

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE
DECEMBER 18, 2025, 9:00 A.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Franklin County Fiscal Court met on Thursday, December 18, 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 9:02 a.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
- Sheriff Year End Update
- Judges Report

The voting meeting was called to order at 11:18 a.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 Harrod, seconded by Squire Sebastian, authorization for approval of minutes from the regular meeting of December 3, 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 Dycus, for authorization to approve the Sheriff's participation in the State Advancement Program 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 Harrod, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to approve Sheriff'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 by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to approve Sheriff'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 Harrod, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to approve Change Order #3 to Bid Package #3 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 by Squire Dycus, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to approve an contract with McNamara & Jones for Title Services associated with the Franklin Co. NRCS EWP Buyout Program. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller.

Motion by Squire Dycus, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to approve a Resolution #45-2025 authorizing the filing of a supplemental application for the 2025-2026 Household Hazardous Waste Management Grant Funds with the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller.

Motion by Squire Dycus, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to approve an option to ground lease county-owned property located at 501 Holmes Street to Winterwood Development, LLC. 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 agreement with Stantec for support services related to regular MS4 permit Compliance and correction deficiencies related to the State Division of Water Audit for the Phase II MS4 water permit. 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 an amendment agreement with iWorQ for software as a service, including training, implementation, and a 3-year term of service related to establishing an online planning and zoning module. 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 the Treasurer's Report. 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 approve Cash Transfers for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to approve a 3% pay increase for employees under direct supervision of the County Judge/Executive and in the following departments: County Judge's staff, County Attorney's Office, Coroner's office, Human Resources, Planning/Zoning, Maintenance, IT, Dog Warden, Treasurer, Occupational Tax, Friend of Court, Community Development, Solid Waste, Park, Road, Jail, and Fire. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to authorize the Treasurer to open the following certificate of deposit of \$3,000,000 for 3 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.

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

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Blackburn, 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 Sebastian, seconded by Squire Harrod, 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 Tanner, for authorization to hire Frances Short as a Human Resource Director. 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 ordinance amending the General Administration Section of Chapter 30: Administrative Code of the Franklin County Code of Ordinances to Remove and Add Language under subsections §30.001, §30.002, §30.003, §30.004, §30.005, §30.006, and §30.007 (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (F).

First reading was given of an ordinance amending the Financial Administration Section of Chapter 30: Administrative Code of the Franklin County Code of Ordinances to Remove and Add Language under Subsections §30.020, §30.021, §30.022, §30.023, and §30.024, (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G).

First reading was given of an ordinance amending the Purchases and Contracts Section Of Chapter 30: Administrative Code of The Franklin County Code of Ordinances to Remove and Add Language under Subsections §30.115, §30.116, §30.117, §30.118, §30.119, §30.120, §30.121, §30.122, §30.123, §30.124, §30.125, and §30.126, (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G).

First reading was given of an ordinance amending the Delivery of County Services to Road Department Section of Chapter 30: Administrative Code of The Franklin County Code of Ordinances to Remove and Add Language under Subsections §30.135, §30.136, §30.137, §30.138, and §30.139, (A), (B), (C), and (D).

First reading was given of an ordinance amending The Administrative Code of The Franklin County Code of Ordinance: Chapter 30 to Add Language Under New Subsections Board and Commissions §30.140, and §30.141 (A), (B), (C), and (D).

First reading was given of an ordinance amending the Operation Of County Fiscal Court Section of Chapter 30: Administrative Code of the Franklin County Code of Ordinances to Remove and Add Language under Subsections §30.150, §30.151, §30.152, §30.153, §30.154, §30.155, §30.156, and §30.157(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) (G) and (H).

First reading was given of an ordinance amending the Administrative Code of The Franklin County Code of Ordinance: Chapter 30 to Add Language under New Subsections County Services §30.159, §30.160, §30.161, §30.162, §30.163, §30.164, §30.165, §30.166, §30.167, §30.168, and §30.169 (A), and (B).

First reading was given of an ordinance amending The Other County Policies Section of Chapter 30: Administrative Code of The Franklin County Code of Ordinances to Remove and Add Language under Subsections §30.170, §30.171, §30.172, §30.173, and §30.174, (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (I), (J), (K), (L) and (M).

First reading was given of an ordinance amending The Administrative Code of The Franklin County Code of Ordinance: Chapter 30 to Add Language Under New Subsections County Investment Policy §30.175 (A), and (B).

First reading was given of an ordinance amending The Administrative Code of The Franklin County Code of Ordinance: Chapter 30 to Add Language Under New Subsections Internet Policy §30.176 (A).

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Whisman, for authorization to approve a Resolution #46-2025 authorizing the Submission of an application to the Kentucky Division of Local Government Accountable Development Fund (ADF) Grant to provide matching funds for the NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program and the execution of all required agreements. 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 adjourn. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, Whisman, and Judge Mueller. Motion passed. (Meeting adjourned at 11:27 p.m.)

Michael Mueller
County Judge/Executive

Kim Cox
Fiscal Court Clerk