

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE
JULY 16, 2025 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Franklin County Fiscal Court met on Wednesday, July 16, 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 7:11 p.m. with Judge Michael Mueller presiding. The following members of the Fiscal Court were present: Squire Sherry Sebastian, Squire J.W. Blackburn, Squire Mike Harrod, Squire Richard Tanner, and Squire Eric Whisman. Squire Kelly Dycus was absent. 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 June 30, 2025. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Voting in opposition of the motion was Squire Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to re-advertise for bids regarding upgrading camera system within the jail. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Tanner, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to receive County Clerks partial 2024 excess fees. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to approve a Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to approve a Resolution #22-2025 authorizing the receipt of funds from FEMA, through recipient KYEM, EVENT #4860DR_KY for cleanup recovery efforts by the Franklin County Road Department, Sheriff's Office, and Contractors and designating the County Judge/Executive to execute all documents pertaining to this grant. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Whisman, seconded by Squire Tanner, to table the second reading and approval of 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 for Special Events and an exception related to Occupational Licenses for Vendors at Special Events. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization of second reading and approval of an Ordinance #5-2025 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. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization of second reading and approval of an Ordinance #6-2025 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 Numbers 025-00-00-064.00 and 025-00-00-064.02. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

First reading was given to an Ordinance amending the first reading and approval of an Ordinance amending The Table of Special Ordinances, Section 1 Zoning Map Changes of The Franklin County Code of Ordinances for a 5.00-acre portion of property located at 190 Democrat Drive, from Professional Office District (PO) to General Industrial District (IG). The property is identified as PVA Map Number 087-00-00-042.00.

First reading was given to an Ordinance amending The Table of Special Ordinances, Section 1 Zoning Map Changes of The Franklin County Code of Ordinances for 1.75-acre tract located at 1120 Duckers Road from Rural Residential (RR) to General Commercial District (CG). The property is identified as a portion of the property described in deed book 507, page 574. The property is more specifically identified as Tract 1 as shown on plat cabinet n, slide 71 in the Office of Franklin County Clerk.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to approve a rate increase in the facility rental of the Hancock Pavilion to \$80.00. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Tanner, for authorization to approve a rate increase in the facility rental of the Robinson Pavilion to \$60.00. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to approve a rate increase in the facility rental of the Farm Bureau Pavilion to \$220.00. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to approve road department equipment as surplus on GovDeals with the contingent to add serial numbers, VIN Numbers, or other identifying information. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Tanner, for authorization to award a fuel bid to Robinson Oil, the lowest bidder, regarding undyed diesel and dyed diesel. Voting in favor of the

motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to receive the Treasurer's Financial Statement for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to receive the Treasurer's Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year Financial Statement Report for the twelve months ending June 30, 2025. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to approve payment of the Kelly Dycus elected official training incentive. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

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

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

Motion by Squire Tanner, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to award a bid to Wynn Rescue Equipment, sole bidder, for the fire department extrication equipment. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to reject the bids for fire department boat. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to hire William Bourne as a firefighter. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to approve a promotion of Kris Toles to rank of Engineer. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Tanner, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to hire Chase DeMoss as a Light Equipment Operator/Driver. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to approve board re-appointment of Shane Hecker to Paul Sawyer Public Library Board with a term ending June 30, 2028. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to approve board – reappointment of Robert Kellerman to Paul Sawyer Public Library Board with a term ending June 30, 2029. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to approve board appointment of Mark Overstreet to Paul Sawyer Public Library Board with a term ending June 30, 2029. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to adjourn. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed. (Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.)

Michael Mueller
County Judge/Executive

Kim Cox
Fiscal Court Clerk