

**POWELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**REGULAR CALLED MEETING**

Date: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Powell County Emergency Operations Center

33 Commerce Drive  
Stanton, Kentucky, 40380

**A G E N D A**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Prayer
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Clerk's Report Last Meetings (Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025)
- VII. Bills Submitted for Payment
- VIII. Approval of Treasurer's Financial Statement
- IX. Approval of Treasurer's Transfers/Amendments
- X. Old Business:
  - Homestead Subdivision
  - Purchase of New Building for Animal Shelter
  - Food Service- Powell County Detention Center
- XI. New Business:
  - Department Head Updates
- XII. District Updates:
  - Creech Road
  - Jail Commissary
  - Opening Bids ALBC Culvert Replacement – Caudill Road & Sand Lick Road
  - Motion to approve Danny Rogers 2025 Incentive Payment
  - Motion to approve Teddy Lacy 2025 Incentive Payment
  - Motion to approve Quote from Morton Salt
  - Motion to approve Resolution NO.25-1014 Mack Trucks Discussion of November's Meeting
  - Opioid Abatement – Purchase LeAndré Knox - Opioid Abatement
  - Rumpke Renewal
  - Closed Session KRS 61.810 (C) (F)
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Motion to Adjourn

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**330 Commerce Drive**

**Stanton, Kentucky 40380**

**Presiding: Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive**

**Present: Fiscal Court Clerk Connie Crabtree, Magistrate J.L. Bowen, Magistrate Chad Patton, Magistrate Brian McKinney, Magistrate Dennis Combs, Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen, E911 Director Justin Rice, Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy, CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock, County Attorney Robert King, Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden, EM Director John Koontz, Assistant E911 Director Arlene Rogers, Ruth Jones, Melvin Burgher, Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer, Eric Hubbard (Backroads Appalachia), Kenny Riffe, Eric Williams (wife), Clara Smith, Chris Fugate, Scott Smith, John Bowman and Mr. Creech.**

**County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes called the meeting to order.**

**County Judge Executive led the Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Deputy Judge Executive Dale Allen led the prayer:**

**Roll Call for the following members: A quorum was established:**

**County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Present**

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Present**

**Magistrate Dennis Combs – Present**

**Magistrate Mike Lockard – Absent**

**Magistrate Brian McKinney – Present**

**Magistrate Chad Patton – Present**

**Public Comments:**

***Sheila Osborne: Landfill on Virden Ridge Road***

**Sheila Osborne thanked members of the court for letting her speak this evening. She asks members of the court if they would do a vote to let her know who is still opposed to this landfill on Virden Ridge. Ms. Osborne is with the citizens against it.**

**Magistrate Chad Patton – Against the landfill**

**Magistrate J.L. Bowen – Against the landfill**

**Magistrate Brian McKinney – Against the landfill**

**Magistrate Dennis Combs – Against the landfill**

**Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Against the landfill**

***Eric Williams Speaking on Creech Road:***

Eric introduced himself and told members of the court he was there to speak on Creech Road. Eric is here to request and provide physical documentation showing the adoption of Creech Road into the Powell County Road system. The property in question was purchased in 1951 by Beech Hood. It was then transferred to Charlie and Brenda Hood in 1984 and inherited by Carla Hood Smith in 2014 after the passing of her father Charlie. The Hood family has lived on this land since the 1950's and have no knowledge of the family ever granting, gifting or losing any portion of the land through condemnation or eminent domain. Based on the requirement set forth by the KGA and the Powell County Road Adoption Policy he cannot find any documentation of any process that follows under the KRS statute chapters 178, 179 or 16 or the counties' own policy which sets additional standards but must act in accordance with the KRS laws.

He found one official deed filed in the County Clerk's office stating in 1994 the landowner Charlie Hood granted an easement to the Lucas family or so-called Creech Road. The Lucas family had the easement added to their deed and since 1994 the property has been sold approximately seven plus times. Each deed to this day still states the access into the back property as an easement. Eric said to the best of his knowledge no one has ever had a Creech Road address.

(Eric passed out a copy of the Right of Way Easement to members of the court).

He told them to pay attention to the physical descriptions. He said it states the owner of the easement is Charlie Hood.

Judge Barnes asks Eric if the Lucas family still lived there. Eric told him no and the property has been sold approximately seven times. The Chinese family has been the current owners since 2019. This is where the original easement was given to James and Anna Lucas.

Judge Barnes asks members of the court if they have any questions. Magistrate Chad Patton ask Eric what he was asking for. Eric read his first statement again. He is here tonight to request and provide physical documentation showing the adoption of Creech Road into the Powell County Road system. He said it's based on the KRS and the county road adoption policy that is in place. You are looking at surveyors, appraisers and the fifth amendment: shall not take land without compensation. Eric has no doubt the road was called Creech Road.

He does know the county has done some maintenance on it, but he feels the proper paperwork has not been accomplished. The last thing he said he would add is KRS statute that's been in place since 1942- filing of the documents with the County Clerk's office. This KRS Statute has not been amended since 1942. There have not been any official deeds, passages or any kind of grants or gifts given to the county so he is asking for proof of the road.

Magistrate Dennis Combs asked him if he wanted the road to be private. Eric told him ultimately no, but they would prefer the county to maintain the road at a future point but for now they are just trying to establish whether the county has legal rights to it. The only legal document he has been able to find in the courthouse or online is the document he passed out to them and the seven plus deeds that have been listed as easements since 1994.

Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy told Eric it would not be in a deed book it would be in a fiscal court order book. If it was adopted into the county road system since 1942 there would have to be a

resolution that was passed by the fiscal court. It would also be archived in Frankfort. Eric said he has reached out to Frankfort by email a few times, but it's been like talking to a wall. He asks if we have a county road engineer or county supervisor that proves the road. Judge Barnes told him it was the county supervisor.

Judge Barnes asks him what years we should look for. Eric said the property in question was deeded to from Sarah and Everett Barnes. It was sold in 1951 to Beech Hood. When she sold the land, she also sold twenty acres to Floyd Ginter which was on the other side of the easement and Creech Road that extends to Daniels Branch. Beech deeded out the acre to Eugene and Mable which is now Glen's property and home. Eric said he went back as far as the late 1800's and it never mentioned a road, just an easement. He said he asked for help in the County Clerk's office, but they were unable to find anything recorded about Creech Road.

Patrick said sadly the era we are talking about the fiscal court orders does not have the best indexing. He found where the county voted to approved payment for the concrete bridge on Creech Road back in 1970.

Magistrate Chad Patton ask if the county had a road adoption policy back then. Eric said he thinks the current road policy was revised in 2010.

Patrick said he has found several resolutions. If someone came and wanted their road adopted, you would have to petition the court to have it adopted by the county then a couple of Magistrates along with judge would go inspect the roadway and then they would report back at the next meeting but most of the time the roadway was adopted.

Patrick said what we are looking for may be just one sentence in a meeting record.

Judge Barnes told Eric we would look and see what we could find and let him know. It would not be an overnight find.

John Bowman introduced himself to members of the court. He said he was Glen's son-in-law. He said the status Eric is talking about KRS 178.405 states where any private road, street or highway in an unincorporated area meaning a county road that is used by the public openly, continuously, notoriously for a period of at least fifteen years shall be implied such road or street or highway may be dedicated to public use.

But there is a caveat on this. Provided that fifty percent of all property owners abutting the private road, street or highway sign a petition stating they are willing to dedicate the road for public use. There are three people with addresses on this road. Eric said that was incorrect because they are on Hardwicks Creek. John told Eric these addresses were according to the postal service. E91 Director Justin Rice said he assigned at least two addresses to Creech Road around a year ago. John said if there is nothing with fiscal court documents then we should present an affidavit signed by the residents and submit it to fiscal court for approval according to statute 178.405. Robert asks if this statute read may or shall be done. John told him it reads it shall be done. Robert said the statute reads: it shall be implied that such road, street or highway maybe dedicated to public use. John said going back to the question and he means it with sincerity, he is asking what the end game is. They have people that live on the road so it would land lock the property. Eric told him you cannot land lock a piece of property and that is not the intention.

It's in the best interest for Hood's to get it as a county road because as private landowners having to maintain it would not be cheap. Eric said the end goal is not to get it discontinued its just to see if there are any records on file and if not then we need to discuss getting them done correctly and putting them in books the way it should be. Judge Barnes said we need to try and find the original agreement first and if we cannot then we can properly record it and get it on file.

***Brandon McByre: Robbie Ridge Road:***

Brandon was present at the meeting to discuss Robbie Ridge Road. He is a representative of the HMA's with around 50 homes in that area.

There has been a slide on the road, but they do not have enough funds in their HOA's to do the repair.

He told members of the court they were trying to figure out what they could do before it gets worse.

Judge Barnes said unfortunately we have no jurisdiction because it is a private drive. CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock said FEMA did go and look at the slide but it being private property therefore there is no funding available. Mr. McByre said he is unsure about what to do. Mr. Babcock told him the HMOs should have some type of insurance that would cover within the area. Mr. McByre said when the HMOs were set up, they were not done incorrectly. Deputy Judge Dale Allen told him he owned lots in the area, and the HMOs fee is supposed to be used to maintain their road. Judge Barnes said even if the county could help the road would not meet the road recommendations.

County Attorney Robert King suggested talking to a private attorney about the prospect of getting something brought before the Circuit Judge to try and enforce the collection of dues.

Members of the court told Mr. Byre they wished there was something they could do to help but there was not.

No Action Taken

***Stanton Tourism Director Hugh Stump: Hosting an Event at the Stanton City Park:***

Stanton Tourism Director Hugh Stump was present at the meeting to let members of the court know Stanton Tourism would be hosting an event at Stanton City Park on Saturday October 25 from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

There will be two motorcycle stunt shows along with a magic show, a kids' area to play, spooky storytelling, food trucks, bike rides and shows. The bikers will go on a bike ride which will be led by the Stanton City Police. They will go to the Slade Welcome Center and hang out for a while and then come back to the city park and do a Trick or Treat at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Stump said this is something they wanted to do to try to get some more people from outside of the region into Powell County. Magistrate Brian McKinney told him the Clay City Parkway had a cart race on October 4<sup>th</sup>. They had over 300 entries and people from 12 different states raced.

Judge Barnes said he would like to thank Stanton Tourism, Powell County Tourism and Clay City

Tourism for bringing in venues.

***Mr. Melvin Burger:***

Mr. Burger was present at the meeting to express his concerns on East Adams Ridge Road. Judge Barnes told County Attorney Robert King about this private road, but the county blacktopped it. Mr. Burgher said children ride motorbikes and go carts and he's afraid that a child will get hurt and then he will get sued because of it. County Attorney Robert King told Mr. Burgher if it's a private road then he could tell them to stay off it. Magistrate Brian McKinney suggested putting speed bumps up since it's a private road.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen asks Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy if we maintain the road for snow and ice. Patrick told him he did not think so. He thinks at one time it was a county road but later it was given to the landowners. Mr. Burgher said when the county did use a snow plow the snow was piled up, which put everyone in a bind including the mail carrier. He said he would rather no one plow the road. Judge Barnes told Patrick to take that road off the list.

Magistrate Dennis Combs asks Mr. Burgher how many people lived on that road. He told him according to the deed there were around eleven people involved.

Judge Barnes said if everyone agrees then he suggested putting in the speed bumps because the county has no authority to do anything.

Magistrate J.L. Bowen told him to post no trespassing signs, keep out signs and not responsible for any accident signs on each side of the road. Judge Barnes suggested he speak with a private attorney regarding this.

Magistrate Dennis Combs asked Mr. Burgher if he would be interested in making it a county road. He told him no because it was his old home place.

***Minutes of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Special Meeting:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving the meeting minutes of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, special meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

***Minutes of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting:***

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the meeting minutes of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

**Minutes of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Special Meeting:**

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the meeting minutes of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, special meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

**Claims Submitted for Payment:**

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving all claims submitted for payment.

Motion passed unanimously

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes recognized Representative Chris Fugate, Eric Hubbard Scott Smith. He thanked them for attending our meeting.

**Two Additional Claims Submitted for Payment:**

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting to approve the additional claims for Jeffery Gross in the amount of \$218.23 (to be paid out of EMS account) and LeAndre Knox for room reservations during the Opioid Symposium Conference in the amount of \$ 1,200.16. (to be paid out of Opioid Abatement Account). Motion passed unanimously

**Pay Estimate #11 Codell Construction Company, Powell County EMS Project:**

UES Professional Solutions (Direct Owner Payment - \$1,030.00

Atlas Enterprise (Direct Owner Payment - \$174.00

Foundation Building Materials (Direct Owner Payment) - \$35,680.09

Codell Construction Company - \$181,077.14

Total: 217,961.23

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving Pay Estimate #11 submitted by Codell Construction Company for the Powell County EMS Project in the total amount of \$217,961.23 for the Powell County EMS Project.

Motion passed unanimously

**Treasurers Transfers: Cash, Budget and Interfund Transfers:**

The Treasurer presented all transfers to members of the court for approval

Transfer from General Fund to Ambulance Fund - \$120,000.00

Transfer from General Fund to Jail Fund - \$130,000.00

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of approving the Treasurers Transfers, Cash, Budget Transfers for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report and Interfund Transfers.

Motion passed unanimously

**9/1/25 – 9/30/25 Financial Statement & Cash Balance Summary:**

The Treasurer presented the 9/1/25 – 9/30/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary for court approval.

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the 9/1/25 – 9/30/25 Financial Statement and Cash Balance Summary.

Motion passed unanimously

**Old Business:**

***Homestead Subdivision: Will be discussed later in the meeting.***

***Purchase of New Building for Animal Shelter:***

Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer presented a quote from Creekside Buildings. The quote was for a 10x20 metal hi-side Dutch building, 2 24x36 windows and 1 ladder in the amount of \$4,871.00.

Brandon talked about prices for a dual heating and cooling unit. The prices were from Lowes, Home Depot and Ace. He said Lowes had the best unit. He also priced installation, drywall, screws, fiberglass and joint tape. He talked to John Knoott about installing the electric. The electrical supplies will cost around \$1,000 to \$1,500.00. Brandon also asks members of the court if he could spend up to \$500.00 on office furnishing for the new building. The plan is to use the new building for a processing area so that the public can engage with the animals and have an adoption space. All the requests total around \$7,322.00. Magistrate Dennis Combs asked Brandon if he quoted the materials locally. He told him he has got most of the pricing online, but he would like to purchase locally.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor of approving Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer to spend up to \$8,000.00 on the new building from Creekside Buildings, a heating and cooling unit, materials and supplies.

Motion passed unanimously

***Food Service for Powell County Detention Center:***

Jailer Teddy Lacy called before the meeting and asked to table the discussion about the food service until next month.

**New Business:**

**Department Head Updates:**

**Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy:**

**(Approval to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet 3500 Silverado)**

**Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy** lets members know we have been approved for the CPPP Program to pave Old Winchester Road #2 and one mile of Copperas Creek Road. He is hoping to have Old Winchester Road #2 ready for pavement this week. The completion date will be around November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We are waiting to hear back about the Resolution that was sent to the State regarding our Flex Funds. The funding will be for Wild Cherry Land, Oak Ridge Road, Silver Maple and Rose Lane. Hopefully these repairs can be done at the same time.

They are trying to get entrance pipes completed as soon as possible.

Patrick said they found a bad spot on the frame of the 2010 Dodge 2500. They would like to use this truck as backup. Patrick got a quote for replacing this truck.

The quote was received from Dutch Ishmael Chevrolet Inc. for a 2025 Chevrolet 3500 Silverado in the amount of \$48,990.00. This price quoted is under the Kentucky State pricing. He said they would like to go with Chevrolet this time because of their rust 8 year rust through warranty on the frame and a corrosion warranty which covers paint bubbles, etc.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving the quote submitted from Dutch Ishmael Chevrolet for a 2025 Chevrolet 3500 Silverado in the amount of \$48,990.00. Motion passed unanimously.

**Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer:**

**Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer** let members of the court know they had 27 dogs of which 25 were adopted and 23 cats of which nineteen were adopted during the month of September. He thanked Friends of Powell County Pets for supplying vaccines and flea medicine for the animal shelter. Last month Brandon mentioned the partnership they have with one of the local shelters for supplying dry food for the animals, which is approximately \$12,000.00 in savings.

There was a case of parvo at the shelter, but they took precautions so that it did not spread.

Brandon said the KECCA Conference he attended was beneficial and he made connections with several people and looks forward to attending next year.

He would like to install a fence around the animal shelter. Having a fence will allow the animal to have yard time which is good for their behavioral health. It will also help in preventing them from escaping.

Brandon received a quote from Prince Auto Detailing in the amount of \$700.00. This quote is for stripping the Nitro, Silverado and the Dodge.

Brandon told members of the court he would like to take an enthusiasm course sometime soon.

**CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock:**

**CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock** let members of the court know there will be an end CSEPP IPT luncheon at Natural Bridge on November 13, 2025. They will be discussing what they have accomplished over the past thirty years. Rocky Atkins and the Lieutenant Governor plan on attending. Each county present will speak for five minutes. Kevin asks members of the court to RSVP if they plan on attending.

CSEPP is in the closing stages. All paperwork has been submitted for 2010 through 2020. We are waiting for approval to close out years 2021 through 2023 and 2024 through 2025 have not begun. All the equipment will be turned over on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**E911 Director Justin Rice:**

**E911 Director Justin Rice** gave members of the court an update on the number of calls that came into the dispatch for the month of September.

Clay City Fire Department	– 107
Stanton Police Department	– 281
Search & Rescue	– 7
Powell County EMS	– 293
Powell County Animal Control	– 62
Clay City Police Department	– 120
Coroner's Office	– 2
Stanton Fire Department	– 75
Middlefork Fire Department	– 37
Sheriff's Office	– 365

Total for September 2025 – 1349

*(Approval for Fingerprinting)*

**E911 Director Justin Rice** said in moving forward with NCIC everyone will have to get re-fingerprinted again.

The person doing the fingerprinting does not invoice therefore we will have to use county credit card to pay for the service. Justin asks for court approval to fingerprint 10 employees at a cost of around \$22.00 per person.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving for 10 E911 employees to be fingerprinted at a cost of around \$22.00 per person. The county credit card will be used for the charges.

Motion passed unanimously

**Approval – Computer Projects of Illinois (OpenFox Software)**

**E911 Director Justin Rice** presented a quote submitted by Computer Projects of Illinois ( OpenFox Software) in the amount of \$3,030.00. This price is for the software and maintenance for one year. Year two maintenance costs begin one year following the initial purchase in the amount of \$654.00

(3) Advanced Soft Tokens - \$60.00

(1) Mobile Messenger Licenses - \$495.00

(3) Desktop Messenger Licenses – 990.00

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of approving the quote submitted by Computer Projects of Illinois (Opextox Software) for software and maintenance for one year in the amount of \$3,030.00. Year two maintenance costs begin one year following the initial purchase in the amount of \$654.00 per year.

Motion passed unanimously

*(Approval of CIS Invoice)*

**E911 Director Justin Rice** submitted a quote from CIS. A third computer station was installed at the dispatch a few years ago. There were mix-ups at CIS regarding the invoice, so an invoice was never submitted. This was discovered when Justin called them about installing software on his computer so he could open records request. The invoice was for installing the computer plus two maintenance charges.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving payment to CIS for installation and maintenance charges.

Motion passed unanimously

*(Approval to do away with E911 dispatchers' part-time positions)*

**E911 Director Justin Rice** asks for court approval to do away with the two E911 dispatcher's part-time positions. The two part-time positions will equal one full-time position. A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to do away with the two E911 dispatchers' part-time positions to create one full-time position.

Motion passed unanimously

**Assistant EMS Director Arlene Rogers:**

**Assistant EMS Director Arlene Rogers** is asking for court approval to hire two (2) employees for EMS Service and to purchase a new refrigerator.

*(Hiring of Paramedic Mike McCallahan for EMS Service)*

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the hire of Paramedic Mike McCallahan as a full-time employee for the EMS Service.

*(Hiring of EMT Kayanna Hagen for EMS Service)*

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the hire of EMT Kayanna Hagen as a full-time employee of the EMS Service.

Motion passed unanimously

**(Purchase of a New Refrigerator for the new EMS Building)**

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with members present voting in favor approving the purchase of a new refrigerator for the EMS building. Motion passed unanimously

**EMA Director John Knootz.**

**EMA Director John Knootz** let members of the court know he had not checked the sirens last month, but Ricky does a silent test every day. John asks members if he could test them quarterly since they are all working and if not, can he test them one day throughout the week. If we do a day through the week, we may contact the schools about teachers teaching the children about what to do when they hear a warning siren. John said they would have to get it approved first. Judge Barnes said if they are working, he does not have a problem with the sirens being tested quarterly but, in the spring, months do the testing more often. CSEPP Director Kevin Babcock said the annual checks are done in March. Members of the court agreed to the quarterly siren testing and to check with the schools for one day a week. John let members know all the paperwork has been submitted to Frankfort for reimbursement.

**Closed Session: KRS 61.810 (C) (F)**

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor to go into Closed Session 61.810 (C) (F)

Motion passed unanimously

**Meeting Resumes:**

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor of resuming the meeting. Motion passed unanimously

Judge Barnes made it known that no action was taken in closed session.

**District Updates:**

- **Magistrate Chad Patton** – Appreciates everyone for doing a great job
- **Magistrate Brian McKinney** – Appreciates our road department. Patrick has taken care of his calls
- **Magistrate J.L. Bowen** – Appreciates the road department
- **Magistrate Dennis Combs**: Questions on Michael Kelso's ditch and pine trees on Mill Stone Road. Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy told Magistrate Combs that they just needed to get both scheduled. Judge Barnes said we will need to get Larry Hall and Micheal Kelso to sign an agreement for services to be performed. Patrick said he had sample copy of this agreement. County Attorney Robert King asked him to forward a copy so that he could look over it.

***Deputy Judge Dale Allen – No Discussion***

***County Attorney Robert King – No Discussion***

***Judge Executive Eddie Barnes – Appreciates all departments***

***Discussion of Jail Commissary:***

Judge Barnes said in the past we had an agreement with the jail to give the county \$13,500.00 monthly from the commissary fund to help with jail payments. Jailer Teddy Lacy told us he could no longer give the county money out of the commissary fund because it was only for the benefit of the inmates. Judge Barnes said he had spoken with other jailers about inmate health insurance. We are currently paying Southern Health Partners. Judge Barnes said we could use the \$13,500.00 for the medical part and reallocate the money we are paying for insurance for something else.

Jailer Teddy Lacy was not present for the meeting so they could not discuss this with him. Judge Barnes said the jail could pay for the health expenses directly from the commissary account and cut out the middleman. Judge Barnes said we could cut it down to \$17,000.00 and let them pay for their portion of the health expenses.

***Homestead Drive and Allie Lane Adopted into the County Road System:***

Magistrate Brian McKinney told members of the court he had received a letter dated today from Gary Story. The letter read:

I Gary Story live on Alley Lane and I am here to request that Homestead Drive and Allie Lane be annexed as county roads as previously discussed within the fiscal court and I am here to represent the residents of Homestead Subdivision.

Respectfully Gary Story.

Judge Barnes said that Road Supervisor Patrick McCoy went and looked at the property and driveways.

Road Supervisor Patrick told members of the court that as far as the requirement per ordinance there are things that can and cannot be accepted as far as drainage and things of this nature to be considered for adoption. He said he found some exposed pavement, but it seemed to meet the requirements. These roads will need to be resurfaced but the City of Stanton is going to donate \$25,000.00 towards these projects. Judge Barnes asked members of the court if they move, they move forward with the bidding process for the blacktopping providing the roads are adopted. Patrick is estimating the cost to be around \$75,000.00.

Judge Barnes suggested doing Homestead Drive this year and Allie Lane next year. County Attorney Robert King said per KRS the County Road Foreman should make the request and it requires that two of the Magistrates go and view the roads which Magistrate Brian McKinney and Magistrate Dennis Combs have already done. After the Magistrates are done viewing the roads they make a recommendation to the fiscal court for approval.

Magistrate Brian McKinney, Magistrate Dennis Combs and Road Foreman Patrick McCoy are recommending that Homestead Drive and Alie Lane be adopted in the county road system at this time.

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor of adopting Homestead Drive and Alie Lane into the county road system.

Motion passed unanimously

***Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden:***

Solid Waste Coordinator Tim Snowden let members of the court know they had started their CDL classes. Three of the six have gotten their permits. One employee has passed two of the tests and has one remaining. They will be going to the Clay City Dragstrip to do the driving portion of the class.

***RUMPKE Contract: Residential Solid Waste/Recycling Collection and Disposal***

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026:

Residential: \$19.50

Cart Rental: \$3.50 per month

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting to renew the one-year contract with RUMPKE November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026 with an option to renew for additional years upon mutual consent.

Residential: \$19.50 per month

Cart Rental: \$3.50 per month

Rates are plus fuel surcharge

Motion passed unanimously

***Opioid Abatement Liaison Andrea Knox:***

*Opioid Abatement Liaison Andrea Knox* let members of the court know they are finishing up with recovery applications. Jennifer Goley from Clark County and Jennifer Miles from Clark County ASAP attended their last meeting. Clark County is baby steps ahead of us. They have been working on their strategic recovery plans and how to spend their opioid abatement funds for next year. LeAndra said they also have been working on theirs, it's just a process and they want to make sure they give the fiscal court good recommendations.

LeAndra gave an update on overdoses in the county for the month of September.

We now have 10 total overdoses, forty suspected overdoses and five suspected fatal overdoses. LeAndra and Rob had training on their Dashboard. This will help them track data, keep notes and track referrals on individuals that overdose. They discussed in the last meeting to ask the fiscal court to approve \$5,000.00 from the opioid abatement funds to purchase working supplies such as QR t shirts, laptops, etc. They will have a QR code for referrals that can be dropped off at businesses. They would like to have business cards made up.

They have bags with Narcan in them but are running low. This may be something the advisory council will bring to the fiscal court for recommendation.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving \$5,000.00 out of the Opioid Abatement funds for a working supply budget.

Motion passed unanimously

***Danny Rogers 2025 Incentive Payment: KRS 64.5275(6)***

Danny Rogers completed 40-hour training unit for calendar year 2025. Pursuant to KRS 64.5275(6). A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving the 2025 incentive payment to Danny Rogers in the amount of \$5,302.12.

Motion passed unanimously

***Teddy Lacy 2025 Incentive Payment: KRS 64.5275(6)***

Teddy Lacy completed 40-hour training unit for calendar year 2025. Pursuant to KRS 64.5275(6). A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving the 2025 incentive payment to Teddy Lacy in the amount of \$1,325.53.

Motion passed unanimously

***Morton Salt Quote: Season 2025/2026***

A quote was submitted by Morton Salt, Inc. for season 2025-2026.

Description – Bulk Safe-T-Salt

Valid From September 1, 2025, to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

200 Ton - \$103.73 USD per Ton

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting in favor approving the quote submitted by Morton Salt, Inc for 200 tons of Safe-T-Salt in the amount of \$103.73 per ton for season 2025-2026.

Motion passed unanimously

***2025 & 2026 Mack Trucks: Resolution NO. 2025-1014 & KACo Lease Application***

A Resolution Approving a Lease for the Financing of a Project; Providing for the Payment and Security of the Lease; Authorizing the Execution of Certain Document Related to such lease; And Making Certain Designations Regarding Such Lease.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving Resolution NO. 2025-1014. This motion authorizes and directs County Judge Executive Eddie Barnes and Treasurer/Fiscal Court Clerk Connie Crabtree to sign all needed documents regarding Resolution NO. 2025-1014 and Lease Application.

Motion passed unanimously

***Discussion of changing November's Fiscal Court Meeting date due to it being on Veterans Day:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Chad Patton seconded by Magistrate Dennis Combs with all members present voting to move November's regular fiscal court meeting to November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, due to the regular meeting falling on Veterans Day.

Motion passed unanimously

***Opening Sealed Bids for ALBC Culvert Replacement for Morton Hollow and Caudill Road:***

The Powell County Fiscal Court is requesting sealed bids for the replacement of an existing culvert. This culvert is located approximately 0.400 miles south of the junction KY 213 near the beginning of Morton Hollow Road. The culvert is located on CRT-1206, otherwise known as Caudill Road in Central Powell County. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 11:00a.m. and bids were received until 4:00 p.m. on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Those attending the ALBC Pre-Bid Meeting were:

- Conn Hurst General Contractor – Eb Copher
- Walker Construction – Carr Adams
- Walker Construction – Daniel Shelton
- Midnight Oil Company- Tim Poe
- Dale Allen- Deputy Judge Executive
- King-Crete Drilling – Gary King
- Powell County Road Department – Patrick McCoy
- LT Excavating LLC – Craig Lindon

Judge Executive Eddie Barnes opened the sealed bids submitted for the ALBC Culvert Replacement for Morton Hollow Road and Caudill Road.

Conn Hurst General Contractor – Sand Lick Road - \$11,247.00

Caudill Road - \$11,247.00

Midnight Oil – Sand Lick Road - \$14,000.00

Caudill Road - \$14,000.00

King-Crete – Sand Lick Road - \$15,000.00

Caudill Road - \$18,000.00

Walker Construction – Sand Lick Road - \$9,969.00

Caudill Road - \$10,677.00

***(Drainage Structure Replacement on Sand Lick Road)***

After discussion a motion was made by Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate J.L. Bowen with all members present voting in favor approving the bid submitted from Walker Construction Company for drainage structure replacement on Sand Lick Road in the amount of \$9,969.00

Motion passed unanimously

***(Drainage Structure Replacement on Caudill Road)***

After discussion a motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of approving the bid submitted from Walker Construction Company for drainage structure replacement on Caudill Road in the amount of \$10,677.00.

Motion passed unanimously

***Resignation Notice for our EMS Director Arthur Ashley:***

A motion was made by Magistrate Brian McKinney seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving the resignation notice of EMS Director Arthur Ashley.

Motion passed unanimously

Judge Barnes told members of the court Arthur done an excellent job while he was our EMS Director.

His training business called Street Smart Tactics has grown substantially and now requires his full attention.

***Disciplinary Action on a Dispatcher:***

Based on documentation and recommendations made by our Dispatch Director Justin Rice, it is recommended the termination of a dispatcher.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting to approve the termination of this dispatcher for Powell County E911.

Motion passes unanimously

***Resolution to adopt Homestead Drive and Allie Lane into the County Road System:***

A Resolution of the Powell County Fiscal Court Authorizing the Adoption of Homestead Drive and Allie Lane into the Powell County Road System.

Whereas the existing roads of Homestead Drive and Allie Lane in Powell County, Kentucky have been duly presented to the Powell County Fiscal Court for adoption into its County Road and maintenance program. Whereas the Powell County Fiscal court did vote at its regular meeting October 14, 2025, to adopt Homestead Drive and Allie Lane into the county road system. {Powell County Fiscal Court does approve the adoption of Homestead Drive and Allie Lane into Powell County Road system.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Brian McKinney with all members present voting in favor approving this resolution for the adoption of Homestead Drive and Allie Lane into the county road system and maintenance program.

Motion passed unanimously

***Approval to Strip the Chevrolet and Nitro vehicles for the Powell County Animal Shelter:***

Animal Control Officer Brandon Farmer asked members of the court to approve the quote from Prince Detailing to stripe the Chevrolet and the Nitro.

A motion was made by Magistrate J.L. Bowen seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor approving for Prince Detailing to stripe the Chevrolet and Nitro for the Powell County Animal Shelter.

Motion passed unanimously

Judge Barnes said we need to be looking for a replacement truck for the animal shelter.

***Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.***

A motion was made by Magistrate Dennis Combs seconded by Magistrate Chad Patton with all members present voting in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

*Eddie Barnes*  
Eddie Barnes, County Judge Executive

*J.L. Bowen*  
J.L. Bowen, Magistrate

*Dennis Combs*  
Dennis Combs, Magistrate

*Brian McKinney*  
Brian McKinney, Magistrate

*Chad Patton*  
Chad Patton, Magistrate