

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court**  
**Regular Called Meeting**  
**January 13, 2026**

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, representing the Sheriff's Department, Dale McNew and Justin Richards and Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Ponder.

**MELISSA HAHN/CAROL HASTY-CAROL'S CAROLERS**-Information only. This group presented the court with a listing of future monthly events within the county including a Valentine's Day Dance, Easter Egg Hunt, Foam Party, Cook-Outs, School Supply Giveaways, Fall Festivals, Christmas Ornament Decorating, Christmas Giveaways, and visits with the local Senior Citizens Centers. The group is in the process of obtaining their 501-C3 status and has asked the court to offer financial support to help in their efforts.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 12/9/25**-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve minutes as presented.

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING 12/30/25**-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve minutes as presented.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT 2025 ACTUALS/BUDGET**-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve as presented.

**COUNTY CLERK-DANETTA ALLEN-EXCESS FEES 2025**-Danetta was unable to make the meeting.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT-EQUIPMENT UPDATES**- Information Only. The road grader is currently at Herren, cleaning it from the algae build up. They have advised it will be a process to get it back in the clear.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT-ROAD UPDATES**-No Updates.

**CORE DRILLING-FEMA SLIDES-JONES EXCAVATING MASTER AGREEMENT**-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to accept Jones Excavating Master Agreement for core drilling. The Judge informed the Magistrates that no bid would be required since this falls under the master agreement.

**BLUE SKY LANE-3,161FT CURRENTLY AND REMOVE 310FT-NEW LENGTH 2,850FT**-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve as presented.

**BLUE SKY LANE PUBLIC HEARING SET TIME AND DATE**-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve setting the public hearing for February 10, 2026 at 3:30pm.

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court  
Special Called Meeting  
January 29, 2026**

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.

**COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS-NEW MEMBER NEEDED**-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve the appointment of Magistrate Doug Prewitt to the board.

**SET TRASH DROP-OFF DAY FOR MAY 9, 2026**- Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to set the date for 5/9/26 for County Wide Trash Drop-off at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

**OCCUPATIONAL/NET PROFIT TAXES-ADVERTISE NON-PAYERS**-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt, with Magistrate Adams and Magistrate Thacker voting aye and Magistrate McGuire voting nay. Motion carried as presented, to advertise individuals and businesses who are non-compliant with the County Ordinance regarding Occupational Taxes and Net Profit Taxes. Non-payers would be advertised in the local newspaper, similarly to those that are delinquent on property taxes.

**KENTUCKY DIVISION OF FORESTRY-LIBERTY TREE PROJECT**-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve a resolution to support and participate in the Liberty Tree Project commemorating 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

**REIMBURSEMENT \$500.00 DEDUCTIBLE-UNINSURED DRIVER**-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve as presented. On 11/26/25, Kelly Ponder was out doing daily errands for the county which included, Post Office, Banks, and picking up checks from Regina Goff. On the way back to the courthouse an uninsured driver cut too sharp and struck Ponder. The Fiscal Court agreed to pay Ponder the \$500.00 deductible she was out due to the other driver not having insurance. Judge Holbrook asked the County Attorney to try to recoup the \$500.00 from the uninsured driver to pay back to the Fiscal Court. The accident report was emailed to Jeremy Rowe.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT-EQUIPMENT**-Information only. Judge Holbrook informed the court that the road grader was up and working. However, the teeth cannot cut through the thick ice.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT-ROAD ICE UPDATES**-Information only. The Judge informed the court that the road department was making trips to Clover Bottom to get gravel (11's) to take to gravel roads within the county with ice. The gravel roads with substantial hills will take priority. The Judge said there are approximately 108 miles of gravel roads in the county. Class I sand was also purchased and the road department said it was frozen in the truck beds. The Judge also

informed the court of the salt level situation. Salt has been ordered and should be delivered on 1/30/26 to restock the bins.

**DISASTER DECLARATION**-Judge Holbrook informed the Magistrates that a Disaster Declaration had been signed to try to get funding to help with the work and labor spent on battling the Ice Storm.

**TREASURER-**

**2025 INTEREST INCOME ON CHECKING ACCOUNTS**-Information only.

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

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

**CASH TRANSFERS**-No Transfers.

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



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Howell Holbrook Jr., County Judge Executive