

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 19, 2025, 5:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

Franklin County Fiscal Court met on Wednesday, November 19, 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](https://www.facebook.com/fcfcky), and Franklin County Fiscal Court's Official YouTube channel, [www.tinyurl.com/fcfcky](https://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.

Work Session:

- Public Comments (\*We are unable to take any public comments regarding the approval or disapproval of planning and zoning zone changes.)
- Road Department Update
- 7Mountains – Public Relations Proposal
- Discussion of Park Change Orders
- Judges Report

The voting meeting was called to order at 7:08 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 November 5, 2025. 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 to approve the County Clerk's Lump Sum Fee Officials Budget for Calendar Year 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 Sebastian, for authorization to approve the County Clerk's Annual Order Setting Maximum Amount for Deputies and Assistants for Calendar Year 2026. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller.

Motion by Squire Tanner, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to approve Change Order #1 to Codell Construction on Blue Sky Electric bid for Lakeview Park Project Phase 1. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Voting in opposition to the motion was Squire Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to approve Change Order #2 to Codell Construction on Infinity Design and Construction bid for Lakeview Park Phase 1. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Voting in opposition to the motion was Squire Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Tanner for authorization to approve Change Order #3 to Codell Construction on Blue Sky Electric bid for Lakeview Park Phase 1. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Voting in opposition to the motion was Squire Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to approve the amended agreement with Bluegrass Area Development District regarding the Bluegrass Recovery Initiative. 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 amended agreement of the 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 Harrod, for authorization to approve Resolution #43-2025 relating to the 2025 Franklin County Tax Rates for Insurance Capital to be used for General Government Services. 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 a Memorandum of Understanding between Franklin County Fiscal Court and Fresh Start Frankfort regarding opioid abatement funds. 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 an agreement with Frankfort Plant Board for dark fiber and internet access. 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 Whisman, for authorization to authorize the Treasurer to open the following certificates of deposit of \$2,000,000 for 6 months 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.

Motion by Squire Harrod, seconded by Squire Blackburn, for authorization to authorize the Treasurer to open the following certificate of deposit of \$1,000,000 for 9 months 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.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to receive the 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 Harrod, seconded by Squire Sebastian, 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 Dycus, 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 award a bid to Frankfort Plant Board, sole bidder, for a used excavator. 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 hire Edward (Eddie) Barber as a light equipment operator/driver. 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 hire Jimmy Smith as a light equipment operator/driver. 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 a promotion to Allen Hazelwood to Heavy Equipment Operator I. 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 7:13 p.m.)

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**Michael Mueller**  
**County Judge/Executive**

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**Kim Cox**  
**Fiscal Court Clerk**