

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 28, 2024 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Work Session:

- Public Comments
- KCDC Update
- Richard Rosen
- Discussion on outside agency request
- Road Department Update
- Judges Report

Franklin County Fiscal Court met on Thursday, February 28, 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, and Franklin County Fiscal Court's Official YouTube channel, 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.

During the discussion on outside agency request, the fiscal court decided not to have an allocated amount for non-profit agencies or interlocal special events, funding request can be project(s) and/or payroll, quarterly payments, approved changes for agencies receiving \$10,000 or less to only receive one payment in third quarter, and an agreement with Franklin County Council on Aging.

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 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, authorization for approval of regular minutes from the regular meeting of February 15, 2024 was tabled.

Authorization to purchase a 2023 Dodge Durango through the State Master Agreement from Don Franklin Somerset, Jail was tabled.

Motion by Squire Tracy, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to approve an agreement with The Compass Center 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 Tracy, for authorization to purchase two vehicle lifts through the State Master Agreement from Chico Equipment LLC for the new Road facility. 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, to authorize the execution of an agreement with Wesbanco to guarantee deposits for amounts greater than \$250,000, the FDIC limit in accordance with KRS 41.240 (the "Public Funds Law") from March 1, 2024 through

February 28, 2029. 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, to authorize the treasurer to open a Traditional certificate of deposit for \$3,000,000.00 on behalf of Fiscal Court to improve investment earning. 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, to authorize the treasurer to open a Wesbanco certificate of deposit for \$5,000,000.00 on behalf of Fiscal Court to improve investment earning. 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, to authorize the treasurer to open a Independence certificate of deposit for \$3,000,000.00 on behalf of Fiscal Court to improve investment earning. 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 Budget Transfers as amended. 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 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 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 Sebastian, 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 Sebastian, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to hire Justin Barber as a firefighter. 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 rehire Mark Johnson as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 rehire Joe Janer as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 rehire Leah Atha as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 rehire Kevin McCreary as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 rehire Steve Parker as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 rehire Bill Halte as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 rehire Kat Veerasethkul as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 rehire James Tucker as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 rehire Kelton Saylor as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 rehire Nick Boswell as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 rehire James Earnest as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 rehire Wes McClain as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 rehire Chris McDonald as a part-time/seasonal employee for park/golf. 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 Blackburn, for authorization to approve a reappointment of Abner Lipps to Elkhorn Water District with a term ending December 31, 2027.

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, authorization to amend the agenda under other business to add an order/resolution. 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 approve an Resolution/Order stating Whereas, the fiscal court is one of the courts provided for in the Constitution of the state, and is given charge and direction of the fiscal affairs of the county. Whereas, KRS 64.535(4) provides that the fiscal court of each county shall fix and adjust the reasonable compensation of deputies and assistants their wages as agreed upon by the fiscal court. Now, Therefore, By Order of The Franklin County Fiscal Court, it is hereby ordered that any increase in the compensation, whether by performance of promotion, shall fall under the purview of the Frankin County Fiscal Court and shall only be made with the prior approval of the Franklin County Fiscal Court. 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 adjourn. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Tracy, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed. (Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.)



Michael Mueller
County Judge/Executive



Kim Cox
Fiscal Court Clerk