

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE
JUNE 24, 2025 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Work Session:

- Public Comments
- YesArts
- Admin Code Review
- Road Department Update
- Judges Report
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Franklin County Fiscal Court met on Tuesday, June 24, 2025. 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 8:47 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 Blackburn, for authorization for approval of amended minutes from the regular meeting of June 4, 2025. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Voting in opposition of the motion were Squire Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Tanner, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to approve Sheriff's surplus of 2 vehicles for donation. 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 the County Attorney's 2024 Excess Fees. 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 Whisman, for authorization to approve Order of Allowance to the Board of Assessment Appeals, Co Clerk. 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 Whisman, for authorization to approve an amendment to a professional services agreement with ER Assist for services related to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program. 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 Whisman, for authorization to authorize the Fiscal Court's participation in the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS)

Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program to purchase property from voluntary owners impacted by flooding and erosion not to exceed \$300,000. 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 Whisman, for authorization to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between Franklin County Fiscal Court and Franklin County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy. 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 approve the Franklin County Health Department contract for preventative services for all county government employees including firefighter physicals from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to approve an interlocal agreement among the Kentucky Counties of Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lexington-Fayette, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott, and Woodford regarding Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. 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 Whisman, for authorization to approve a Resolution #20-2025 authorization the filing of an application The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Animal Control Advisory Board for the Spay/Neuter Grant on behalf of the Franklin County Humane Society and designating the County Judge/Executive to execute all documents pertaining to this grant. 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 Whisman, for authorization to approve an agreement with Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) for Assistance with Opioid Abatement Program. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to declare the property identified as Tract 5B located at 67 Buena Vista Drive as surplus. 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 a professional services agreement with Stantec for professional engineering services relating to the Phase II MS4 storm water permit State Audit for Franklin County. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

First reading was given on an Ordinance creating Chapter 94: Special Events within Title IX and amending Chapter 110: Occupational License Taxes of The Franklin County Code of Ordinances to establish a permit process of Special Events and an exception related to the Occupational Licenses for Vendors at Special Events.

First reading was given on an Ordinance amending The Table of Special Ordinances, Section 1 Zoning Map Changes of the Franklin County Code of Ordinances for a 7.67-acre portion of property located at 1373 Peaks Mill Road, from Agricultural District (AG) to Rural Residential (RR). The property is identified as PVA Map Numbers 072-00-00-107.09.

First reading was given of an Ordinance amending The Table of Special Ordinances, Section 1 Zoning Map Changes of the Franklin County Code of Ordinances for 135-acres of properties located at 650 Evergreen Road, from Rural Residential (RR) to Agricultural District (AG). The property is identified as PVA Map Number 025-00-00-064.00 and 025-00-00-064.02

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to purchase John Deere 325G Skid Steer. 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 award a bid to Compass Minerals America Inc., the lowest bidder, for Deicing Salt. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Tanner, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization for approval of Change #1 of Bid Package #1 (SLA Enterprises) relating to the redevelopment of the Franklin County Road Department Complex. 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 Tanner, for authorization for approval of Change Order #2 of Bid Package #1 (SLA Enterprises) relating to the redevelopment of the Franklin County Road Department Complex. 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 Tanner, for authorization for approval of Change Order #1 of Bid Package #3 (Colston Paving) relating to asphalt paving for the redevelopment of the Franklin County Road Department Complex. 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 Tanner, for authorization for approval of Change Order #2 of Bid Package #3 (Colston Paving) relating to asphalt paving for the redevelopment of the Franklin County Road Department. 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 Tanner, for authorization for approval of Change Order #1 of Bid Package #4 (Rising Sun Development) relating to general trades for the redevelopment of the Franklin County Road Department. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Tanner, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization for approval of Change Order #2 of Bid Package #4 (Rising Sun Development) relating to general trades for the redevelopment of Franklin County Road Department Complex. 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 Tanner, for authorization for approval of Change Order #3 of Bid Package #4 (Rising Sun Development) relating to general trades for the redevelopment of the Franklin County Road Department Complex. 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 Tanner, for authorization for approval of Change Order #4 of Bid Package #4 (Rising Sun Development) relating to general trades for the redevelopment of the Franklin County Road Department Complex. 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 Tanner, for authorization for approval of Change Order #5 of Bid Package #4 (Rising Sun Development) relating the general trades for the redevelopment of the Franklin County Road Department Complex. 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 for approval of Change Order #6 of Bid Package #4 (Rising Sun Development) relating to general trades for the redevelopment of the Franklin County Road Department Complex. 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 for approval of Change Order #1 of Bid Package #6 (Bennett's Contracting) relating to Drywall/Metal Studs for the redevelopment of the Franklin County Road Department Complex. 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 Dycus, for authorization for approval of Change Order #1 of Bid Package #9 (Walker Mechanical) relating to Plumbing/HVAC for the redevelopment of the Franklin County Road Department Complex. 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 for approval of amendment #2 to the Professional Services Agreement with OHM Advisors relating to architectural/engineering design and construction administration for the redevelopment of the Franklin County Road Department Complex. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to accept a bid to CETCO, the best bidder, for Special Inspections and Testing relating to the Lakeview Park Project. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Voting in opposition of the motion were Squire Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Harrod, 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.

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

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to approve board appointment of Sherry Sebastian to Resource Office of Social Ministries (ROSM) with a term ending June 30, 2027. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to approve board reappointment of Ralph W. Morris to U.S. 60 Water District Board with a term ending September 22, 2029. 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 Dycus, for authorization to approve board appointment of John Walker to Franklin County Ethics Commission with a term ending June 23, 2029. 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 Sebastian, for authorization to approve board reappointment of Lyda Phillips to Franklin County Ethics Commission with a term ending June 30, 2029. 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 approve board appointment of Danny Semones to Frankfort/Franklin County Planning Commission with a term ending June 30, 2029. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Voting in opposition to the motion were Squire Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to go into closed session, per KRS 61.810 (1), (C), (F), discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency; 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, Harrod, 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, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to hire Preston Swindell as a firefighter. 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, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed. (Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.)

Michael Mueller
County Judge/Executive

Kim Cox
Fiscal Court Clerk