

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Special Called Meeting
November 10, 2025**

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 10/14/25-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve as presented.

SHERIFF'S FEE AUDIT FY ENDING 12/31/24-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker will all voting aye to approve as presented. The claim amount paid for this audit was \$10,265.34.

DETENTION CENTER TRADE-IN 2020 FORD/PURCHASE 2022 DODGE DURANGO-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye as presented. The Jail Commissary account paid for the \$6800.00 trade in balance.

CODE OF ETHICS-FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM UPDATE-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve an updated financial disclosure form as presented.

MAGISTERIAL COMMITTEES SET DATE-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate McGuire to approve forming a new committee called the Equipment Committee. Doug Prewitt, Michael McGuire, and Shane Thacker will sit on this committee. All committees will be re-visited at the next court meeting.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY 20x50 ROOM EDITION-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny to approve as presented.

DONATION REQUEST CUMBERLAND RIVER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker will all voting aye to approve a donation of \$500.00 for their Christmas festivities.

HVAC COURTHOUSE-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve the Judge to issue a Request for Proposal for a new HVAC system for the courthouse. The Judge explained that the HVAC is now 62 years old, with regular maintenance issues occurring.

BEAD AWARDEES MAP-Information only.

COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE-Information only. The Judge explained to the court that in order to qualify for the grant through workforce development, county employees had

salary base guidelines to meet. The Judge said they would re-visit this as more information becomes available.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-EQUIPMENT UPDATES-

- a. Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve the purchase of a 4 cubic yard PIZO 40000 salt bed from Duke's A&W Enterprises LLC for \$9636.00.
- b. Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve a purchase of a EX85 8.5FT with LED lights from Duke's A&W Enterprises LLC for \$6574.00.
- c. Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve the purchase of a 1976 Dump Truck Bed from Mike Clark priced for \$1300.00.
- d. Herren Industrial-Invoice for the drop-in engine was \$19,850.69, and the work is completed now. The cost ended up being \$2365.76 less than expected.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-ROAD UPDATES-

- a. LARP-Information only.
- b. Mount Zion Road-The Judge informed the court that the widening project of Mt. Zion Road is now complete with an estimated initial cost of \$55,000.00.

ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE-OCTOBER 2025-Information only.

SOLID WASTE REPORT-OCTOBER 2025- Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve as presented.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROGRAM SUPPORT-OCTOBER 2025-\$1140.00-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve as presented.

LIVINGSTON TRAIL TOWN SUPPORT-OCTOBER 2025-Information only.

LIVINGSTON GYM RENTAL-OCTOBER 2025-\$350.00-Information only.

QUAIL PARK REPORT-OCTOBER 2025-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve as presented.

COUNTY PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve the county moving to payroll direct deposit. Current employees have the option to choose direct deposit or paper check.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT-NOVEMBER 2025-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve as presented.

BUDGET TRANSFERS-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve as presented.

CASH TRANSFERS-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve the following cash transfers:

Cash Transfer of \$30,000.00 from the Occupational Tax Fund to the General Fund.
Interfund Transfer of \$30,000.00 from the General Fund to the Jail Fund.

Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve an Interfund Transfer from the 911 Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$2000.00. This is the Spay/Neuter Grant that was direct deposited into the 911 Fund in error.

Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve an Interfund Transfer from the Federal Funds to the Road Fund in the amount of \$27,496.44. This is from FEMA project DR4860-Payment#2.

CLAIMS-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve as presented.

CLOSED SESSION-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to enter into closed session.

OPEN SESSION-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to enter into open session.

DYSART WAY/US HWY 150 MT. VERNON KY-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to purchase 32.5 acres on Dysart Way/US HWY 150 Mt. Vernon Ky. The sellers are Ford Family Investments LLC and Fore Development LLC and the purchase price is \$1,775,000.00. The appraisal provided from Legal Appraisal Service out of Monticello, Kentucky showed the property valued at \$2,225,000.00. A copy of the contract was given to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe for review before signing. The contract has an expiration date of 12/1/25. This property will be the site location for the Recreation Complex

Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt, seconded by Magistrate Denny to adjourn.



Howell Holbrook Jr., County Judge Executive

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
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November 20, 2025**

Judge Holbrook called the meeting to order with the following present: Magistrate Thacker, Magistrate Adams, Magistrate McGuire and Magistrate Prewitt. Magistrate Denny was absent. Also present: County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Jailer Nathan Carter, Justin Richards, representing the Sheriff's Department and Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer/HR Kelly Ponder.

ANIMAL SHELTER-KSP REPORT-Information only. The court was given the official KSP report concerning the investigation into alleged animal cruelty at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter on 8/21/25. In summary, the report shows no evidence to support charging David Carpenter with any criminal offense.

OPIOID FUNDS-ROCKCASTLE COUNTY SCHOOLS-Information only. The Judge told the court that a meeting was held with Rockcastle County Schools' administration to begin the process of hiring a Substance Abuse Counselor for the school district that would be funded by Rockcastle County Fiscal Court Opioid Funds. More details will come at a later date.

SOLAR FARMS-Information only. The Judge presented the court with examples of ordinances relating to Commercial Solar Energy Facilities in Land Use. The Judge asked magistrates to review both ordinances before the next regular meeting and a discussion would be held on which direction to go. The examples were from the surrounding counties of Garrard and Lincoln.

STATE OF COUNTY JAIL FINANCES-KACO-Information only. The Judge presented the magistrates with a 9/23/25 presentation from KACo. It highlighted the rising expenses within the county jail system and the increased burden placed on county fiscal courts to support county jails from the General Fund.

CONTRACT/DEED FOR DYSART WAY-32.5 ACRES-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve the signing of the deed and all legal documents concerning the previously approved purchase of 32.5 acres at Dysart Way for the future site of the recreation complex.

CORE DRILLING FOR DR4860 AND DR4864- Information only. The Judge explained to the magistrates that before the completion of these two FEMA projects could be finished, core drilling at the sights was required.

CUPPS CHAPEL RD/POSSUM KINGDOM RD/GRASSY BRANCH-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to list Cupps Chapel Rd, as a county road. The city of Brodhead had previously given the road to the county.

HAWTHORNE LANE CR-1328-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve the continuation of county maintenance on the road.

WOODLAND PLACE CR-1735-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve the continuation of county maintenance for the distance of 0.237.

NORTH DAILY STREET CR-1327-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve the continuation of county maintenance for the distance of 0.397.

COUNTY CLERK AUDIT PERIOD ENDING 12/31/24-INVOICE \$7,772.38-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve as presented.

LIVINGSTON GYM INSULATION-Information only. The Judge gave an update that A&J Nicely Insulation Inc had not been able to start the project that was approved in the 2/26/25 court meeting. The business owner says he will start soon. This will be re-visited in the December 2025 court meeting.

SOLID WASTE PERMIT APPLICATION-HSM ENTERPRISES LLC-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve as presented.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENTERPRISES INC-HHW DAY-Information only. The judge presented the court with a detailed invoice that was paid on previous claims for \$7,811.76, noting the cost associated with the Household Waste Days that the county offers.

AGREEMENT WITH ROCKCASTLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL-MEDICAL SERVICES-Information Only. The judge explained to the court that our health insurance provide, 90 Degrees, was in negotiations with the hospital for services for the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court employees.

MAGISTERIAL COMMITTEES RE-VISIT-The Judge asked how the magistrates wanted to meet with their respective committees, altogether or in their individual groupings. It was decided they wanted to meet in their individual grouping to address issues represented in each committee.

TREASURER-

CLAIMS-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve as presented.

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

CASH TRANSFERS- Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve a Cash Transfer of \$50,000.00 from the Occupational Tax Fund to the General Fund, and then an Interfund Transfer from the General Fund to the Jail Fund of \$50,000.00.

Motion was made by Magistrate Adams, seconded by Magistrate Thacker to adjourn.



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