acres on the west side of the

park that can still be sold. One possibility on the east end of the park is Mesonet, which is a weather station. They put up weather stations. Magistrate Miller stated there was session about this at the Judges conference he just attended. The Ky mesonet program is run through WKU. Magistrate Miller stated he had first heard of this several years ago, but it was $50,000 per station to setup. Now Mason County, Campbell and Boone all have one. From the session last week, they were told that they would now be able to do this for free due to the federal funding and other money from the general assembly. He stated this is a 24/7 weather station that would be a great asset to have in the county. The area needed is minimal for this and the industrial park would be a great place to have it. Any maintenance, construction etc., the program would take care of all of that. He is hoping this year that this is something they can all work on and look into and get it in place. Earl stated there was a hunting lease that used to be at the park but last year that was not renewed, and they don't plan to go back to that. There is a farm lease, there's not a lot of land left but there is about 10 acres that is still leased out. The walking trails are completed. The riding trails are still there and as the distillery finishes, the riding trails will tie into that before they are completed. Earl stated the future of the industrial park needs to be looked toward now. Where do we go forward? Kevin from the Buffalo Trace Add district came to tell a little about what he has seen in other counties. He stated there have been a lot of accomplishments Bracken County has made this past year and they should be very proud of those. He stated one of the tours he did back in the fall was to Holmes County Oh to amish country. They are probably one of the most industrial industrious counties in Ohio outside of Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati because they are a rural county but they are very industrious. When you drive the county, you don't see large industrial parks, you will see small country businesses. They have banked not on large industrial parks but small, ready to build, industrial sites. The question moving forward for the county is how would you like to develop the county and what are the options? Given the terrain of Bracken County these small industrious sites are a good option. Earl said these things take a lot of time, so these are things that they need to be starting to think about now.

County Attorney-Office Security

County Attorney Moore addressed the court asking about creating a slight structural change to her office. She would like to see about getting a secure door that locks that she could buzz people in on and maybe switch the window to where there is a little counter to be able to speak to people. She has had several uncomfortable instances where very angry defendants from court have walked right into her office. There are only 2 of them upstairs in the office at any given time so this is not very safe. Would the Fiscal Court entertain her getting some estimates to make these security changes in the office. The court agreed that would be fine.

Training Incentive- Jennifer Free $3,976.59

Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous.

Training Incentive- Charles Clos $5,302.12

Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Sandy Ruf.
Vote being unanimous.

Training Incentive-Tina K. Teegarden $5,302.12

Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by John Scott.
Yes votes: John Scott, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch, Danny Holleran and Debbie Mayfield
Abstained: Tina K. Teegarden

Training Incentive-John Scott $3,976.59

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

Training Incentive-Craig Miller $5,302.12

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

Training Incentive-Debbie Mayfield $3,976.59

Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Sandy Ruf.
Yes votes: Craig Miller, David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, John Scott, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf

Abstained: Debbie Mayfield

Training Incentive-Sandy Ruf $3,976.59
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Debbie Mayfield
Yes votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Craig Miller
Abstained: Sandy Ruf

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

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

General Fund Vendor Claims
There were 2 corrections to these vendor claims. There were conference registrations that were canceled and there were 2 DOT trucks that would be under the road department. $112 of that forward edge bill for the DOT will go under the road fund instead of the general fund.
Motion for approval with corrections made by Craig Miller, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous.

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

Jail Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous

Senior Citizens Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

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

Other business:

County Clerk Jennifer Free stated her 2024 settlement report was given to each magistrate. She will be turning over excess fees to the Fiscal Court in the amount of $67,589.94. She will keep $2,000 until her audit is over. She will be writing the check to turn over $65,589.94 today and then once that audit is over the check will be made out to turn over the additional $2,000.

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