

A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held on June 24, 2026, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda.

Presiding: Craig Miller,
Magistrate

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Let the record reflect that the Court Members receive 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 Special meeting on June 8, 2026, and the Regular meeting on June 10, 2026.

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Road Department Update

Road Supervisor Stacey gave an update. They have gotten the first round of mowing done. They have been cleaning up from the storms, several trees down from Germantown to Milford, all roads are open though. It's going to be a couple months before everything is completely cleaned up though. Stacey asked the court for their approval on an item that has come up. They have a John Deere tractor that they use everyday and the deck that does the bushhogging is in bad shape. He and Slim have looked at it and decided to shut it down because it is wobbling and eating through the deck and there is no way to repair it. He is working on getting some quotes, but they are potentially looking at \$12,000-\$15,000 to replace a new deck on it. Magistrate Kelsch asked if the old Ford is still running, Stacey stated yes, it is the backup one that they use. It is a John Deere tractor with a Tiger mower deck on it. The deck is 24 years old. Magistrate Kelsch stated go on and get some estimates and get this fixed. The court agreed. Magistrate Miller stated the court will need to take a vote to allow Stacey to get quotes for this and allow him and Judge Teegarden to make the approval to go ahead with the purchase to get this moving. Magistrate Holleran asked Stacey what he would recommend, repairing the old one or getting a new one? Stacey stated he would suggest a new one because the old one is more than just the side, the whole deck is falling apart, and it is 24 years old. Magistrate Kelsch made a motion to approve the purchase of a new deck, second by Danny Holleran

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Animal Shelter Expansion Update

Tabled

Property Licking Estates surplus

Tabled

Add to agenda Change Order-EMS

Allow the agenda to add BTADD-Kristie Dodge

Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Heather Brumley

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Change Order-EMS

Kristie Dodge addressed the court. There are 4 change orders that have come about in the last week. They are on the EMS building project. The work is scheduled to be done by July 31st, so they are trying to keep the momentum going with these change orders. The EMS board approved all of these yesterday but since the funds pass through the Fiscal Court, it needs the court's

approval as well. This is at no cost to the Fiscal Court. The changes are #6-9. Order 6 is for the water service line \$3,485.00, 7 is for a deleted bay door \$4,855.00, 8 is for a roof, they put metal on \$7,253.07, 9 is for extension of drainage pipes \$3,718.00. This is an overall change of about \$10,000.

Motion to approve change orders made by Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement- EM Director Wick Wachs

EM Director Wick Wachs addressed the courts. He explained that the statewide mutual aid agreement is a guide to where if we call another county for aid, this guides them on what the county will get reimbursed for. It is also a guide to where if we send help to someone else, it is a written agreement. Magistrate Miller stated he saw Fleming Co had helped Mason Co after the recent storms, have any other counties been reached out to for help? Wick stated he was never asked but he would not have been opposed to sending help. He stated this mutual aid agreement just covers how to be reimbursed if this mutual aid is used. Magistrate Miller stated these recent storms we had are a perfect example that shows why this agreement is needed. Magistrate Miller stated the Western Ky University Mesonet system will continue until fall. Wick stated he contacted Climovision, that was their mission is to fill the holes. They have a radar in Dry ridge and the type of radar that is being used is very low, very accurate but it has trouble penetrating through heavy rain. For us, it's going to be behind the storm. Wilmington's not overly impressed that it is doing anything more for them than Cincinnati airport. If they could have it in the east it would be a huge asset but where it is now it is not of any benefit to us. For small tornados, we are on the outer edge of Wilmington's radar, those are hard to detect. They are worried about too many warnings going out and people ignoring them but unfortunately now when we get a warning, you don't have 10 minutes, it's less.

Motion to approve the statewide Mutual Aid agreement made by Heather Brumley, second by Sandy Ruf.

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Search and Rescue (SAR) Annual Contract 7/1/26-6/30/27

This is the Buffalo Trace Search and Rescue Resolution that we have had for the past 1 or 2 years. Wick stated Pendleton County is who we have now, Buffalo Trace is who we had before them. Magistrate Miller stated there are 2 contracts. They are basically the same contract. Buffalo Trace Search and Rescue is a donation of \$2,500. Pendleton County is a \$4,000 contribution. Magistrate Miller asked Em Director Wick to explain. Wick stated it is his strong recommendation to switch back to Buffalo Trace. This is in no way a criticism of Pendleton County, they have always done whatever is asked. However, Buffalo Trace has been completely reorganized. They are up to about 35 members. They are a good team; the station is just past the hospital which is much closer. With Pendleton County the distance is greater and most bad storms hit them before they hit us. With the larger volunteer group at Buffalo Trace, it has a greater likelihood of getting us the help we need. There are 6 members in our county that are with the Buffalo Trace team already. It is just a better fit for the county to work with, and they want to work with the county as well.

Motion to approve the Search and Rescue Annual contract with Buffalo Trace made by David Kelsch, second by Danny Holleran.

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

AirMed Evac Contract and payment 7/14/26-7/13/27

This is for the annual contract with AirMed evac. This is the AirEvac program that Fiscal Court takes care of for Bracken County citizens. The price has not changed, it is \$32,940.00. This goes from July 14, 2026, to July 13, 2027. They usually have a representative come and speak to the court. Magistrate Miller stated this is something that everyone needs to continue talking about and encouraging people to take part in the application process for them and their families. Magistrate Brumley stated, there are a lot of people that don't understand this. She has been on the phone with Lucas from air evac because when she traveled outside the country she ups the coverage. What the county paid for is if someone is in an accident in Bracken County or Mason

County this covers you with our air evac. If you don't join and pay the \$45, if you are in an accident outside those 2 counties, it's not going to cover you. There is also another tier that you can pay for that if you go outside the United States and need this, they pay for you and a family member to fly home to a hospital when you are stable enough. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community that the citizens here just don't know much about. Lucas stated he would come to a court meeting to go over this so everyone in the community knew what their options were. He said Bracken is one of the very few counties in the state of Kentucky that does this for their citizens. Magistrate Miller asked Magistrate Brumley to ask them if they would come to Rock the Block, the Germantown Fair and Augusta Riverfest, to set up a booth to educate people on this.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 contract with AirMed Evac made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Heather Brumley.

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Bracken County Sheriff settlement 2026

Sheriff Boody addressed the court. The settlement of taxes includes all real estate, tangible, franchise, and public safety taxes \$8,038,395.72. The report has it broken down into districts and what all goes where. The Sheriff keeps an amount of \$299,729.04. To explain more, a large portion of that funds the Sheriff's office because they are a fee-based agency.

Motion to approve Sheriff settlement made by Danny Holleran, second by Sandy Ruf

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Bracken County Budget FY 2026-2027 2nd Reading & Adoption

This was approved in early May for the first reading. The Fiscal Year Budget is \$15,385,940.

Motion to approve the second reading and adoption made by John Scott, second by Heather Brumley

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Bid Awards *Fuel *Rock

Tabled

Road Fund Interfund Cash Transfer

Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by Kevin Jarrells

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Jail Fund Interfund Cash Transfer

Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Kevin Jarrells

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Senior Citizen Fund Interfund Cash Transfer

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

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

General Fund Budget Transfers

This includes maintenance personnel. Motion for approval made Heather Brumley, second by Debbie Mayfield

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Road Fund Transfers

Change the supervisor and workers' salaries changed on this slightly.

Motion for approval made by Sandy Ruf, second by Heather Brumley

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

Dispatch 911 Fund Budget Transfer

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

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

General Fund Vendor Claims

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

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Road Fund Vendor Claims

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

Yes Votes: Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, David Kelsch, Danny Holleran

Abstained: Claim with Miller Lumber company.

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Jail Fund Vendor Claims

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

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Senior Citizens Fund Vendor Claims

Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by Sandy Ruf

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Dispatch 911 Fund Vendor Claims

Motion for approval made by David Kelsch, second by Debbie Mayfield

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Other Business:

Move into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 1 (f) to discuss personnel

Motion made by Heather Brumley, second by John Scott

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Move back into Regular session from Executive session

Motion made by Heather Brumley, second by Danny Holleran

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Other Business:

Conservation District Annual Hazardous Waste Event

The hazardous waste event will be held on Saturday August 22nd from 9-1 at the Extension office. Mrs. McClanahan, the conservation director, would like to ask if the court could offset half the cost of the shredding cost as they have done in the past. This would be in the amount of \$727.50.

Motion to support the conservation district made by Sandy Ruf, second by John Scott

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Health Insurance on Rabies vaccination

Magistrate Miller stated the insurance company has gotten back about the rabies vaccinations for the ACO's. Anthem will not cover the vaccines for the employees. The options are for the employees to pay that themselves or for the Fiscal Court take care of these. It is recommended that these be given by the local health department under the courts account due to it being a work-related vaccination. Magistrate Mayfield stated it was way more expensive to have it given by the health department than it was to get it from Primary plus. Magistrate Miller stated it was but the health dept has since negotiated. The health departments plan would be 1 dose of the rabies vaccine \$468.90. For the dosage schedule, both employees would need all doses of the vaccine. This will cover both employees for 2 years. The total cost would be \$468.90 x 6 doses, which would be \$2,813.40 for both. In 2 years, depending on how it shows, they may need another dose in 2 years. The health department has waived the administration fees.

Magistrate Brumley made a motion to cover this with our health department for \$2,813.40, second by Sandy Ruf

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Radio Update

Magistrate Miller stated there are still some questions that need to be answered. In the mobile units in the cruisers, a key can be purchased for the AES256 Encryption, which is what we are going with for CJIS purposes. This will be for mobiles for Sheriff, Jailer, APD and BPD, unless the court decides otherwise. That's part one. Portables will not work, we will have included in the encryption bid. This will be for the Sheriff, Jailer, APD and BPD, unless the court decides otherwise. We need to know if we are bidding brand specific Motorola for law enforcement or if we are opening to other brands. Judge Teegarden recommends keeping Motorola specific brand for law because the complete infrastructure is Motorola. It is up to the majority of the courts to decide what is discussed and what we go with. The response time for the vendor is critical for the radio infrastructure being down. The motion that was made and approved 2 weeks ago to move forward with 2 separate bids is off the table due to deciding which route the court wants to go on this. Magistrate Ruf stated we definitely need to make the bid for the law enforcement to see what they need and contact Deputy Jones and Sheriff Boody to see what we need for the encryption. Sheriff Boody stated none of them are radio technicians. They have a general understanding of them, but they don't know the intricacies of these radio systems. He knows what is being told to him and what he thinks they might need, but his office can't be the ones to educate the court on this. Magistrate Miller stated, they could separate this into law enforcement away from EMS and Fire. The main law enforcement concern is the interoperability with Mason County. Sheriff Boody stated correct, and the encryption. What we currently have, the encryption is the best secure that is available. Magistrate Miller asked if the goal for the first portion of this is to have interoperability with Mason County and BC Sheriffs department, that is what we would like to see happen, correct? Sheriff Boody stated for them to be able to transmit CJIS information across the radios and they have to have that encryption. That is paramount for them to be able to run tags, driver's license and people's information over the airways. The issue with the radio system and them talking to Mason County, he is not 100% sure with regard to the DMR vs P25 how those 2 interfaces are able to interface. That goes back to the differences in the equipment between Motorola and Kenwood and the whole issue with the RAS key. The bottom line is, if the RAS key is not going to be removed then we will never be able to communicate with Mason County. Those radios will never be able to get onto that system. Magistrate Miller stated unless there is a patch or a key or whatever the technical term might be to allow those 2 to work together with the RAS key still in place. Sheriff Boody stated that it would not give them the direct ability to switch a channel on their radio to communicate directly with them. That would have to be something that dispatch would have to pair these systems together so that if he is responding to Mason County, dispatch would somehow have to patch those together, it would not be a direct radio to radio capability without coming off that system. Magistrate Miller asked,

without knowing law enforcement numbers, why are we only talking about working with Mason County and not Pendleton and Harrison as far as radio connectivity. Sheriff Boody stated we will work with any of them. Currently Pendleton is on the old system and is dispatched by state police. We used to be able to switch to a channel on the radio and talk to Pendleton County. On the analog system. We can't do any of that now because we are DMR and they have no capability. DKC stated we still have an analog repeater and could go back to that. Will a handheld, when standing on the AA in Foster hit the repeater out here, probably not, and that is the issue we had before and what got us to the point we are at now. There is a lot more interaction with Mason County on a regular basis than there is with Harrison or Pendleton County. They tend to be closer, more accessible and tend to be interacted with more between Route 8, AA and Germantown. Magistrate Miller asked, besides not being able to directly talk with outside agencies, do we have any other major problems with the current system. Sheriff Boody stated no, the system, for their purposes, works 100 x's better than the old system. Magistrate Brumley asked Magistrate Miller, what is being asked of them, is it about getting bids, Motorola? Sheriff Boody stated part of the issue is their handhelds that are not capable of being upgraded to the 256 encryptions, so they are not capable of what they need to communicate for CJIS purposes. Magistrate Miller stated they would have to buy new handhelds for law enforcement. That would be the initial issue that they want to get bids on to take care of the law enforcement side. If we go to 256 encryptions will the mobiles only work? Sheriff Boody stated if we went immediately to the 256 encryption the radios in the car are the only radios that are capable of being upgraded to handle that. We would then need to buy new portables before we could implement any of this. This would take care as far as communicating CJIS information and being compliant with the FBI. Co. Attorney Moore stated then the other question is are you limiting in your bid? Is this being limited to Motorola only or are you opening it up to other brands? Magistrate Mayfield said, when DKC was here at the last meeting, they stated that there was paperwork from Motorola saying that they were 256 capable but Sheriff Boody is saying they aren't. Sheriff Boody stated he is saying he was told they weren't, but he does not know one way or the other. Co. Attorney Moore stated there was some confusion at the last meeting as to whether they were talking about portables, but Judge Teegarden has since gotten verification that the portables are not capable of the upgrade. Magistrate Miller stated, for the law enforcement side only, for this purpose, they need to decide to open up bids for the AES 256 encryption plus purchasing portables for Sheriff, Jailer and then decide on Augusta Police, Brooksville police. Then also, the Jailers and ACO's work with law enforcement. The bids need to be open for other vendors beside just them. Magistrate Miller stated what he would be asking today would be to support the law enforcement side would be to publicize for bids for an AES 256 encryption as well as new Motorola portables for law enforcement, this would be for Motorola that coincides with everything they already have.

Motion made by Sandy Ruf, second by Debbie Mayfield

Yes votes: David Kelsch, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

No votes: Danny Holleran

Absent: Judge Teegarden

Magistrate Ruf stated last week at conference there was a vendor, govap.com. For people that are not tech savvy, this has apps where they can click directly on the sheriff's department, click directly on dispatch and it will coincide with what we already have that is on the county website. She would love them to be able to come and do a presentation on this. Magistrate Miller stated to work with Judge Teegarden and get that on for the future meeting.

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

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

Absent: Judge Teegarden

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Jennifer Free, Fiscal Court Clerk

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Tina K. Teegarden, Co Judge Executive