

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE
DECEMBER 19, 2024 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Work Session:

- Public Comments
- Franklin County Sheriff's Budget
- Road Department Update
- Judges Report

Franklin County Fiscal Court met on Thursday, December 19, 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.

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 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 Mike Harrod, 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 Harrod, for authorization for approval of minutes from the regular meeting of December 11, 2024. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Dycus, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to approve Sheriff's participation in the State Advancement Program for Calendar Year 2025. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Tanner, for authorization to approve Sheriff's Lump Sum Fee Officials Budget for Calendar Year 2025. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to approve Sheriff's Annual Order Setting Maximum Amount for Deputies and Assistants for Calendar Year 2025. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Whisman, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to approve a Resolution #50-2024 authorizing the filing of a Supplemental Application for 2024-2025 Household Hazardous Waste Management Grant Funds with The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management as amended. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Whisman, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to execute an easement located at 355 Flat Creek Road (also identified as Parcel No. 031-00-00-039.01) with Frankfort Plant Board. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to execute an easement located at 9191 Owenton Road (also identified as Parcel No. 071-00-00-003.04) with Frankfort Plant Board. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Whisman, seconded by Squire Dycus, to table till May 14, 2025, to establish a working group involving all affected parties to develop the memorandum of agreement and interlocal agreement regarding the second reading and approval of ordinance no. entitled an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 11-2022 and Establishing an Updated Detailed Pronouncement of The Comprehensive Procedures for the collection, disbursement and enforcement of a Transient Room Tax. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Dycus and Whisman. Voting in opposition of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Motion failed.

Motion Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Harrod, for second reading and approval of an ordinance #12-2024 entitled an ordinance repealing ordinance No. 11-2022 and Establishing an Updated Detailed Pronouncement of The Comprehensive Procedures for the collection, disbursement and enforcement of a Transient Room Tax as amended. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Squire Whisman voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Whisman, seconded by Squire Dycus, to table till May 14, 2025, to establish a working group involving all affected parties to develop the memorandum of agreement and interlocal agreement regarding the second reading and approval of an ordinance amending an ordinance effectuating the withdrawal of Franklin County from The Frankfort-Franklin County Tourist and Convention Commission and The Establishment of a Separate and Independent County Tourist and Convention Commission to be known as The Franklin County Sports Tourism Commission. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Dycus and Whisman. Voting in opposition of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Motion failed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Harrod, for second reading and approval of an ordinance #13-2024 amending an ordinance effectuating the withdrawal of Franklin County from The Frankfort-Franklin County Tourist and Convention Commission and The Establishment of a Separate and Independent County Tourist and Convention Commission to be known as The Franklin County Sports Tourism Commission as amended. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Squire Whisman voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Harrod, second reading and approve of an ordinance #14-2024 amending The Table of Special Ordinances, Section 1 Zoning Map Changes of The Franklin County Code of Ordinances for a 27.02-acres of property located at 6761 US 127 North, 6765 US 127 North, and 6759 US 127 North, from Rural Residential (RR) to Agricultural District (AG). The property is identified as PVA Map Numbers 071-00-00-038.00, 071-00-00-038.02, and 071-00-00-038.04. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

First reading was given on ordinance amending Ordinances No 1(2009), Ordinance No #8-2017, and Ordinance No. #5-2020, by amending The General Provisions contained in Chapter 150 of The Franklin County Code of Ordinances to update permit and review fees for inspections and reviews conducted by the planning, zoning, and building codes department.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to approve a new compensation plan for Fire Department. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to approve a 3% pay increase for employees under direct supervision of the County Judge/Executive and in the following departments: County Judge's staff, County Attorney's office, Coroner's office, Human Resources, Planning/Zoning, Maintenance, IT, Dog Warden, Treasurer, Occupational Tax, Friend of Court, Community Development, Solid Waste, Park (Clerical), Road, Jail, and Fire Administrative (Chief and Admin). Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to authorize the Treasurer to open the following certificates of deposit for \$6M for 30 days on behalf of Fiscal Court with the best rate. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to authorize the Treasurer to open the following certificates of deposit for \$3.5M for 60 days on behalf of Fiscal Court with the best rate. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to authorize the Treasurer to open the following certificates of deposit for \$3.5M for 6 months on behalf of Fiscal Court with the best rate. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to approve an American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Written Justification. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, 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, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to approve Cash Transfers for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, 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 Harrod, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to go into closed session, per KRS 61-810 (1), (b) deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, but only when publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece

of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to adjourn. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed. (Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.)

Michael Mueller
County Judge/Executive

Kim Cox
Fiscal Court Clerk