

A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday June 10, 2026, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda.

Presiding: Tina K. Teegarden,
Judge Executive

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

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 Debbie Mayfield, second by Danny Holleran, the court approves the minutes of the regular meeting May 27, 2026.

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

Road Department Update

Road Supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. They have been mowing. The side mowers are in Augusta/Berlin, heading towards Augusta. There are 2 bush hogs going in Milford that should be finishing in a day or two. They've got everything cleaned up from an area of high water there was in Milford. Jett road was washed out really badly, they cleaned that up as well. Tom Ennix is drilling both sites on Snag Creek. Magistrate Kelsch asked if they got the culvert put in at Lockmeier. Stacey stated no, they have not received a permit or anything. He advised the homeowners that they would need a permit, but they have not came to see him yet.

Animal Shelter Expansion

Magistrate Miller updated the court. He got a call yesterday that they got the survey and that they are going to go ahead and send it to Frankfort and start the process. It's possibly looking at 6-8 weeks to come back from the department of building housing construction. They do have an expedited process that may take it down to a 4-6-week timeframe instead of 6-8 but it's an extra at least \$1,000 to go that route. That is a discussion the court can have if they wish but he believes since we're already this far it would not be necessary.

Let the record reflect the ACO have put an update in the folders. They will be here at the first meeting in July to give an annual report on the shelter and BCAIN.

Property Licking Estates surplus

Tabled

Kristie Dodge from BTADD added to agenda

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

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

Opportunity Zones-Kristie Dodge

Kristie had sent out an email that all court members received that had a copy of mapping out the zones. This opportunity will most likely not come available for another 10 years. Opportunity zones are designated according to census tracts. The included map shows the green color is the eligible census tract in Bracken County. There is only 1 in Bracken County that is eligible to apply. The Cabinet for Economic development is taking applications from local units of government as recommendations to establish opportunity zones. It is an application, for a recommendation for the state to give to the federal side that this census tract be made into an opportunity zone. The application deadline is this Friday. Applications will be reviewed, and the Governor will make his final recommendation to the federal government for consideration. It will last for 10 years and will allow for federal tax incentives to private capital investment within the designated zones. Some of the tax benefits include capital gain deferment, reduction of taxable amount of capital gain and tax-free growth on investments that sustain for 10+ years. The

purpose of the opportunity zones is to attract private investment in an economically distressed area. It starts in 2027. It makes the area more appealing for development to go in. Magistrate Miller stated it's odd that it doesn't follow any highway boundaries. It's basically between Brooksville and the AA hwy and spread throughout. Kristie stated it goes off the median household income in that census tract boundary. Magistrate Miller asked if this would solely be the Governors decision or would it be the economic cabinet as well. Kristie stated she is not 100% sure what the process is. She knows the application process is lengthy and asks for a lot of details on the census tract itself, but you also have to submit information on any build ready or shovel ready sites available in that tract or within 10 miles of that census tract. Motion for approval for Kristie to apply for this on behalf of the court, made by Craig Miller, second by John Scott

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

Bid Award-Paving

The court was given copies of the bids in their folders. There were 2 bids, one from Mago and one from H.G. Mays. Judge Teegarden recommends H.G. Mays due to being the lowest bid. It is for Parina Rd and Fords Ave. These were both CPPP projects. Magistrate Ruf stated this is also a company that we've used before.

Motion for approval to go with H.G. Mays made by Sandy Ruf, second by Heather Brumley.

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

Bid Award- Mini Excavator

The court was given copies of bids for the mini excavator. There were bids received from Kubota, Wilson and McCoy. Judge Teegarden recommends Kubota for \$74,739.00 after looking at the warranties and specifications. Magistrate Miller commented that this was Riverside Tractor in Augusta, and they still employ quite a few residents of Bracken County, this shows that we are still supporting our citizens.

Motion to go with Kubota made by David Kelsch, second by Craig Miller

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

County Treasurer training incentive- Lois Garrison

Treasurer Lois Garrison addressed the court. The training incentive for the treasurer was added into the current Fiscal Year budget but in order to submit it there needs to be some guidelines laid out as far as how many hours she needs to complete, how long she has to complete them and whether or not they rollover. The county treasurer does not fall under the HB810 like the elected officials do. Most county treasurers that she's talked to follow the HB810. Magistrate Mayfield suggested just following the same that they all get to make it standard. Lois stated it is very important for the treasurer to attend these training as things are always changing and aside from the magistrates and judges, the treasurer plays one of the main roles for the county. HB 810 is 40 hours annually; the pay set is over the 4-year period. The treasurer will keep track of their hours and send their training hours each month to HR. Once the number of hours is reached it will be presented at a Fiscal Court meeting to be approved. This will begin July 1, 2026, since the treasurer's appointment is on a fiscal year.

Motion to make the county treasurers training incentive to follow HB810 with hours rolling over to the following Fiscal year, made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Sandy Ruf

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

Bracken County Budget FY 2026-2027 (2nd Reading and Adoption)

Tabled until June 24, 2026, meeting

General Fund Budget Transfer

Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by John Scott

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

Road Fund Budget Transfer

Judge Teegarden asked for the transfer of funds that are needed for blacktop and excavator be included in the earlier road fund transfer

Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Danny Holleran

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

Dispatch 911 Fund Budget Transfer

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

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

General Fund Vendor Claims

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

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

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, Heather Brumley, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

Jail Fund Vendor Claims

Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Debbie Mayfield

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

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, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

Dispatch 911 Fund Vendor Claims

Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by John Scott

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

Other Business:

Direct Deposit

Treasurer Lois Garrison addressed the court. March of 2025 there was a survey sent to all employees to see if they were interested in Direct Deposit. There were 40 yes's and 11 no's. The majority were in favor. After she collected data and spoke with the bank, she learned that the current pay day would need to change in order to go to direct deposit and have everyone on the same pay period. One week would have to be held back that 1st initial time. The second survey done had 27 yes's and 29 no's. So, this will be taken off the table unless the court wants to go further with it anyway. She gave some numbers, and it costs roughly \$608.40 annually to process paper checks. With direct deposit there are no costs to the county.

On June 18th, notices will be sent out for rock and fuel bids.

Jennifer from KDLA came into the office. Judge Teegarden stated they had a discussion about ordinances etc. There are grants available. She is working on looking into this and sending information to Judge Teegarden.

Magistrate Kelsch asked when District 6 was supposed to come to speak with the court. Judge Teegarden stated she has not heard from them so she will have to reach out again, He stated, with the new Dollar General on Route 8 there have been people driving their golf carts there and the speed limit has to be reduced before someone gets hurt. They're not supposed to be driving their golf carts on route 8 but they do it anyway. Judge Teegarden stated she has sent a letter of request. She sent pictures of the location and everything. That was sent to them back in March, but she will reach out again.

Magistrate Brumley stated she got an email from WIC that came from Buffalo Trace. It has to do with a low-cost flood alert system. There is a grant for these systems to be put on creeks and areas that are prone to floods. It usually costs anywhere from \$30-40,000 for these to be put on creeks but they have 20 of these to give away free. You had to jump in so WIC sent it to her because of the north fork in her district. She had a great conversation with Brian Soars, and he is willing to come to talk with the court about this. He is currently working on flood mitigation in Pendleton and Robertson counties. This box will go on the creeks, and a text alert will go out to the county saying when those waters are getting high. The only downside is yes; these boxes are free but \$2500 per box a year would have to be paid for by the county. Judge Teegarden stated he has come to the board meetings at Buffalo Trace several times and he met with the City Augusta, herself, and road supervisor Florer and they spent weeks marking areas of concern on a big map of the county. Judge Teegarden stated she did talk to them last week and OK'd Bracken County to be thrown in the pot to possibly get these.

Motion to adjourn made by Heather Brumley, second by John Scott.

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

Absent: Kevin Jarrells

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Jennifer Free, Fiscal Court Clerk

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Tina K. Teegarden, Co Judge Executive