

**Powell County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
March 10th, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Present: James Anderson - County Judge Executive
Connie Crabtree- Fiscal Court Clerk
Robert King – County Attorney

Invocation – Chris Moon

Judge asked the Clerk for roll call for Magistrates in attendance:

- Donna Gabbard – Present
- Keith Hall – Present
- Mike Lockard – Present
- Kenneth Rice – Present
- Timmy Tipton – Magistrate

No Public Comments

Meeting began with approving the Clerk’s report for prior month’s meeting.

A motion was made by Judge Anderson and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to approve Clerk’s report for the regular called meeting of February 10th, 2015 with noted changes to make.

**Motion passes unanimously
6-0**

A motion was made by Judge Anderson and then was seconded by Magistrate Keith Hall to approve all Treasurers transfers as presented.

**Motion passes unanimously
6-0**

Financial Statement was presented to court members for their review

Bills submitted for payment with no objections

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Judge Anderson began the business part of the meeting with updates and acknowledgement.

He told court members that neither the State House nor Senate had taken any action to address the gas tax issue. Judge Anderson told members that not only Powell County had submitted Resolutions but 80 other counties had done so too. He said he had the opportunity over the last month to visit with State Representative David Hale and Senator Albert Robinson in Frankfort. Judge Anderson emphasized how important it was to address this issue and the consequences we would be facing if they failed to do so. He encouraged each of our citizens to reach out to these same individuals and let them know how important it is for them to take action on this issue.

Judge Anderson acknowledged all the folks that stepped up and helped during the two winter events that we had faced since the last meeting. The Powell County Road Department worked long hours for numerous days trying to stay ahead of the snow and cold temperatures and felt they performed very well. He said the Magistrates helped out as well. Magistrate Donna Gabbard came out and worked a shift at the call center and Magistrate Timmy Tipton spent hours helping at the road department. All three of the enforcement departments worked not only in normal capacities but helped in transporting stranded people, delivering medications, food and heating fuel.

Danny McCormick and Mike Sparks in their capacity with Emergency Management helped in numerous ways throughout both events.

John Brewer loaned the county his fuel tanks that prevented us from having to buy additional. Bobby Knox at Kentucky Auto Parts offered to come in at any hour if we had break downs in the middle of the night and needed parts.

Mendal Tipton and Tony Morton at D&M Market opened the doors to their store morning and night to insure we could keep our equipment fueled and on the road. Judge Anderson told members that the group that logged the most hours was the Powell County Dispatch Center. Dispatcher Cory Graham did an outstanding job as Dispatch Director in operating and staffing the Emergency Operation Center. This helped allow people to make non-emergency calls and seek information without having to tie up emergency lines. Judge Anderson said there were numerous other folks and groups in our community that helped in so many ways.

Old Business:

The court moved to the issue of the smoking area that was brought up last meeting. Last month we discussed how several of those on the fiscal court had been approached by citizens with complaints about being unable to enter the courthouse without having to walk through a cloud of smoke. In trying to be able to address these concerns as well as still allow those who choose to smoke to have a place to do so Judge Anderson gave this issue over to the grounds committee for review.

A motion was made by Magistrate Keith Hall and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth Rice to designate the smoking area at the left side of the courthouse. This should allow anyone access to the courthouse without having to deal with smoke and also allowing those who do smoke the ability to do so without impacting others.

Motion passes unanimously
6-0

The court had a brief discussion of a potential Site Ordinance.

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to table discussion until further research could be done.

Motion passes unanimously
6-0

The court had a brief discussion of IT contract.

Due to the bad weather we have experienced the court decided to re-visit at next month's meeting.

The court had a brief discussion of a grant awarded in the amount of \$500,000.00 to build a new Senior Citizens Center. Judge Anderson said he went to Frankfort to go over the grant agreement. Judge told members he would have a list and forms for them to review by the next special called meeting of March 17th, 2015.

The discussion of the Road Ordinance was the last item under Old Business: Magistrate Timmy Tipton asked the County Attorney Robert King if there was enough time to modify some language in it. County Attorney let Magistrate Timmy Tipton know that changes could be made until the 2nd reading of the Ordinance.

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Next Court moved on to the new business portion of the meeting.

Over the last several months the court has looked into this possibility of expanding the jail as well as the financial implications associated with it. After much discussion the court all agreed that it is the most financially sound option we have to try and lessen the financial obligations the jail creates and move it toward self-sufficiency.

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to proceed forward with the jail expansion project.

Motion passes unanimously

6-0

Next a motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and then was seconded by Magistrate Keith Hall to go with Civic for the financing of the jail expansion.

Motion passes unanimously

6-0

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Hall- Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Tipton – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Judge Anderson – Aye

Next Judge Anderson read a letter to the court that he had received from an individual that owns property on Echo Hollow. This individual requested we forfeit a portion of this Powell County road. After a lengthy discussion and getting advice from the county attorney on some KRS's pertaining to road closures the court decided to reject his request.

A motion was made by Judge Anderson that we disregard this request on his presumption that there is private land owners and power companies also have to use this right-of-way for access it was then seconded by Magistrate Hall.

Motion passes unanimously

6-0

Judge asked the Clerk to call roll

Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Hall- 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 Rice to go into close session KRS 61.810 (right of way KRS 178.116)

Motion passes unanimously
6-0

A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth Rice to come back into session.

Motion passes unanimously
6-0

No Action Taken in closed session

Ambulance Director Brinton Epperson came before to ask for approval to hire two paramedics Jason Wallace and Tim Smith. Mr. Epperson said there were no applications submitted from Powell County.

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to hire Jason Wallace as a full time paramedic.

Motion passes unanimously
6-0

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Rice to hire Tim Smith as a full time paramedic.

Motion passes unanimously
6-0

Mr. Epperson also came before the court to recognize employees for outstanding responses for the month of January and February 2015.

January 2015 employees were Paramedic Dustin Holder and EMT Sue Ann Kelly for their outstanding responses on a snake bite call.

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February 2015 employees were Jennifer Ramey, Ryan Miller, Sue Ann Kelly and Mike Anderson for their outstanding response on a call to the Stanton Nursing Home.

Judge Anderson said he had a call from a resident bragging on Dustin Holder and Justin Wickline for the outstanding care they gave her daughter.

Following this Dispatch Director, Cory Graham came to court to also praise his employees for the outstanding job they done during the winter events. He praised his staff for the hours and commitment they had to assisting our citizens during these difficult times. He also bragged on well the city and county worked together during these times.

Mr. Graham also asked the court for approval to move Tim Addison to Assistant Director of the Powell County Dispatch.

A motion was made by Judge Anderson and then was seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to move Tim Addison to Assistant Director of the Powell County Dispatch.

Motion passes unanimously

6-0

Mr. Addison was present at the meeting. He thanked the court for their approval and said he would continue to work for the citizens of Powell County to the best of his ability.

Magistrate Donna Gabbard also praised him for his performance in an emergency that she experienced back in the fall of this year.

Judge Anderson made the court aware that Mr. Graham had already compiled a detailed evaluation of the EOC and dispatch operations during our winter events. This should be of great help to us as we look to further improve in future events.

Judge Anderson made court aware that County Clerk Rhonda Barnett has submitted a check for excess fee just under \$8,000.00 to the court ahead of the March 15th, 2015 deadline.

Before closing this regular called meeting Magistrate Kenneth Rice requested that the Fiscal Court Meeting time be moved to 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Magistrate Kenneth Rice and then was seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to change the Fiscal Court meeting time to 6:00 p.m.

Motion passes

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Magistrate Gabbard – Aye

Magistrate Hall – Aye

Magistrate Lockard – Aye

Magistrate Rice – Aye

Magistrate Tipton – Aye

Judge Anderson – Nay

Judge Anderson said this changed would have to be advertised in the paper and also changed on the county website.

Motion by Magistrate Mike Lockard and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth Rice to go into closed session KRS 61.815 (county roads KRS 178.0270)

Motion passes unanimously

6-0

Motion by Magistrate Mike Lockard and then was seconded by Magistrate Keith Hall to come back into session.

Motion passes unanimously

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No Action Taken

A motion by Magistrate Kenneth Rice and then was seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to adjourn.

Motion passes unanimously

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James Anderson Jr

James Anderson

Donna Gabbard

Donna Gabbard

Keith Hall

Keith Hall

Mike Lockard

Mike Lockard

Kenneth Rice

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Timmy Tipton

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