

A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday July 8, 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, Kevin Jarrells, Craig Miller, Sandy Ruf, Heather Brumley, Judge Teegarden

Absent: John Scott

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 Heather Brumley, the court approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing for the CRA as well as the Budget on June 24, 2026.

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

Absent: John Scott

The court recognized Larry Smith and his service to the county

Judge Teegarden stated this morning the fiscal court would like to take the opportunity to remember and honor one of Bracken County's outstanding citizens- Larry Smith. Larry Smith, who recently passed away, was dedicated and devoted not only to his family but to our entire community. He served the county for numerous years as a Kentucky Farm Bureau insurance agent, a member and officer in the Brooksville Lions Club and an active member of the Brooksville Christian Church. In addition, Larry was a 27-year member of the Bracken County Industrial Authority, helping to guide the development and success of our industrial park. Today, the Chairman of the Industrial Authority, Earl Bush, is here to present a plaque in Larry's honor to Barbara Smith and Larry's family.

Road Department Update

Road Supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. They have 1 bushhog running. They are on their second time mowing. They are still cleaning up trees and brush from the storms and they will be continuing to clean up for probably another week.

Animal Shelter Expansion

Tabled

Property Licking Estates surplus

Tabled

Resolution LARP Funding \$416,000

This is funding that was approved through the general assembly. It was for 5 roads for a total of \$416,000. The county's match is 15%.

Motion to approve made by Sandy Ruf, second by Debbie Mayfield

Yes votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: John Scott

Agreement LARP Funding \$416,000

Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Heather Brumley

Yes votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: John Scott

Sheriff Cruiser Purchase

Sheriff Boody addressed the court. He stated originally it was budgeted \$57,000 for a patrol vehicle. He has a quote from Don Franklin for a 2025 Ram Crew Cab 4x4 V6 for \$39,999.99. The original price on it before discounted was \$44,000. They discounted it because it is a 2025 model. They quoted a 2026 for \$43,463.00. They got a quote from Freedom Chrysler Dodge for

\$46,205.00, that was a V8. They are limited to what they do have on their lots unless the county wants to preorder a 2027, which would be very costly. Bachman Chevrolet did not respond to the request for a quote for a truck. Sheriff Boody stated his recommendation would be to go with the cheapest of those options. That being 2025 for \$39,999.99, to at least save a little money. Even though it is 2025, it is brand new, so all the same warranties etc. still apply. Magistrate Miller asked if we needed to include the equipment bid. Judge Teegarden stated the equipment bid will be separate. Magistrate Miller asked Sheriff Boody why he didn't want to consider a V8. Sheriff Boody stated because of two things. One, fuel consumption on a V8 is through the roof, 2, in pursuit, since these are pickup trucks, they are all speed limited around 105 mph anyway so a V8 would have no benefit in that regard.

Motion for approval on the 2025 Ram for \$39,999.99 was made by David Kelsch, second by Craig Miller.

Yes votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: John Scott

Equipment for Sheriff Cruiser

Sheriff Boody provided a quote for the equipment installation. It is from Ridge Net for \$15,647.55. He stated they are one of the few equipment outfitters that are available in this state. If they utilize them, they do not have to go to Pulaski County to retrieve the vehicle. It will go from the dealer to equipment outfitter, and they will call them once it is finished to come pick it up. Sheriff Boody stated, the other outfitter, that he would normally have requested a quote from has been bought out by a national corporation. There is another local vendor, across the river in Ohio. They just did one for the department in Augusta though and their prices were higher. The pickup truck is a little more than the Durango they had done last. That is because they have to add a bedcover to keep all of their equipment safe and dry. He stated he could get additional quotes if the court wishes.

Motion to approve Ridge Net for \$15,647.55 was made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield

Yes votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: John Scott

Animal Shelter annual report

ACO's Ms. Honan and Childers gave the court their annual report. Each court member received a copy of the monthly report. They stated the number of dogs they took in this past year was 342. Last year it was 195. So that is a significant increase in the number of dogs. The number of owner surrenders has gone up and the number of strays has gone down so that has been good to see. Magistrate Kelsch stated they do a good job on their grants, he was looking over one and he saw the Department of Agriculture grant. How do they select those? Judge Teegarden spoke on those. She stated the Department of Agriculture gets their funding off the license plates that are sold for spay and neuter. They apply every year for the max, which is \$3,000 max, \$3,000 match. They have never gotten that much but they do usually get \$1100/1200. They have to send in what the vet's cost will be ahead of time. In the past it has only been used for shelter dogs for spay and neuter. It does say that counties that require spay/neuter before adoption are prioritized over shelters that don't. Judge Teegarden stated they budget \$10,000 for grants every year for the animal shelter. This year they are going to bring in more grants than what was budgeted so they are going to have to make a positive transfer to that account. Ms. Childers stated they've gotten grants from the ASPCA and Who let the dogs out. Judge Teegarden thanked the ACO's for their hard work getting these grants. Magistrate Brumley stated it's nice to see the positive from the ASPCA and getting that kind of money because if you did not run our shelter the way the state tells us it needs to be run, they would not be giving us that money, we would be getting fined. She thanked the ACO's for the work that they do. Ms. Childers stated they have a new rescue they are going to start working with, they just got the call from them the other day. She stated, this rescue stated they have seen the great things they are doing here and would love to work with them. More people are willing to work with them now and they appreciate the fact that the dogs are vetted before they are adopted out. Judge Teegarden gave a shout out to BCAIN too for being so great to work with.

Add Bid Award to the agenda

Motion to add bid award was made by Sandy Ruf, second by Kevin Jarrells.

Yes Votes: Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, David Kelsch, Debbie Mayfield

Abstained: Danny Holleran

Absent: John Scott

Fuel Bid Award

There was one bid received from Valor. That is who was used this past year. The court received a copy of their rates. Whatever the rate is set at on Monday morning, in Cincinnati, there is .22 added to that. It changes weekly. Magistrate Miller asked Road Supervisor Stacey if that was different from last year as far as the weekly changes. He stated it was a little different but not much.

Motion to accept fuel bid was made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield

Yes votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: John Scott

Rock Bid Award

A bid was received from Hilltop Stone and also one from Jefferson contracting. Road Supervisor Stacey stated the only difference is the price was lower with Hilltop; Jefferson Contract hauling is .20 cheaper. Judge Teegarden stated but the rock prices were higher. Judge Teegarden recommends Hilltop.

Motion to approve Hilltop made by David Kelsch, second by Heather Brumley

Yes votes: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Absent: John Scott

Training Incentive Danny Holleran \$5,445.28

Motion for approval made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Heather Brumley

Yes Votes: David Kelsch, Debbie Mayfield, Heather Brumley, Kevin Jarrells, Judge Teegarden, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller

Abstained: Danny Holleran

Absent: John Scott

Training Incentive Tina K. Teegarden \$5,445.28

Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by David Kelsch

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

Abstained: Judge Teegarden

Absent: John Scott

Magistrate Miller had to leave meeting

General Fund Interfund Cash Transfer

Motion for approval made by Heather Brumley, second by Debbie Mayfield

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

Absent: John Scott, Craig Miller

General Fund Budget Transfer

Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Sandy Ruf

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

Absent: John Scott, Craig Miller

General Fund Vendor Claims

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

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

Absent: John Scott, Craig Miller

Road Fund Vendor Claims

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

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

Absent: John Scott, Craig Miller

Jail Fund Vendor Claims

Motion for approval made by Danny Holleran, second by Sandy Ruf

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

Dispatch 911 Fund Vendor Claims

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

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

Motion to add Executive sessions to the agenda

Motion to add to agenda made by Heather Brumley, second by Sandy Ruf

Enter Executive session pursuant to KRS 61.8101 (f) to discuss personnel

Motion to move to Executive Session made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Heather Brumley

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

Return from Executive session

Motion to return to Regular session from Executive session made by Danny Holleran, second by Debbie Mayfield

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

Other Business:

Judge Teegarden has a few things to highlight. The court should have gotten an email from Buffalo Trace Search and Rescue; they are having a meet and greet on Saturday. They invited the fire departments, EM director, herself, all the magistrates to show the equipment and build relationships back with Bracken County.

Judge Teegarden stated some magistrates have asked for some past maintenance contracts. Judge Teegarden stated she went back as far as the system went, back to 2018. She put copies in all magistrates' folders. She also spoke with some county judges, em directors etc. to show what radio systems other counties are using. When she had everyone look at the specs about the branding to be on law enforcement the problem is, the AES 256 encryption will work on the mobile radios that are in the cruisers for all law enforcement, but it will not work on the portables. Portables had to be included; so, they will be buying those. She suggested Motorola because that is what they are using right now. One of the things she wanted to ask is, we need to put a response time down in the specs because it is not for repairing a damaged radio or anything like that, it is for a response time for if the infrastructure is down at the towers and people can not talk to each other. She stated right now they are fortunate to have local vendors; everything has a 30 min response time. In December of 2019 this was not included in a contract of any form, and the county was left down for a week during December, she does not want that to happen again. She needs to know what the court wants to include as an appropriate response time especially if bidders are coming in from all over. Judge Teegarden asked the court if they would like her to email the city law enforcements and ask if they would be willing to swap out the portables. The court bought the portables they are using now. When they upgrade, they are not going to be able to use those any longer for law enforcement. Judge Teegarden asked, "Would they want her to see if the cities would be willing to swap out and we give them the ones that will work, they give us the ones that don't and we can keep them in case somebody on the county needs them, for example, if something needs repaired etc. The court agreed that it is a good idea. Judge Teegarden stated also in thinking about response time, she has been seeking funding for this encryption for portable radios not through a grant, but she has been in conversations, she has put in for some funding, but it is not a grant, that they may be able to use for portables for law enforcement. Also, in talking to these other judges, she was led in, that there are some funding opportunities for law enforcement only for DMR and digital Kenwood systems. One of them is the Edward Burn memorial justice assistance grant. Law enforcement only. It is not regulated to P25, we could apply for DMR. The deadline was missed for that. That will be in a file for next year in case anything comes up to where it's needed. There was another one that she found DOJ and cops' technology program, TEP. This is from congressional

discretionary funding that is available to be earmarked through the house in D.C. through submittals to the U.S. Reps. It's not tied to FEMA P25 rule. Local law agencies can use it, counties and cities can put it in for exactly that, but the deadline was missed on that as well. Once the response time is decided she can tie up the bid specs and get that sent out. Magistrate Mayfield asked if this was just for law enforcement. Judge Teegarden stated Law enforcement only which would also include jailer, county Judge, EM director and 2 ACO's. Magistrate Mayfield asked Sheriff Boody what he thought a reasonable response time would be. Sheriff Boody stated he thinks it's more important they have the proper entity to fix whatever the problem is. Judge Teegarden stated they could make it to where they must contact the county within a certain amount of time, but a response time needs to be onsite in a certain amount of time. Magistrate Ruf stated nothing over 2 hours should be looked at because they would still have to get here, look at it to identify the problem and then start to fix the problem. Judge Teegarden stated she needs a majority of the court on response time. Magistrate Holleran asked how come, after having this system for 3 plus years, how come all of a sudden everyone is wrong? They have other counties against them now and can't talk back to them. Judge Teegarden stated she doesn't know why it came up in April. Sheriff Boody stated the issues were always there. For his purposes, they were just excited to have a radio system to where they could actually communicate and talk on. The other problems were there; they have just dealt with them in different ways. Now with another entity that has addressed this issue, the mutual aid partners in Maysville are not able to communicate with them. Some of the issues legally speaking with CJIS0, that was probably always an issue, but it's legally identified now and needs to be addressed. Magistrate Holleran stated they need someone to come in and explain to them the most economical way to fix this problem. Judge Teegarden stated all she knows is there were grants applied for, grants awarded, radios ordered, before she ever got an email from an adjoining county asking what our system required. In the minutes of everything it stated that we were going to bring them on as analog on mutual aid on the Bluegrass tower, they were going to digitize it. And they don't want to do that now. Magistrate Mayfield stated Bracken County will have to spend some money to be able to communicate with Maysville Ems and fire efficiently. Judge Teegarden stated that even lifting the RAS key is going to cost money. Because they have to take it off the entire system. Take it out of dispatch radios. That was the \$20,000 option. Sheriff Boody stated in his opinion that is an exaggerated cost. Judge Teegarden stated it is going to go out to bid so they are going to find out. Sheriff Boody stated that it's a programming issue. What does it actually cost to reprogram a radio? Judge Teegarden stated you are not reprogramming a radio, you are removing it from the entire system including the towers. Sheriff Boody stated reprogramming radios is usually part of the contract with vendors. He had a brief conversation with a gentleman in Pulaski County about what they utilize down there. He stated they have a varying amount of DMR and P25 radios that are able to communicate with each other in Pulaski County. Some of them are using Kenwood's because of the necessity of that to be able to talk on both sides of P25 or DMR. They don't have an RAS key and according to the gentleman he spoke with, the RAS key and some of the vendor contracts are ways for vendors to keep counties locked into these situations where they are the only provider that they can use., He believes that's where we're at. Magistrate Ruf stated in this report, out of 31 other counties, only 8 have no analog. So, there is still a large amount that has P25 and analog. Sheriff Boody stated their issue with analog here is there is only 1 analog repeater. They used to have 4. When we went to the new system, 3 of those were removed. The problem with having 1 analog repeater is that it is not capable of communicating county wide depending on where you are at. Which is why there used to be 4. If he goes to Foster, there is a high probability that he cannot communicate with the repeater in Brooksville. Magistrate Ruf stated before they had these radios though, when they had the 4 repeaters, there were still certain spots where they had no service. Sheriff Boody stated correct. But then you are getting into VHF frequencies that they went to and narrow banding, which he does not know what that means but he does know it reduced their ability to communicate when that happened. They dealt with issues, all these other companies tried to come in and fix this system, they county spent a ton of money, and nothing got better. He never could understand why they could not get the VHF system to work to some degree. He understands the terrain here has some effect on it but for example in Louisville, 30 years ago, when he worked for the Jefferson County police dept, they were on VHF system. You could talk all over the county just like we talk on the DMR's here. They may still be on those frequencies today. The county was on VHF; the city was UHF. They were able to patch that system so that the UHF and VHF could talk to each other. Magistrate Ruf stated in this report Louisville metro it says they have P25 with talk around groups for law, fire and Ems and DMR for private contracted Ems and hospital. Sheriff Boody stated with DMR, it is not that it doesn't work, or not that it isn't capable, it is not specifically a public safety system but there are a lot of agencies across the state that are utilizing them because of cost. It is way more cost effective, and it works. It is able to communicate with P25 under the right parameters, either via patches, utilizes a dual band radio, but a dual band radio is not capable of talking to this system unless we remove this RAS key. We, as the county, are the owners of that RAS key, we get to say if we keep it or not. Not the vendor. They work for us. Judge Teegarden stated it was voted on to put the RAS

key in, Sheriff Boody stated it could also be voted on to remove it as well. Sheriff Boody stated we need to get someone independent in here to look at this system and tell us what needs to be done. Not a vendor. Judge Teegarden stated to the court if they are moving forward with the bid she needs a response time. Magistrate Kelsch asked if there is someone out there that we can contact to look at our system to give us some advice before we move forward? Sheriff Boody stated he would imagine any radio contractor would be able to look at it. County attorney Moore stated the motion has already been made to put the bid out, so you'd have to retract that if the court wants to go that route. Magistrate Brumley asked, are we voting on response time or what. Judge Teegarden stated she brought up response time but Sheriff Boody brought up consultants so there are options being thrown on the floor. She is just trying to finish up bid specs but if we're not bidding it out then she's not going to continue working on that because it is a lot of work on her part. Magistrate Brumley stated if a vendor is bidding on something shouldn't they come here and see what they are bidding on plus give a response time. Can't that all be what we are talking about? Judge Teegarden stated yes but we have to put a response time in the specs before we put them out. Magistrate Brumley stated a 3-hour response time would be plenty of response time. Judge Teegarden asked if anyone is changing their mind on bidding this out? No magistrates spoke up.

Magistrate Jarrells stated he's had a lot of residents come to him complaining about a lot of roads in his district that are trashed up. What can we do about this? Judge Teegarden asked him if they have been turned into Greg, the Solid Waste Coordinator? Magistrate Jarrells stated one of them has already gone through everyone and gotten nowhere. Judge Teegarden stated she needs names and addresses to get the problem looked into by ordinance. Magistrate Jarrells stated he will get those names and addresses turned into her. He also stated awhile back they had started the conversation on an ordinance for rotation on towing, where do we stand on that? County Attorney Moore stated she needs to finish that up. She will work on that and get it completed.

County Attorney stated that since nuisance board discussion was brought up, she will just mention that there is still not a full committee for this so if everyone could talk around to try to get people to come forward to be on that committee that would be great. It's hard to enforce if you don't have a board to enforce it. They are also looking for another person to serve on the ethics board.

Magistrate Kelsch stated he had mentioned District 6 a few meetings back, where do we stand on them coming? Judge Teegarden stated they are behind because of some of the funding on legislation. Once they get that wrapped up, they will be coming. Magistrate Kelsch stated there are still golf carts on Route 8 with semis flying down there so it is definitely a hazard.

Motion to adjourn made by Heather Brumley, second by Danny Holleran.

S/_____
Jennifer Free, Fiscal Court Clerk

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Tina K. Teegarden, Co Judge Executive