A Special meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Monday June 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, 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 John Scott, that the court approve the minutes of the meeting on May 28, 2025.
Vote being unanimous.

Magistrate Miller asked Magistrate Jarrells if he had an update on the recycling trailers auction. Magistrate Jarrells stated he said it was holding for 2 weeks and then it will be put up for auction. Magistrate Miller asked if they could get a link to share, Magistrate Jarrells stated it can be looked up on Chuck Marshall, it's up now.

Road Department Update
Road Supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. They have 3 side mowers going bushhogging, putting culvert pipes in and they helped get the recycling trailers to Fleming County. Magistrate Kelsch asked if any of the tires had to be replaced on the recycling bins? Stacey stated yes, one that went to Mason County, a spare was put on that one. Stacey stated they did have to clean out the trailers before they took them. There was a lot of garbage in them, about 4/5 years that trash had been sitting in there.

Animal Shelter Expansion
Derek will be starting on the project tomorrow; all the materials were delivered.
Tabled

Administrative Code 2nd Reading and Adoption
Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous

County Budget FY 2025-2026 2nd Reading and Adoption
Tabled until June 25, 2025, Fiscal Court Meeting

Change Order Senior Center CDBG Project
Sierra from BTADD came and updated the court on the project going on at the Senior Center and Community Bldg. Previously the Fiscal Court had approved $2,300.96 for a change order for digging up a concrete slab that was hidden on the front porch of the community center. That project came in less than had originally anticipated. There were funds of $1,925.00 leftover. The contractor and architect have requested a change order for the purchase and installation of a metal door instead of the wood doors. This will help with safety, durability and longevity. This will be change order #3 and #4. Change order 3 for $2,715.20 and change order 4 for $513.11. The total for both of those changes is $3,228.31 minus the $1,925.00 leftover from the other change order there would be a difference of $1,303.31 to put in the metal doors.
Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous.

Magistrate Kelsch asked Sierra if she had an update on the Fiber Optics. She stated she does not have any updates right now. She does know the bid round closed on March the 15th but they have not heard who was awarded for that yet. The office of broadband development said they are waiting on NTIA guidance.

Medical Cannabis/Employees-Discussion
This was just for discussion. County Attorney Moore was out for the meeting today. Magistrate Miller let the court know what was discussed when he spoke with Rich from KACO. He stated Rich is advising counties not to put forth a standard ordinance as opposed to just doing a

resolution. Magistrate Miller emailed each court member a copy of a resolution that Rich had done himself as well as a sample of one from a different county. Rich stated what they have been told is that the Federal Government was going to be changing the restrictions on medical cannabis from a schedule 1 narcotic to a schedule 3 but that has not been done thus far. Magistrate Miller stated some of the things that would eliminate some county employees for example would be you can't own a gun with a medical cannabis card so that would eliminate law enforcement. You can't have a CDL with a medical cannabis card so that eliminates the road dept employees. Judge Teegarden stated the way she understands it is a Resolution will allow that flexibility in the future to go in and change this if need be. The court agreed to wait on County Attorney Moore before making any resolution on this.
Tabled

Ordinance or Resolution re: ATVs on County Roads

County Clerk Free stated if anyone has questions she will help answer them as far as her office pertains to this new law and she has a sample Ordinance provided by the state if the court would like a copy. Sheriff Boody stated the law is fairly clear as far as leaving it up to our Fiscal Court as to how they would like to handle it. Magistrate Holleran stated he does not think it is a good idea. Out in his part of the county there are motorcycles that travel state roads and county roads, and they don't pay much attention to the speed limits, they fly. If these ATV's that go slower are out on the road it will cause all kinds of trouble. Magistrate Mayfield stated she agrees with Danny. She believes that people are not going to go through the legalities that are required to be on the road. The lights, turn signals, insurance, tags etc. that's aside from the safety issues. Clerk Free stated as far as her office goes, they will still be required to plate them if someone comes in and requests to, whether Bracken County has an Ordinance or not because they could take them somewhere else in the state where it is allowed. It is up to the individuals to know if and where they can be driving these on the roads. Magistrate Brumley agreed as well, going from Powersville to Milford, the number of curves that you go around, you're not expecting a vehicle like this on the road so if you come up on one of these vehicles unexpectantly it can be a very dangerous situation. This county is not known for tourism of using ATV's or UTV's so util that happens she does not see a reason to need these to be on the road. Magistrate Ruf's concern is, for example, in Augusta golfcarts are allowed. Do you know how many kids drive those around? You are supposed to be a licensed driver to drive a golfcart and you see kids on them all the time. These kids are going to get killed out there on the roads with these things. Farmers are covered, they can go from farm to farm on these already, but these kids are going to jump up and go on one of these things whether or not its licensed or insured or anything. She personally does not think it is needed for safety reasons. Magistrate Miller stated farmers are not covered currently, they are just driving them without anything. There is no licensing system currently. Sheriff Boody stated there is an exemption if you are farming or participating in agricultural activities. It is vague though which brings the problem of people using them to drive from Berlin to southern states and claiming they are using them for farming purposes and that's not really what the purpose of that exemption was. It's supposed to be going in or around your property or farm to shoot across the street to go around the corner etc. There are people however driving them to Dollar General to get potting soil for their garden, how does he argue whether that is for agricultural purposes. It creates a conundrum for law enforcement. If we say they have to have tags and insurance on them and we're going to have zero tolerance for it we're just going to ticket everyone for it but like some other magistrates said, you're going to get a fatality out of it. Magistrate Miller stated he was surprised when he put the unofficial Facebook poll out the other day, he thought Bracken Country would be in favor of it 60/40 and it wasn't even 50/50, the majority were not in favor of the new law. He stated he would be in favor of it, but he does not think it will have the support to pass countywide. He stated this isn't going to be 4 wheelers, he was upset when he saw that ATV's were listed in this. It's going to be a side by side, UTV, Razors etc. Magistrate Mayfield asked if Razors were included in this, he stated yes. She stated Razors are what turned her against this bill. Magistrate Miller stated he does know there are people that come to Bracken County though to ride hills and trails. They're not public trails but they do come to ride here on private ones and if they are on a public road right now it is illegal. He stated there are dune buggies driving around Augusta that are legal and there really is no difference between them and any of these side by sides. Magistrate Ruf stated Dune Buggies go faster than an ATV. Bills Kubota only goes about 25, you don't want to get behind that on the road. Magistrate Miller gave the example, he got behind a blue razor in Chatham about a month ago and went all the way past his road going 55/60 mph, 20 minutes later it came back up 19 from Augusta. That right now is illegal. Magistrate Kelsch asked Sheriff Boody what the distance was for farming. Sheriff Boody stated he would have to go back and look to be sure but it's around about a quarter mile he thinks. Sheriff Boody gave an example of a few weeks ago where he stopped somebody on a very expensive side by side, with their child, probably unbuckled, and asked what he was doing, and his response was he was going to check on cattle. The law is vague. Sheriff Boody stated that he agrees is allowed there will be accidents and he is 50/50 on this as he sees both sides. Magistrate Miller stated he does not think there is going to

be any support to pass this, but he also thinks that once this becomes public knowledge, that this is legal in the state of Ky, in 3 weeks, everybody will be out on the road, and they'll use a farming excuse or something like that.
This discussion will be tabled until Attorney Moore is present.

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

General Fund Budget Transfers
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Kevin Jarrells
Vote being unanimous

Road Fund Budget Transfers
Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Sandy Ruf
Vote being unanimous

Dispatch 911 Fund Budget Transfer
Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Danny Holleran
Vote being unanimous

General Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Kevin Jarrells, second by Craig Miller
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 Sandy Ruf, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

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

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

Clerk Storage Fees Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by John Scott
Vote being unanimous

Federal Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

Other business:

Executive Session KRS 61.810(1)F referencing personnel
Motion to move into Executive Session made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Heather Brumley

Return from Executive session
Motion to return to regular session made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield

Judge Teegarden gave an update on the elevator. There was one elevator expense for AOC on the vendor claims, it was for the inmate elevator at the Judicial Center. It was for the seals. They were leaking into the bottom of the elevator. It was smoking. The Judges elevator there is already leaking the oil as well, so they know the seals are already broke. They are working on a quote to get the actual price to fix that one. The cost will probably be close to what the last one cost, right around $9,000.00. These are non-reoccurring expenses, so they are reimbursed. The $20,000 for the septic system that was on the vendor claims as well is also non-reoccurring so it's something that gets reimbursed too. AOC has to approve everything, so these things do take some time.

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