

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE  
FEBRUARY 15, 2024 5:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

Work Session:

- Public Comments
- Road Department Update
- Judges Report

Franklin County Fiscal Court met on Thursday, February 15, 2024. The meeting was streamed live by Frankfort Plant Board, cable channel 10, Franklin County Fiscal Court's Official Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/fcfcky](http://www.facebook.com/fcfcky), and Franklin County Fiscal Court's Official YouTube channel, [www.tinyurl.com/fcfcky](http://www.tinyurl.com/fcfcky). The meeting was made available for video teleconference (VTC) participation with the primary location and public observation area in the Fiscal Court Conference Room located at 321 West Main Street.

The whole court body gave Robert Hewitt permission to proceed with the preliminary work of the heritage district overlay. The draft will come to the whole court body for review before going any further.

Squire Whisman and Squire Blackburn would like to have a placeholder in the budget for planning services and technical assistance relating to development.

Squire Whisman requested the County Attorney to draft an order to bring back before us on our next agenda for us to vote on that all Franklin County agencies and employees are subject to the county administrative code is defined KRS and add additional policies and procedures that are defined by the Departments of Franklin County government of Fiscal Court. All employees of the Franklin County Fiscal Court their compensation performance raises and promotions are subject to the review and approval of the Franklin County Fiscal Court and shall be approved by the court before taking effect as allowed by KRS. Also, raises for any employee of the Franklin County Fiscal Court that are within the defined position range shall be at the recommendation of the elected official department head or the Franklin County Human Resource director and the County Judge executive and then finally just to state that all employees of the Franklin County Fiscal Court including those at the regional jail shall be under the administration of the Franklin County Judge executive and the Franklin County Human Resources.

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m. with Judge Michael Mueller presiding. The following members of the Fiscal Court were present: Squire Sherry Sebastian, Squire J.W. Blackburn, Squire Kelly Dycus, Squire Scotty Tracy, Squire Richard Tanner, and Squire Eric Whisman. County Attorney Max Comley was in attendance.

Following roll call, a motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization for approval of amended minutes from the regular meeting of January 24, 2024. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to receive partial payment of 2023 excess fees, County Clerk. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to declare a duty weapon as surplus for the purpose of purchase for a retiring Deputy Sheriff. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to approve surplus vehicles for trade-in purposes/and or GovDeals auction, Sheriff. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Dycus, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to approve #2-2024 Resolution authorizing the filing of an application to Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Local Records Grant Program for The Franklin County Regional Jail. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to approve #3-2024 Resolution authorizing that any cost overruns for the Project Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #22-042 will be borne by The Farmdale Sanitation District. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to approve #4-2024 Resolution authorizing the filing of an application to U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for The Franklin County Fire Department. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Tracy, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to award a bid to WMC General Contracting and Construction, sole bidder, for a new building at the Franklin County Animal Compost facility. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Tanner, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to enter into an agreement with Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) for land use planning services and technical assistance relating to development. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to go into closed session, per KRS 61.810 (1), (f) discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Whisman, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to return to open session. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Tanner, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to hire Cameron Hortenbury as Light Equipment Operator/Truck Driver. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Squire Tracy abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to approve Budget Transfers. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

First Reading was given to Amendment #3 to Ordinance #7-2023 Relating to Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to receive Treasurer's Report. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

No motion was offered to deny a claim and bills were ordered to be paid.

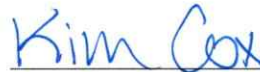
Motion by Squire Tracy, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to approve board appointment of Mary Beth Robson to Peaks Mill Water District with a term ending December 31, 2024. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to adjourn. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed. (Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.)



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**Michael Mueller**  
County Judge/Executive



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**Kim Cox**  
Fiscal Court Clerk