

**POWELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 13TH, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

POWELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

James Anderson – County Judge Executive

Connie Crabtree – Fiscal Court Clerk

Robert King – County Attorney

Invocation – Mr. Sam Patrick

This meeting was the first one with new Magistrates Mike Lockard, Kenneth “Goat” Rice, Timmy Tipton along with the only returning Magistrate Donna Gabbard. Keith Hall, who was also elected, had to miss the meeting due to a job related training session.

Judge Anderson called the meeting to Order

Judge asked Clerk for roll call for the those Magistrates in attendance for this regular called meeting

Magistrate Donna Gabbard – Present

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Present

Magistrate Kenneth “Goat” Rice - Present

Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Present

Magistrate Keith Hall - Absent

First item was a proposal by Powell County Jailer Travis Crabtree. The county has been looking at refinancing the debt that is still owed on the jail facility and Mr. Crabtree thought it would be a good time to look at a possible expansion then tie the two together. He said the jail has been filling up quite often in the past years and the county often has to house inmates in the in Montgomery County. The jailer asked the magistrates to approve a plan to seek design and construction proposals, while doing a study to see if the expansion is feasible for the county.

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The county could add around 100 beds and make it look more like a regionalized jail. This expansion would enable the jail to enter into contracts with other counties to house their prisoners in Powell County. This could generate some revenue to help with the debt and other costs. Magistrate Mike Lockard asks if local banks would have a chance to bid for the refinancing. Mr. Crabtree had R.J. Palmer from Civic, a company that helps with financial issues, at the meeting. Mr. Palmer assured Magistrate Lockard that local banks would have the chance to bid as well. Judge Anderson told members and the crowd that some changes were coming to jails. Some of those changes deal with lighting issues and how the doors need to operate.

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth "Goat" Rice to go with Civic

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Donna Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Mike Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Kenneth "Goat" Rice – Aye

Magistrate Timmy Tipton – Aye

County agent for Powell County Mike Reed was present at the meeting to give his yearly "Report to the People" presentation. He presented a slide show of the many activities that took place during 2014. Some examples were painting classes, Farmer Banker Field Day, Storybook fair, 4-H Livestock Program and gardening classes. Judge Anderson said he would like to thank Mr. Reed and his staff for all the things that they do for Powell County.

Judge Anderson ask if there would be any public comments

No public comments at this time

Search and Rescue Coordinator Mike Sparks was present at the meeting to get approval on purchasing repelling equipment out of the CERT account. He stress

to court how important this equipment would be in saving lives. He also told members and the public how proud he was of the team.

A motion was made by Magistrate Timmy Tipton and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to grant Mr. Sparks request to purchase the repelling equipment out of the CERT account.

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton – Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

State Representative David Hale was present at the meeting to let the Judge and the public know he would be serving Powell County. He thanked the Judge and court for their time.

Court had discussion about the state gas tax issue. Judge Anderson told members and the public if the Legislature fails to address the issue, Powell County will lose money in FY 2015 and FY 2016. It will be devastating to Powell County in our ability to adequately address our infrastructure needs. In an effort to make sure those Powell County representatives in the House and Senate are aware of how important it is to address this issue Judge Anderson discussed passing a Resolution supporting passage of road fund stabilization by the 2015 Kentucky General Assembly.

No action taken

Powell County Clerk Rhonda Barnett and Powell County Sheriff Danny Rogers were present at the meeting to present their 2015 Budgets.

Ms. Barnett was the first to present her 2015 Budget along with the annual order setting maximum amount for deputies and assistants.

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The county's clerk budget estimated revenue is \$2,547,500.00 while disbursing \$2,547,350.00. That would leave an excess in fees collected of \$4,150.00.

A motion was made by Magistrate Timmy Tipton and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to approve the Clerk's 2015 budget as presented.

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice - Aye

Magistrate Tipton - Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

Next the Clerk presented her Annual Order Setting maximum Amount for deputies and assistants.

The Powell County Clerk may expend from fees during calendar year 2015 at \$20,000.00 for deputies, assistants and other employees. The maximum amount as set includes all amounts paid from fees for part time salaries and wages. The Powell County Clerk may expend from fees during calendar year 2015 at \$134,000.00 for deputies, assistants and other employees. The maximum amount as set includes all amounts paid from fees for full time salaries and wages

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then seconded by magistrate Timmy Tipton to approve the Clerk's annual Order setting maximum for deputies and assistants for full and part time wages.

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton – Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

Powell County Sheriff Danny Rogers was next to present his 2015 budget. The sheriff's estimates to take in \$453,950.00 in revenues and will disburse that entire amount.

A motion was made by Magistrate Timmy Tipton and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth "Goat" Rice to approve the sheriff's 2015 budget as presented.

Motion passed with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Abstained

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton – Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

Next the Sheriff presented his Annual Order Setting Maximum Amount for Deputies and Assistants. The Powell County Sheriff of Powell County may expend from fees during calendar year 2015 at \$270,000.00 for deputies, assistants and other employees. The maximum amount as set includes all amounts paid from fees for Full time salaries and wages, and part time salaries and wages. Sheriff salary is also included in this amount.

A motion was made by Magistrate Timmy Tipton and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth "Goat" Rice to approve the Sheriff's Annual Order Setting Maximum Amount for deputies, assistants and other employees.

Motion passes with a

4-0 vote

Judge Anderson asked Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Abstained

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Judge Anderson -Aye

The 2015 holiday schedule for county employees was the next item for discussion.

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Magistrate Timmy Tipton has a question about every county employee getting Fair Day off. He showed concern for the 24/7 shifts that the jail and ambulance employees have. He suggested if an employee wanted this day off they should take one of their personal days. Judge Anderson said he could see Magistrate Tipton's concern but after discussion a motion was made by Magistrate Gabbard and then was seconded by Judge Anderson to accept the 2015 county holiday schedule as presented.

Motion passes with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard _ Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton – Nay

Judge Anderson- Aye

Treasurer presented court members with the Financial Statement for court's review.

Treasurer presented court with budget and interfund transfers for approval. A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth "Goat" Rice to approve the transfers as presented.

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton –Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

Court agreed to pay all bills submitted for payment with no objections.

Court agreed to approve Clerk's report for the last regular called meeting dated December 9th, 2014 with no objections.

Craig Lindon with District 10 Department of Transportation was present for the court meeting to present them with the Rural Road Secondary Recommendations for the 2015-2016 periods. Mr. Lindon explained that the funding for roads come from gasoline taxes.

Allotment: \$880,405.00

County Judge Executive Funding: \$3,862.00

Maintenance/Traffic: \$415,100.00

County Road Allotment: \$81,496.00

Balance: \$379,947.00

D-10 OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

Route # Ky. 2026 Old Clay City – Stanton Rd.

Beginning: jct. (b00090N Over Red River) (m.m.) 0.396

End: Jct. Thorpe Ridge Rd. (m.m.) 1.932

\$139,820.00

Route# KY 599 Cane Creek Rd.

Beginning: Jct. (b00069N Over Cane Creek) (m.m.) 0.917

End: Jct. Ky3352 (m.m.) 1.693

\$118,897.00

Route# Ky.615 North Bend Rd. Note: Recommended Last year

Beginning: 0.100 Mile E.Jct.KY.213 (m.m.) 4.222

End: Beginning of New Surface (m.m.) 6.000

\$154,374.00

Route# KY.1057 Clay City- Vaughn's Mill-Furnace Rd.

Beginning: Jct. KY.3354 (m.m.) 13.463

End: Beginning of New Surface (m.m.) 14.480

\$98,898.00

TOTAL: \$511,989.00

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After reviewing the recommendations a motion was made by Magistrate Kenneth "Goat" Rice and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to accept the road recommendations as presented.

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton - Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

Mr. Lindon thanked the court and said he looked forward to working with the Judge Anderson.

Judge Anderson made court aware of an Emergency resolution for Mill Stone Rd.

Judge Anderson made court aware that he had 2 (two) appointments for the Industrial Authority Board. He would be appointing Jerlene Rose and Bill Cress to the board.

A motion by Magistrate Mike Lockard and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to approve Judge Anderson's 2 (two) appointments.

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

5-0

Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton – Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

911 Coordinator/Dispatcher Cory Graham were present at the meeting to give an annual review for 2014. He stressed to court members and the public how proud he was of the employees at the 911 center. He bragged on employee

Justin Rice for the outstanding job he did on the log report for a call that he received during his shift. He also told members that they look to achieve even more goals in 2015.

Ambulance Coordinator Brinton Epperson was also present at the meeting to brag on employee's Justin Wickline and Christopher Kirkman for an outstanding job they did on a call they received during their shift. He went on to say that Mr. Kirkman had since left the ambulance service for a better job opportunity. He told members they were welcome to review daily maintenance logs at any time. He asked the court for approval to hire a part time paramedic and a part time EMT awaiting results of their drug testing and background check. A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to approve hiring Charity Christopher as a part time paramedic granted her background and drug testing comes back satisfactory

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton – Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth "Goat" Rice to approve hiring Abigail Dryer as a part time EMT granted her background and drug testing comes back satisfactory.

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton- Aye

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Judge Anderson – Aye

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to move employee Terri Patrick from a part time position to a full time position.

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard - Aye

Magistrate Lockard - Aye

Magistrate Rice - Aye

Magistrate Tipton - Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

The question arose about the ambulance service having an air compressor. A motion was made by Judge Anderson and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth "Goat" Rice to approve the county putting \$150.00 towards purchasing one.

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

5-0

Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard - Aye

Magistrate Lockard - Aye

Magistrate Rice - Aye

Magistrate Tipton - Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

Judge Anderson asked the court to approve employee appointments, salary schedule and employee incentives.

A motion was made by Magistrate Kenneth "Goat" Rice and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to grant Judge Anderson's request.

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

5-0

Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton – Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

Judge Anderson presented a letter to court members appointing himself as the Powell County Road Forman with no members opposing. Charles Brook will continue as the supervisor at the County Road Department.

Judge Anderson asked the court to approve the purchase of a mini excavator for the county road department.

A motion was made by Magistrate Timmy Tipton and then was seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to approve this purchase. The mini excavator will be purchased from Wilson Equipment Company in the amount of \$19,900.00

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton – Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

Next Judge Anderson asked the court to approve the purchase of three (3) new rotary filing cabinets along with one cabinet. He stressed how full the other filing cabinets were.

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to purchase these cabinets.

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

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Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton – Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

The next item for discussion was Road, which revolved around culverts. Citing that runoff from rains have become a problem in some areas of the county especially during the colder months when it can turn to ice, Magistrate Timmy Tipton asked if there could be an ordinance passed to place a minimum size for culverts used. The culverts are suggested to be 12 inch pipes, but due to cost some have placed smaller ones and they cannot handle the runoff which creates an overflow situation. Tipton also said "It is becoming a safety hazard for school buses and even mail carriers, as well for the road workers doing the maintenance on the roads". Tipton's proposal for an ordinance would ask that those wanting to place a culvert that may affect a county road would be required to seek a permit from the county. After some discussion with Powell County Attorney Robert King said he would have a proposed ordinance ready for the 1st reading at the next month's meeting for February 10th, 2015.

All magistrates agreed to pay the invoice for an alternator

Ending this regular called meeting for the Powell County Fiscal Court

A motion was made by Magistrate Kenneth "Goat" Rice and then seconded by Magistrate Timmy Tipton to adjourn.

Motion passes unanimously with a vote

5-0

Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton – Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

James Anderson

Donna Gabbard

Donna Gabbard

Mike Lockard

Mike Lockard

Kenneth "Goat" Rice

Kenneth "Goat" Rice

Timmy Tipton

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