

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE
AUGUST 27, 2025 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Franklin County Fiscal Court met on Wednesday, August 27, 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 7:20 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.

Squire Whisman doesn't agree with no public comments will be made regarding either the recommendations to approve or deny any zone changes that are currently pending before the court.

Following roll call, a motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for approval of amended minutes from the special meeting of August 7, 2025. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Voting in opposition of the motion was Squire Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization for approval of minutes from the regular meeting of August 12, 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. Squire Dycus abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to receive the Sheriff's 2024 Tax Settlement. 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 Blackburn, for authorization to approve Order for Bond for Sheriff. 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 second reading and approval of Ordinance #8-2025 amending The Table of Special Ordinances, Section 1 Zoning Map Changes of The Franklin County Code of Ordinances for a portion of property (47 acres) at 5700-5930 U.S. 127 South (Parcel #053-00-00-004.00); a portion of the property (70 acres) at 6238 U.S. 127 South (Parcel #053-00-00-007.00); and a portion of the property (57.696 acres) at 2024 Keaton Lane (Parcel # 053-00-00-008.00). Voting in favor of the motion were Squire Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Voting in opposition of the motion were Squire Sebastian and Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to approve Resolution #28-2025 of the Fiscal Court of Franklin County, Kentucky, regarding the appropriation of budget funds to the Franklin Anderson Industrial Development Authority.

Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Muller. Voting in opposition of the motion was Squire Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to approve the work order and fee proposal under the existing agreement with HMB for the provision of professional engineering services for the Farmers Lane Bridge Project. 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 a Resolution #29-2025 of the Fiscal Court of the County of Franklin Kentucky ("County") authorizing, approving, and directing the execution of the necessary documentation for the county to participate in the National Opioid Litigation's Settlement with Purdue Pharmaceuticals and approval of Purdue Pharmaceuticals Estate Settlement Plan. 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 a Resolution #30-2025 of the Fiscal Court of the County of Franklin Kentucky ("County") authorizing, approving, and directing the execution of the necessary documentation for the county to participate in the National Opioid Litigation's Settlement with The Sackler Family and approval of the Government Entity Settlement agreement and Sackler Release. 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 Resolution #31-2025 relating to the 2025 Franklin County Tax Rates for Real and Personal Property, Aircraft/Watercraft (non-commercial) and 2026 Tax Rates for Motor Vehicle and Watercraft. 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 Resolution #32-2025 relating to 2025 Franklin County Tax Rate of Insurance Capital and Bank Deposits to be used for General Government. 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 authorize the Treasurer to open a certificate of deposit of \$1,500,000.00 for 9 months on behalf of the Fiscal Court to improve investment earnings and authorize the treasurer to renew this CD at maturity at the best rate until the funds are needed. 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 Blackburn, for authorization to authorize the Treasurer to open a certificate of deposit of \$400,000 for 6 months on behalf of the Fiscal Court to improve investment earnings and authorize the treasurer to renew this CD at maturity at the best rate until the funds are needed. 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 the agreement with First Federal Savings Bank of Kentucky to guarantee deposits for amounts greater than \$250,000, the FDIC limit in accordance with KRS 41.240 (the "Public Funds Law").

Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

First reading was given of an Amendment #1 to Ordinance #4-2025 Relating to Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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.

No motion was offered to deny a claim and bills were ordered to be paid except Stephens Home Improvement Invoice for \$32,740.00.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Tanner, 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, 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, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to approve a promotion of Erick Mertz to rank of Assistant Fire Chief. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Squire Whisman abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to approve a promotion of Brandon Redding to rank of Captain. 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 Blackburn, for authorization to approve a promotion of Jacob Toles to the rank of Captain. 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 Blackburn, for authorization to approve a promotion of Josh Degnan to the rank of Engineer. 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 hire Logan Goode as a firefighter. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Squire Blackburn abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Blackburn, 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 7:56 p.m.)

Michael Mueller
County Judge/Executive

Kim Cox
Fiscal Court Clerk