A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday January 14, 2026, 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, Heather Brumley
Absent: Judge Teegarden

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 John Scott, second by Debbie Mayfield, the court approve the minutes of the regular meeting December 22, 2025.

Road Department Update
Road Supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. They have put in several culvert pipes in driveways. There have been high winds, so they have been cleaning up tree limbs. They hauled in some rock. They backfilled slip #4 on Snag Creek, they're both done and need just a little touch up work. Now they are getting ready for the 3 or 4 days of snow coming up.

Animal Shelter Expansion Update
Last meeting it was voted to move ahead with the architect. They have started the process with the preliminary plans. Magistrate Miller talked to him yesterday, he does not have them ready for this meeting, but they should be ready by the next meeting on the 28th.

Judicial Center Full time employee hire
Magistrate Mayfield stated on January 8th, herself, Magistrate Scott, Deputy Judge Lippert, Mel and Toni conducted interviews for both the maintenance position at the Judicial Center and the courthouse, senior citizens center, dispatch and the animal shelter. There were 7 candidates. All but 2 showed up. The remaining 5 interviewed for both positions. Most of them, however, were interested only in the courthouse position but most stated that if it came down to the Judicial Center they would be interested still in that. All candidates were qualified but 2 stood out. Magistrate Mayfield made a motion to hire Trevor "Dylan" Blalock for the Judicial Center maintenance position. This will be a full-time hire at $15 an hour. This will include normal county benefits contingent on passing all preemployment screenings. Magistrate Scott second it.
Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller
Absent: Judge Teegarden

County Maintenance Full time employee hire
Magistrate Mayfield made a motion to hire Jimmy Woodruff III for the full-time county maintenance position at $15 an hour. This will include all county benefits contingent on passing all preemployment screenings. Should this employee pass the 90 probationary period the rate of pay will move to $17.25 an hour. Magistrate Scott second it.
Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller
Absent: Judge Teegarden

Property Licking Estates surplus
Tabled

Germantown Park Committee
Tabled

Animal Shelter Report
Co-Directors Honan and Childers gave an update. They handed out a report for the month of December. It breaks down the intake and the outcome. Magistrate Kelsch asked about the 2 horses. Ms. Childers stated they were taken out of foster and put into placement. Magistrate Ruf asked about placement. Is that adoption? Ms. Honan stated this particular one was through a court case. Once the court case is over, they will be able to check on them but they will not be in our care so the county will not be legally responsible for them. Magistrate Brumley stated the public is not fully understanding what the shelter is required to do, if someone who has a dog who is ill and they can't afford to take care of that dog, that they wanted the shelter to pay for it but didn't want to surrender it. Does this happen a lot? Ms. Childers stated this does happen sometimes but the owner winds up needing to surrender the dog in order for the shelter to take care of it. It happens sometimes but is not super often. Ms. Honan stated most of the time they are able to explain to the owner that they are not legally able to take care of the dog unless it is surrendered and then the owner winds up keeping the dog. Sometime BCAIN will step in and help an owner take care of this. Once a dog is surrendered though and taken care of until it's better, the previous owner will not get them back, they will be adopted out or sent to a rescue or something. Magistrate Ruf stated it is state law for them to have an animal shelter, but people don't understand that.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other Business:

Magistrates were given an Ethics Commission form that needs to be signed and returned to Co. Attorney Moore's office.

Toni passed out a form that needs to be filled out and returned to her.

Magistrate Brumley stated, out at the Senior Center where they have the Country Closet, there is a bathroom in that building but it is not a working bathroom. They have asked if the county could get someone out there to look at it and see how much it would cost to make that bathroom workable again that way the workers and customers shopping won't have to go over to the other building to go to the bathroom. Magistrate Brumley stated she would like to have that looked at. Magistrate Miller stated he and Magistrate Scott could get with Tina and go look at it. He is a little upset however that that was not considered part of the Senior Citizen project expansion.

Magistrate Ruf stated she had brought up last time the telephone pole, it was an old KU pole, and it has been taken care of.

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

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