

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE  
FEBRUARY 12, 2026, 5:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

Franklin County Fiscal Court met on Thursday, February 12, 2026. The meeting was streamed live by Frankfort Plant Board, cable channel 10, Franklin County Fiscal Court's Official Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/fcfcky](http://www.facebook.com/fcfcky), and Franklin County Fiscal Court's Official YouTube channel, [www.tinyurl.com/fcfcky](http://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
- Judges Report

The voting meeting was called to order at 6:09 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 authorization for approval of amended minutes from the regular meeting of January 20, 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 approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Thorn Hill Education Center and Franklin County Regional Jail to provide adult education services. 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 award a bid to Metric Environmental, LLC, the lowest bidder, for Environmental Database Reviews for Franklin County's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Home Buyout Program. 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 award a bid to Studler & Associates, Inc, the sole bidder, for Appraisal Services for Franklin County's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Home Buyout Program, contingent upon submission of proof of SAM.gov compliance within 15 days or the County Judge has the authority to extend a deadline if requested. 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 #5-2026 in support of entering into a professional services contract with the Bluegrass Area Development District for the Administration of a Community Development Block Grant for the Farmdale Sanitation Interceptor Sewer 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 Blackburn, for authorization to approve a Resolution #6-2026 in support of entering into a professional services contract with the Bluegrass Area Development District for the Administration of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Congressionally Directed State and Tribal Assistance Grant for the Farmdale Sanitation Interceptor Sewer 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 Blackburn, for authorization to apply to use the remaining balance of assistance to Firefighter Grant Funds to purchase a gear washer extractor and dryer for the Franklin County Fire Department. 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 receive Farmdale Sanitation District Audited Financial Statements for the Years Ended June 30, 2025, and 2024. 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 of second reading and approval of an ordinance #11-2026 amending the Franklin County Code of Ordinances Chapter 155, Sections 155.071 (Zoning Map Atlas; Amendments) and Section 155.072 (Zoning Map Amendments; Commission Recommendation) as amended. 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 Resolution #7-2026 authorizing the County Judge/Executive to execute the payment of the Arbitrage Rebate. 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 receive 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 Blackburn, seconded by Squire Dycus, 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.

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

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 6:13 p.m.)

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

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