

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 18, 2026, 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Franklin County Fiscal Court met on Wednesday, February 18, 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, 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 5:01 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.)
- Opioid Task Force, Gene Detherage and Charles Kendell
- Holmes Street Project, Phase I Chuck Knowles
- Solid Waste Update
- Road Department Update
- Judges Report

The voting meeting was called to order at 7:44 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 Blackburn, for authorization to approval of minutes from the regular meeting of February 18, 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 Blackburn, for authorization to approve Change Order #4 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 of the motion was Squire Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Harrod, for authorization to approve Change Order #5 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 of the motion was Squire Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, seconded by Squire Sebastian, for authorization to approve Resolution #8-2026 of the County of Frankfort, Kentucky, authorizing the County Judge/Executive to make a application for and, upon arrival, to enter into an agreement with The

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS), to execute any documents which are deemed necessary by KOHS to facilitate and administer the project, and to act as the authorized correspondent for this project as amended. 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 of second reading and approval of Amendment #3 to Ordinance #4-2025 Relating to Budget 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 Blackburn, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to authorize the Treasurer to open the following certificate of deposit of \$3,000,000 for 24 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 Blackburn, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to authorize the Treasurer to open the following certificate of deposit of \$1,500,000 for 30 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 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 Blackburn, to hold The W.W. Williams check for invoice #087W17289 to get clarification to see about warranty. No motion was offered to deny a claim and bills were ordered to be paid.

Motion by Squire Sebastian, seconded by Squire Dycus, for authorization to go into closed session, per KRS 61.810 (1), (b), (c), Deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, but only when publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency; discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. 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 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 Dycus, seconded by Squire Tanner, for authorization to declare a portion (2,433 square feet) of the property at 501 Holmes Street as surplus. 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 Dycus, seconded by Squire Tanner, for authorization to approve the sale of a portion of the property at 501 Holmes Street to City of Frankfort. Voting in favor of the motion were Squires Sebastian, Blackburn, Dycus, Harrod, Tanner, and Judge Mueller. Voting in opposition of the motion were Squire Whisman. Motion passed.

Motion by Squire Blackburn, 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 7:49 p.m.)

Michael Mueller
County Judge/Executive

Kim Cox
Fiscal Court Clerk