A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held on January 28, 2026, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda.

Presiding: Tina K. Teegarden,
Judge Executive

Present: Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Danny Holleran, Sandy Ruf, Kevin Jarrells, Craig Miller, Heather Brumley, David Kelsch

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 regular meeting on January 14, 2026.
Vote being unanimous.

Road Department Update

Road Supervisor Stacey gave an update. Up until Sunday they had just a few small snows they were working on. On Sunday they worked on the winter storm. They plowed everything twice on Sunday. Plowed once Monday and salted everything. Tuesday, they worked on the snow drifts. Wednesday they were on their 5th time plowing snow drifts back off the roads and putting salt out where needed. He has enough mix for 2 small snows and about 30 tons of pure salt to mix up. He has 200 tons ordered but is not sure when it will be here. They are waiting on a barge up in Cincinnati to get salt. Road Supervisor Stacey personally thanked all the road crews for the long hours and great job.

Animal Shelter Expansion Update

Magistrate Miller went over drawings that were received from the architect. It is basically 30x40 expansion on to the front of the building. This is something that has been worked on and drawn up for about 2 years. Part of the existing building will be changed also to add some additional kennels. There are 11 kennels now, this new addition will get up to 20 indoor/outdoor kennels. He would like input from the court so that they can move forward. Judge Teegarden stated she is anxious to meet with the ACO's to go over these rooms and rename the rooms and have some descriptions of what these rooms will actually be used for. Magistrate Kelsch stated on the drawing it doesn't show any additional kennels. Judge Teegarden stated they are taking the entire existing shelter and making it all kennels. Magistrate Miller advised Magistrate Kelsch that the expansion would take the amount of kennels from 11 to 20. Magistrate Ruf stated there should definitely be an isolation room. She stated she has been talking to Senator Frommeyer, and she stated this is an issue everywhere, not just here. Judge Teegarden stated in the last few years they have been trying to get with a veterinary to come in to do a rabies clinic for shelter dogs as well as citizens dogs. Maybe with this addition the medical room could be used for a vet to come in. and treat shelter dogs as well as citizens dogs. Magistrate Miller stated if there are any other questions to let him know, there will be a couple of them meeting with the directors at the animal shelter to go over things and hopefully they can come to the next meeting to go over things with the court.

Property Licking Estates surplus

Tabled

Germantown Park Committee

Karin Poe from the Germantown Park Committee addressed the court. She gave a handout to each court member; they are requesting a 20-year advancement in the amount of $150,000. There have been a few changes made from the first time they addressed the court, and those changes are reflected in this proposal. Currently there is 1 commode in the women's restroom and 1 in the men's. This upgrade to the bathrooms will have 3 women's commodes and 2 commodes for the men's and one urinal. There is a step right now to get into the bathrooms, that step will be done away with and everything will be handicap accessible. They are adding a preschool playground as well as a handicap swing. Magistrate Brumley thanked Karin for the breakdown of exactly what all the money would be used for. Magistrate Miller asked, in the past 3-5 years Germantown has received 2 grants. What was the $75,000 grant for. Magistrate Jarrells stated it was received and they did an upgrade on the soccer fields and baseball fields and the stage area

at the park. Karin stated they do plan to use the stage area more this year. Magistrate Jarrells stated every single dollar that the park makes goes directly back into the park. He thanked Magistrate Miller for a donation he made to the park as well. Magistrate Miller asked if Mason County has given any indication that they will come through with any funding. Karin stated since the park is not actually located in Mason County, she does not think that they will fund any part of it. Mason County does pay the Germantown Fire insurance. Magistrate Miller stated there are multiple Ky vendors that they meet at conferences that supply playground equipment that they could get with for a quote. As well as the mulch surfaces. This may help with some shipping costs. He suggests Magistrate Jarrells try to get with some of those businesses. Judge Teegarden stated this will be for the budget for July 1st, 2026. Magistrate Ruf stated this was done for Augusta, so she doesn't see a problem doing it for Germantown as well.
Sandy Ruf made a motion to incorporate this into the 26/27 budget. Debbie Mayfield second it.
Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Heather Brumley, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf.
Abstained: Kevin Jarrells due to being on the park committee.

Jailer Quarterly Report
Jailer Clos was present for questions. Magistrate Ruf stated they were bragging on him for fighting for the county to save money on some of these hospital bills and other counties were jealous that he does that. The court thanked him for going the mile.

Sheriff Quarterly Report
Motion for approval was made by David Kelsch, second by Kevin Jarrells.
Vote being unanimous

County Clerk Settlement Report
Clerk Free stated she is turning over to the court $68, 553.95 in excess fees from 2025. She stated this is close to the previous 2 years of her term. For a recap last year, the excess fees were in the amount of $67,589.94 and the first year of her term the excess fees turned over $63,461.81. She is pleased to turn over this amount while still taking care of the staff and needs in the office while also not raising costs to our customers. As with previous years she will cut the County Treasurer a check today for $66,553.95 which leaves $2,000 in the account until her 2025 audit is complete. Upon completion of the audit, she will turn over the remaining $2,000. She stated there was one request to divide out line item 23 where it has deputy and clerk salaries combined. She will divide those and put an updated report in the court folders for next time.
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous

CD Maturity
Judge Teegarden stated they have a CD maturing on the 29th of January. The first CD was for 6 months and the interest that was made off of that was $24,681.11 the second CD was for 12 months and that is the one that is maturing and the interest made off that was $42, 099.06. Total interest on the 1-million-dollar CD to date is $66,780.17. The current interest rate for the CD right now, before it matures is 4.12%. The options they are being given are for a 26-week (6 month) CD for 3.6% and a 52-week (1 year) CD for 3.39%. Magistrate Jarrells asked what the other Peoples Bank is doing. The Peoples of Bank of Kentucky out of Maysville, what were their rates? Judge Teegarden stated they did not check with them, they were trying to keep it local to support keeping a bank in the community. She stated it would be the pleasure of the court if they wanted to check around. She stated if they did not rollover this account, tomorrow, they would have to set up an account to put that money in and make a budget amendment. Magistrate Kelsch asked Magistrate Jarrells what the better rate that he got was. Magistrate Jarrells stated he got about 1.8% more so it was about 4.0%. Magistrate Ruf stated maybe they would match if they told Peoples their higher rates elsewhere. Magistrate Miller stated there are fluctuations based on personal vs business. Magistrate Jarrells stated that it was on a personal. Magistrate Holleran stated Peoples Bank does do a lot for the county and he appreciates it, so he thinks staying local is beneficial.
Magistrate Ruf made a motion to let it stay and roll over the 1 million dollars plus interest at the 3.39% for another 52 weeks, second by Heather Brumley
Vote being unanimous

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

Dispatch/911 Fund Budget Transfer
Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by Craig Miller
Vote being unanimous

General Fund Vendor Claims
Magistrate Kelsch asked if they could withdrawal the $3300 expense for the horses since it is in a court case. To hold off until this court case is settled. Attorney Moore stated it is a service that is being provided to the county so a portion will be due to be paid no matter what. Magistrate Mayfield asked if there was an agreement made prior to this. Attorney Moore stated yes, it was $25 a day per horse. Magistrate Mayfield stated if this agreement was made in advance, then they can't go back on that. The $25 a day was for the animals to be on the property, administering medications, taking out and walking them, exercising and cleaning stalls daily. Animal Control could tell exactly what all that was for. The fee was for the leftover food and straw. Magistrate Kelsch stated he's not asking to not pay for it, he is just asking to postpone it until the court case is closed. It was stated when the restitution is paid out it will come back to the court, but the court will be responsible to pay what's leftover on this bill regardless. Magistrate Brumley stated they already have the bill, it should be paid. Magistrate Kelsch stated he did not agree to anything on this case. Judge Teegarden stated she can set it up so that if anything like this comes up again, animal control will come before the court to have them vote on the fees ahead of time. Attorney Moore stated there does need to be something in place that there are already people approved that could take in a horse if this comes up in an emergency situation.
Motion for approval to pay the bill as is, was made by Sandy Ruf, second by John Scott
Yes Votes: Craig Miller, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf
No Votes: David Kelsch

Road Fund Vendor Claims
Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by David Kelsch
Vote being unanimous

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

Dispatch 911 Fund Vendor Claims
Magistrate Miller asked about the charge for Lex-Fayette Urban County Gov. what was that for. Judge Teegarden stated it is for Central Ky 911.
Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

Other Business:

Enter Executive Session Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (F) regarding personnel
Motion made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Danny Holleran
Vote being unanimous

Return from Executive Session Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (F) regarding personnel
Motion made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield
Vote being unanimous

The next Fiscal Court meeting, February 11th, needs to be rescheduled as that is Legislative day in Frankfort. There will not be a quorum present to meet. The next meeting has been rescheduled on Monday February 9th at 10:00. (February 11 meeting is cancelled).

Magistrate Miller stated he stopped at the Quarter Corner and found the bathroom and sink. It has had the water shut off for years and it has been used as a storage room. He thinks the sink and toilet look functional.

He had someone about using the south-central recreational park for a get together for an equine day, vet evaluations, vet vaccines for Bracken County. More information to come on this site later.

Magistrate Ruf stated she was contacted about a set of tires for Constable Carl's cruiser. He goes out anytime they call him for assistance. His tires are dry rotted. She would like him to be able to get tires out of the gas budget as he does not use that much gas. She heard they can buy tires through the Sheriffs association at a fraction of the cost and just have someone local put them on. Magistrate Miller stated there's over $2,000 leftover in the account right now, enough to cover new tires. The court agreed that the funding is available in the budget so he can just go ahead and do that and bill the court.

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