

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE
OCTOBER 15, 2025, 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Franklin County Fiscal Court met on Wednesday, October 15, 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 5:02 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.

The voting meeting was called to order at 7:26 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 Dycus, for approval of minutes from the regular meeting of September 24, 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 Dycus, for authorization for approval of minutes from the special meeting of September 29, 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 Harrod, for authorization to receive the additional Sheriff's 2023 Excess Fees. 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 approve the Sheriff's Official Receipt for Property Tax Bills for 2025. 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 to receive the County Clerk's Quarterly Report ending September 30, 2025. 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 Harrod, for authorization to approve the County Clerk's Claim for Preparing Tax Bills for 2025. 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 approve Change Order for Hose Retrievers for Fuel Tanks. 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 the second reading and approval of an Ordinance #9-2025 of the County of Franklin, Kentucky, in connection with (I) the amendment of Ordinance No. 2024-12, which relates to the collection, disbursement, and enforcement of a transient room tax and (II) the amendment of ordinance No. 15, Series 2006, which relates to the enactment of an additional transient room tax of two percent (2%) pursuant to authority of KRS 91A.392 (1) to be applied to the retirement of proposed dedicated tax revenue bonds, in an amount sufficient to provide net bond proceeds not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the purpose of financing the renovation, repair, reconstruction and equipping of the Grand Theatre, situated in the central business district of Frankfort, Kentucky, to constitute a fine arts center, useful to the promotion of tourism, and such ordinance was further amended by ordinance No. 8, Series 2025, which relates to the application of the additional transient room tax to the county of Franklin, Kentucky dedicated tax revenue refunding bonds, Series 2015 (SAVE THE GRAND THEATRE PROJECT), which were intended to refund the county of Franklin, Kentucky adjustable rate dedicated tax revenue bonds, Series 2007 (SAVE THE GRAND THEATRE PROJECT, INC) for which the additional transient room tax was adopted. This amendment concerns the application of the additional transient room tax to the county of Franklin, Kentucky dedicated tax revenue and revenue refunding bonds, Series 2025 (SAVE THE GRAND THEATRE PROJECT), in the amount not to exceed one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000), which are intended to finance the renovation, repair, reconstruction and equipping of the Grand Theatre and to refund a portion of the county of Franklin, Kentucky dedicated tax revenue refunding bonds, Series 2015 (SAVE THE GRAND THEATRE PROJECT). 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 second reading and approval of Ordinance #10-2025 of Franklin County, Kentucky, relating to the sale and issuance of up to \$1,800,000 county of Franklin, Kentucky, dedicated tax revenue and revenue refunding bonds, Series 2025 (SAVE THE GRAND THEATRE PROJECT); acknowledging the previous imposition of an additional 2% transient room tax to be applied to retirement of the bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of a bond purchase and loan agreement among the county, Save The Grand Theatre, Inc, and the Purchase of the bonds, and related documents; authorizing the sale of the bonds, and taking other related action. 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 the agreement with Landmark Sprinkler for fire alarm, monitoring, and annual inspections for 315 West Main St. 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 approve the agreement with Landmark Sprinkler for fire alarm, monitoring, and annual inspections for 321 West Main St. 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 approve the agreement with Landmark Sprinkler for fire alarm, monitoring, and annual inspections for 222.

St. Clair St. 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 remove from the agenda, regarding the authorization to approve a Resolution to apply for a mentoring for youth affected by Opioid and Other Substance Use Grant with the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention, United States Department of Justice, and to serve as recipient with the Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation as the subrecipient. 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 #41-2025 to apply for an Office of Justice Programs Community based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Grant (United States Department of Justice) and to serve as the recipient with the Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation as the subrecipient. 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 an attestation to follow the accounting best practices document for the Health Department to receive opioid funds on behalf of the Yes Card. 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 the agreement of Memorandum of Understanding between Franklin County Fiscal Court and the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) related to disaster recovery efforts and FEMA Public Assistance eligibility for the Franklin County Courthouse. 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 the agreement of Memorandum of Understanding between Franklin County Fiscal Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to outline roles, responsibilities, and financial obligations related to the remediation and restoration of the Franklin County Courthouse following flood damage incurred in April 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 Dycus, for authorization to award a bid to Trace Creek Construction, best bidder, for qualifications regarding the Franklin County Courthouse Restoration Project. 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 the County Judge Executive to sign the Court Facilities Local Government reimbursement form. 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 transition health insurance coverage to Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield from United Healthcare beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. 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 transition dental and vision insurance coverage to Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield from Guardian beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. 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 transition critical insurance coverage to Standard from Guardian beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. 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 transition employer paid life, AD&D, and voluntary life insurance coverage to Standard from Guardian beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. 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 renew employee only medical waiver plan through a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. 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 contribute to employee only Health Savings Account (HSA) beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. 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 receive Treasurer's Quarterly Report ending October 31, 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 Harrod, for authorization to approve the Treasurer to open a new bank account. 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 authorize the Treasurer to open the following certificate of deposit of \$700,000 for a 6-month on behalf of the Fiscal Court to improve investment earnings. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

First reading was given to an ordinance of Amendment #2 to Ordinance #4-2025 Relating to Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Tanner, for authorization to approve Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. 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 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 Tanner, 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 7:38 p.m.)

Michael Mueller
County Judge/Executive

Kim Cox
Fiscal Court Clerk