

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
February 11, 2025**

Judge Holbrook called the meeting to order with the following present: Squire Thacker, Squire Adams, Squire McGuire, Squire Denny and Squire Prewitt. Also present: County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Sheriff Shannon Franklin, Fiscal Court Clerk/ Treasurer Kelly Ponder.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 14, 2025 – Motion was made by Squire Adams, seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve the minutes as presented.

COUNTY CLERK PRESENTATION OF 2024 EXCESS FEES- Motion was made by Squire McGuire, seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to approve accepting the County Clerk's Excess Fee check in the amount of \$105,176.45. Danetta was unable to attend the meeting, and the check was presented to the court by Judge Holbrook on her behalf.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION ON BODY CAMS-Shannon Franklin and Sam Brock presented the court with information regarding the possible purchase of body cams for the Sheriff's Department. Many questions were asked by the court and the pros/cons examined. Potential companies and price points were also discussed. The Judge asked that more research and data be brought back to the court before a decision can be made to support the use of body cams and the cost to the county.

INCENTIVE PAYMENTS DISTRIBUTED-CLERK-JAILER-JUDGE-Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire Denny with all voting aye to approve the incentive payments to those who earned their 40 hours of training for calendar year 2025.

2025 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS-CORONER AND MAGISTRATES-Motion was made by Squire Adams and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve the 2.9% increase in salaries for the County Coroner and all 5 Magistrates, effective February 2025.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-MECHANIC PROMOTION-Motion was made by Squire Denny and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve promoting Perry Mason as mechanic at the Road Department.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-SURPLUS PROPERTY ADDITIONS/SUBTRACTIONS-Motion made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire Denny with all voting aye to approve the Surplus Property List as presented with noted subtractions and additions.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-EQUIPMENT UPDATES-Motion was made by Squire Denny and seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to approve payment of \$7500.00 to Davis Salvage & Auto Parts Inc. once the invoice is received for the Pick-Up Dump Bed. A copy of the initial estimate was provided.

BRODHEAD FAIRGROUNDS-ESTIMATE ELECTRICAL WIRING & FANS-Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to approve an estimate from Lakeside Electric in the amount of \$1477.00 for the wiring of 2 exhaust fans for the Indoor Arena at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS-ACCEPTANCE CONDITIONS-Motion was made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the acceptance conditions outlined by the Governor and the Department of Local Government for the Land and Water Conservation Project benefiting the Brodhead Ball Field Modification Project.

LIVINGSTON GYM-INSULATION-INFORMATION ONLY- The Judge provided some information regarding the Livingston Gym and the likely need to insulate the ceiling to help eliminate the high heating costs. Only one bid has been submitted, and the Judge is waiting on another in order to proceed with a vote.

EMA SPECIAL PROJECT APPLICATION- Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Denny with all voting aye to approve the completion of the EMA Special Project Application.

EMA PROJECT GRANT CONTRACT-FY2024- Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the EMA Project Grant Contract for Fiscal Year 2024.

EOC SEALED BID OPENING-UPS SYSTEM-The only sealed bid received was opened in the court meeting for the EOC UPS System Upgrade from London Communications -London Radio Services Inc in the amount of \$84,974.00. There will be a review process on this before a vote will be brought before the Fiscal Court.

LIVINGSTON FIBER PROJECT-PRTC-INFORMATION ONLY-The Judge updated the court on the progress of where the project stood.

LAST MILE BROADBAND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT-INFORMATION ONLY- The Judge informed the court that the Center for Rural Development had not got back to him yet, we are awaiting further instructions from them.

UTILITY EASEMENT-PROGRESS DRIVE-Motion was made by Squire Denny and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the signing of the utility easement at Progress Drive. The City of Mt. Vernon is also involved since they have been annexed in that area.

AOC-E-FILING FEE INCREASE FROM \$60.00 TO \$70.00-Motion made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire Denny with all voting aye to approve the increase from \$60.00 to \$70.00 for filing fees to serve papers.

LIVINGSTON TRAIL TOWN-Information Only.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROGRAM SUPPORT-Motion was made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the Rockcastle County Development Board Program Support of \$1,240.00.

ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE-Information Only.

LIVINGSTON GYM RENTAL- \$725.00. Information Only.

SOLID WASTE REPORTS- Motion was made by Squire Denny and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve the reports as presented.

CORRECTION-HHW GRANT-Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve proceeding with the 2025 Household Waste Grant in the amount of \$13,000.00 instead of \$12,000.00 as previously voted on. The date has been tentatively set for 10/18/25.

FREE GARBAGE DROP-OFF DAY-Motion was made by Squire Adams and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve the County Wide Garbage Drop-Off date at the Brodhead Fairgrounds for May 10,2025.

QUAIL PARK REPORT- Motion was made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire Denny with all voting aye to approve the report as presented.

RCIDA-\$38,791.00 REIMBURSEMENT-INFORMATION ONLY-RCIDA has a check within the claims list for reimbursement for the KPDI Grant that was wired into the General Fund.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT- Motion made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the monthly financial report as presented.

BUDGET TRANSFERS-Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve the budget transfers as presented.

BUDGET AMENDMENT- Motion was made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve the first reading of the budget amendment.

CLAIMS- Motion made by Squire Denny and seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to approve all claims as presented.

TRANSFERS-

-Motion made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve a transfer from Federal Funds to the Road Fund in the amount of \$31,281.09.

-Motion made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to approve a transfer from the Occupational Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$95,000.00. The break-down of that transfer is \$75,000.00 from the General Fund to the Jail Fund and \$20,000.00 from General Fund to the 911 Fund which totals the \$95,000.00 transfer made.

Motion was made by Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire Thacker to adjourn.



Howell Holbrook Jr., County Judge Executive

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Special Called Meeting
February 26, 2025**

Judge Holbrook called the meeting to order with the following present: Squire Adams, Squire McGuire, Squire Denny, Squire Prewitt, and Squire Thacker. Also present: County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, representing the Sheriff's department was Sheriff Deputy Justin Richards, and Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Ponder.

FEMA CONTRACT DR4848 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT-Motion was made by Squire Denny and seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to approve the signing of the contract with FEMA DR4848 to provide assistance with storm damages from Hurricane Helene, that dated from September 27, 2024 through September 30, 2024. Currently we have submitted claims for tree cutting that was required during this storm period.

ROAD UPDATES FROM STORM DAMAGE-Information Only. The Judge informed the court of several roads that were damaged due to recent flooding. To date, 8 slides and 4 culverts in various areas need replaced or repaired. The judge discussed that FEMA wants to use soil nails to repair some of the roads, which are at a higher cost.

LIVINGSTON GYM INSULATION/UTILITIES-Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Denny with all voting aye to approve an estimate from A&J Nicely Insulation Inc. totaling \$13,088.00. This estimate is for 6 inch open cell foam to insulate the Livingston Gym, stage area, and two side rooms. Two estimates were presented to the court, one from Rockin R Holdings and the other from A&J Nicely Insulation Inc. The Judge also presented the court with the energy bill amounts from the Gym showing the need to reduce the soaring energy costs incurred, especially during winter months.

BUDGET AMENDMENT-2ND READING-Motion made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve the second reading of the budget amendment as presented.

CLAIMS- Motion made by Squire Denny, and seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to approve claims as presented.

TRANSFERS-No Transfers were required.

RCIDA FINANCIAL REPORT-Information Only. The court was presented with the financial report from the RCIDA meeting from February 12, 2025.

Motion by Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire Adams to adjourn.



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