

A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held on March 25, 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, David Kelsch

Absent: Heather Brumley

Let the record reflect that the Court Members received a copy of any Transfers and Vendor Claims.

Upon Motion of Debbie Mayfield, second by Sandy Ruf, that the court approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 11, 2026.

Yes Votes: Craig Miller, David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf.

Absent: Heather Brumley

Road Department Update

Judge Teegarden gave an update on road Supervisor Stacey's behalf. There was 1 snow event worked. They've been across the county doing coal patching. They have cleaned up trees and limbs. They are putting ties in on Thompson Ridge for a slip.

Animal Shelter Expansion Update

Tabled

Property Licking Estates surplus

Tabled

EMS Change order

Kristie Dodge from BTADD addressed the court with a change order for the EMS project. She stated there is a change order in the amount of \$6,084.78. This is for a water meter that needed to be moved on the site before they could continue with the new construction. The service line from the water meter into the EMS was going to be a little further than originally planned. There is money in the budget so this will not be overage or anything, it will come out of the contingency fund.

Motion for approval of the change order made by Craig Miller, second by David Kelsch.

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Heather Brumley

Recreational Trails Grant

This is for the Soil Conservation, Bracken County Schools, the grant is going under the City of Brooksville. At the last meeting there was a presentation asking to commit \$3,575.00 to the project. Judge Teegarden stated she wrote up a letter of support and put it in the folders. Magistrate Kelsch asked, the recreation funds they give to each city, does Brooksville take theirs every year? Judge Teegarden stated it was never allotted for Brooksville, because they do not have a park. The park funds started after the Brooksville pool closed. Magistrate Kelsch stated this is the least we could do then.

Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by John Scott

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Heather Brumley

Emergency Food Assistance Program

Tara Johnson Noem with the NKADD addressed the court about the emergency assistance food program. Judge Teegarden stated each magistrate had a printout in their folders regarding this. Tara stated they work very closely with the BTADD. She stated they have 8 counties that they serve. Their warehouse is in Independence; they work with about 25 food pantries throughout the region to deliver food to those who need it. There are 2 programs here in Bracken. Every year they distribute about 62,000 cases of food valued at over 2.2. million dollars. TEFAP program allows individuals that meet certain income requirements to get food they need to make ends meet from month to month. About 140 people in Bracken County receive food every month. Because of changes at the federal level there is a major cut in the United States in the department of agricultural programs that go to food pantries. They weathered a lot of the cuts last year but the cost of operating the program has gotten too much. Things like rent, electricity etc. The food is still coming but the operational funds have decreased. She stated there is a full budget cost in their packets. There is a \$100,000 gap between what they anticipated receiving and what they will receive. They are asking about 10 counties to support them with a one-time payment of \$3,702.48 to get through this fiscal year. Meanwhile they are working very hard to determine how they will continue in the coming years. They are working very closely with some nonprofits, once everything is ironed out, she will come back and give a report. She is working through the fiscal courts and working on a grant through the united way. She believes with Bracken county's support they should be able to keep the warehouse open. Magistrate Mayfield asked if she is looking ahead at all into the next fiscal year. Tara stated yes, through the grant she is pursuing through united way and working with the state to come up with a financially sustainable plan moving forward. Everything has not been completely worked out yet so she cannot give out more information but will come back and update the court once it is. They are working very actively to not have to ask for funds from the counties in the next fiscal year. Magistrate Miller stated in Augusta and Brooksville, there are always cars lined up at these events to get food so there is very much a need. Tara stated they have received feedback from all 10 counties and stated that the need is still there and on the rise. Magistrate Miller stated, the biggest expense looks like the warehouse and office rent. Tara stated that is the warehouse on Toebben dr. in Independence. That is offsite from her location in Florence. They used to have a free-store food bank in Campbell County but that relocated to Cincinnati, so they had to find a new location during covid. They have been operating independently at the Independence location since 2021. They do have meals on wheels with them but for the past year or so they have been actively searching for a different location. It does need to be centrally located but they are actively searching for a place with a lower rate.

Motion to approve the \$3,702.48 was made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield.

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Heather Brumley

Jail Budget FY 26-27

Jailer Clos addressed the court. He started by thanking Magistrate Miller and Magistrate Kelsch, for their support over the years as this will be the last budget of his that will be presented. Update before the budget, he finally got some of the hospital bills back that he had resubmitted for pricing. From a bill of \$13,200 he got it repriced down to \$1,262. He stated that it is due to him saying no and making them reprice before they bring it back to the county. As far as the budget is concerned, a full-service county jailers' salary is set by the state, a closed service jailers' salary is set by the Fiscal Court. He stated the only time the jailer can ask for a pay raise is the final budget, this budget. He is not asking for a pay raise, he did take the CPI increase. He created a position in 2020 to put a full-time deputy in but then covid came along and it was never filled. He stated as an elected official, he believes we all should have a goal of leaving the office better than when they found it and that's what he intends to do. He would like to fill this position. It will only cost a little over \$8,000 to put this position back in. Out of this he would get a full-time deputy, the sheriff's department and police have currently been helping him in court. This will also give someone readily available for the fire department, EMS, work inmates and if Sheriff Boody is short, they will provide court security. Magistrate Kelsch asked if he was taking away the past timer, Jailer Clos stated yes.

Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Kevin Jarrells.

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Heather Brumley

Jailer Salary

Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Craig Miller

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller
Absent: Heather Brumley

Private Lanes in Bracken County

PVA Florer created a list for the court of the private lanes throughout the county. It shows how many structures are on that lane, and how many property owners are on that lane. There is also a document including the deed on Michelle Dr that states the restrictions. It states, “grantee accepts equal share of the maintenance responsibility for the easement road to this lot with all other owners subject to and with an interest in said road easement”. Magistrate Jarrells thanked them for putting this together, there were things they were not aware of. Magistrate Miller stated it shows that the county cannot oversee the maintenance of 111 private county lanes. Also, with the page of the deed restrictions, it shows what you bought and what came with it, you knew what you’re getting into when you moved there.

General Fund Budget Transfers

Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by Debbie Mayfield

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Heather Brumley

Dispatch/911 Fund Budget Transfer

Magistrate Miller asked why there was \$13,000 for dispatch telephone. Judge Teegarden stated that it’s going to take to get them through the end of the year because the internet bills, fiberoptic bills, radio tower AT&T Services, 911 phones, and Admin lines paid under that account.

Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Sandy Ruf

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Heather Brumley

General Fund Vendor Claims

Motion for approval made by Kevin Jarrells, second by John Scott

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Heather Brumley

Road Fund Vendor Claims

Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by David Kelsch

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Heather Brumley

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, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Heather Brumley

Senior Citizens Fund Vendor Claims

Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by Sandy Ruf

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Heather Brumley

Dispatch 911 Fund Vendor Claims

Judge Teegarden stated there was a huge issue, the rave mobile safety through Motorola, the 911 response backup where they send out the SOS messages for storms and things. They were supposed to renew January 1st and for some reason the system reverted to old Windstream email addresses, so the bill was never received. Finally, they were able to get that straightened out. The agreement needs to be approved today. It’s the same it’s been for years. It’s \$6, 982.74. It will

appear on the vendor claims that will be in the minutes. This will run from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

Motion for approval with the addition made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Sandy Ruf

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Heather Brumley

Other Business:

Judge Teegarden stated there were some documents put in the folders provided by the auditor. They are in the middle of the audit; they need to be filled out and returned.

Magistrate Jarrells reminded the court that there is an egg hunt at Germantown Park this Saturday.

Magistrate Miller reminded there is a pancake breakfast this Saturday as well.

Motion to adjourn made by Danny Holleran, second by John Scott

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Heather Brumley

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Jennifer Free, Fiscal Court Clerk

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Tina K. Teegarden, Co Judge Executive