

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
February 10, 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, Sheriff Shannon Franklin, Jailer Nathan Carter and Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Ponder.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 1/13/26-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve minutes as presented.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING 1/29/26-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve minutes as presented.

WRECKER SERVICE ROTATION CONCERNS-Information only. Several wrecker service business owners from within the county were at the court meeting to voice their concerns about how the wrecker rotation call list is done. The business owners claimed wrecker service businesses from outside of the county were getting calls and taking the vehicles to yards outside of the county. Thus, it costs individuals more money and eliminating taxes for the county. They felt that the county owned businesses should have first priority in getting the calls. Sheriff Franklin noted that all contracts on file were within the county and compliant. He advised if they had any issues to call him with names and numbers and if wrecker services were not abiding by the contract, they would be removed from the list. He also noted one business that was cited in conversation was removed from the list on 1/29/26.

CAROL'S CAROLERS-This group was asked to be put on the agenda to address the court about a donation. Just a few hours before the court meeting a resignation letter from Melissa Hahn was received stating she felt as though funds were not being used wisely and there were conflicts of interest within the group. No one from the organization was present at the court meeting.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS PRESENTATION OF KCJEA OUTREACH PROGRAM FUNDS-The representative from the Senior Citizens Center was unable to attend.

COUNTY CLERK-DANETTA ALLEN-EXCESS FEES 2025-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to accept the excess fees in the amount of \$116,782.47 for 2025.

COUNTY CLERK STORAGE SPACE REVISIT-Information only. The Judge wanted to inform the court that there was a new contractor looking at the job since prior contractors have been no shows. The new contractor is working on a written quote.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION GRANT APPLICATIONS-KY HOMELAND SECURITY PROJECTS-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve the signing of the resolution as presented.

OPIOID FUNDS-ISSUE FIRST ANNUAL PAYMENT TO ROCKCASTLE COUNTY SCHOOLS-\$47,000.00-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve as presented. The school system has hired Angela Payne to fill the position.

CODE OF ETHICS MOA-CUMBERLAND VALLEY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve as presented.

2026 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR MAGISTRATES AND CORONERS-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve the 2.7% increase for Magistrates and the Coroner.

2026 INCENTIVE PAYMENTS-40 HOURS TRAINING-JUDGE-JAILER-CLERK-MAGISTRATE-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve as presented.

FEMA DR4864 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT CONTRACT-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve as presented.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-EQUIPMENT UPDATES- Information only. Both road graders are up and running.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-ROAD UPDATES-Information only. The Judge said all roads are clearing as the ice is melting. Magistrate Thacker pointed out the Road Department had done an outstanding job maintaining roads considering the amount of ice they had to battle.

FLEET FUEL CARDS- Information only. The Judge informed the court that the fleet cards are in print now and things are moving along since we have been issued a new representative with the company.

BLUE SKY LANE-3,161FT CURRENTLY AND REMOVE 310FT-NEW LENGTH 2,850FT-There was a public hearing at 3:30 on 2/10/26, in which there were no responses from the public. Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve Blue Sky Lane ending county maintenance at 2,850 feet.

BLOSS ROAD WATER LINE UPDATE/EASEMENTS-Information only. The Judge asked County Attorney Rowe the status of the easements on Bloss Rd. Jeremy stated that they were almost completed and awaiting signatures.

ROUNDSTONE CREEK WATERSHED PLANNING PROJECT-LETTER OF SUPPORT-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire to approve as presented. The project is for fiscal year 2026, if funded work would occur in 2027-2028.

RECREATION COMPLEX RFQ-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve as presented.

ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE-JANUARY 2026-Information only.

DOG WARDEN-MEDICAL LEAVE-Information only. The Judge explained to the court that Richard Gibbs is expected to be off work for a while due to medical issues. The Dog Truck and Cell Phone have been turned into the Animal Shelter, with David Carpenter the Animal Shelter Director. He will answer phone calls during normal animal shelter hours and utilize the truck to pick up as well. The Judge asked the court how they wanted to handle after hours calls for dogs. For the time being it will be played by ear, and they will see how it goes. Per the Animal Shelter report for January of 2026, only 3 dogs were brought in by the Dog Warden.

WINDSTREAM/UNITI NEW CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL SHELTER PHONE SYSTEM (FIBER)-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve as presented. The new contract is expected to reduce the bill by approximately \$100.00 a month and provide better service.

LIVINGSTON TRAIL TOWN REPORT-JANUARY 2026-No report was submitted by the City of Livingston.

LIVINGSTON GYM RENTAL-JANUARY 2026-\$500.00 Information only.

LIVINGSTON GYM INSULATION UPDATE-The Judge explained that Nicely Insulation said they were delayed again due to the ice storm. Juan and Jason had been working together to schedule the work. Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker and Magistrate Adams to use another company. Magistrate Prewitt and Magistrate Denny both were nays. The motion carried.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROGRAM SUPPORT-JANUARY 2026-\$1229.42-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve as presented.

SOLID WASTE REPORTS- JANUARY 2026-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve the reports as presented.

SOLID WASTE E350 TRANSIT VAN-Information only. The Judge informed the court that the Solid Waste workers were in favor of replacing it with a truck. The Judge will be going to Frankfort shortly and will stop by the State Surplus Lot to see what is available.

SOLID WASTE EMPLOYEE VACANCY-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve the hiring of Joshua Riley as a work release supervisor for Solid Waste. Robbin Stewart put in his 2 weeks notice and his last day with county will be 2/19/26.

QUAIL PARK REPORT-JANUARY 2026-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve the report as presented.

RGL-\$15,000.00 CHECK PRESENTATION-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to accept the check for \$15,000.00 that will be passed through the General Fund and then issued back to the RCIDA.

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Special Called Meeting
February 19, 2026**

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 and Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer/HR Kelly Ponder.

LIVINGSTON GYM INSULATION REVISIT-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to allow Nicely Insulation to continue the job. Juan Nicely, owner, says he needs a full 2 week time frame to complete the job. According to Jason Medley, March 16, 2026 is the first open date he has. Medley is not supposed to schedule any events after that to allow the work to be done.

DATE CHANGE OF REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 2026-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to move the regular meeting date from March 10th to March 17th and will now be considered a Special Called Meeting.

COUNTY ATTORNEY SALARY INCREASE-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve a 2.7% salary increase making the new monthly salary \$1319.90.

DR4860-EAST FORK SKAGGS-FEMA PROJECT-Information only. This project will be a culvert change out that will be done in house.

DR4860-LOW GAP RD-FEMA PROJECT-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve as presented. This is a Rail and Cribbing job that will be done by Jones Excavating, who has the Master Contract.

TREASURER-

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

CASH TRANSFERS-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve a cash transfer from the Occupational Tax Fund to the General Fund for \$65,000.00.


INTERFUND TRANSFERS-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve Interfund Cash Transfers as follows:

Transfer from General Fund to Jail Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Transfer from the General Fund to the 911 Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00

BUDGET TRANSFERS-None

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



Howell Holbrook Jr., County Judge Executive

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Special Called Meeting
February 24, 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.

ROAD DEPARTMENT- Saturday afternoon, at around 3:30pm the Road Department Garage was on fire. Multiple fire departments and volunteers responded and worked Saturday night into Sunday morning at the scene of the fire. ATF and the State Fire Marshall were on scene. The State Fire Marshall came back Sunday to fly a drone over the scene and returned Monday to further investigate. The cause is still under investigation. Insurance adjusters from KACo will be on site today, Tuesday February 24, 2026. There will be no clean-up efforts until the State Fire Marshall and the KACo insurance adjusters give permission to do so. It is still uncertain what the total loss will be as far as contents within the building. It can be confirmed the Road Department Garage building will be a total loss. Though this loss has occurred, it caused minor disruptions for the road department work as a whole. Salt was still spread Monday morning as snow fell Sunday evening into Monday covering roadways. Work orders are still being issued and worked as necessary. It appears only daily mechanic work will be hindered at this time, because there is no location to do it and limited tools to do it with.

A temporary location will need to be established for the Road Department. Judge Holbrook located a property on the Mega Site owned by RGL that has a mobile home and a 65x45 two bay garage on it. The address of the location is 455 Sayre School Rd. Mt Vernon, Ky 40456. The only items that will need to be addressed are gravel poured for employee parking, items left by previous owners cleaned out, and water and electric turned on. The recurring cost for this would simply be the water and electricity for the location. There would not be a rental fee. Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to use this location as a temporary solution.

Judge Holbrook also asked the court whether they wanted to look at purchasing other land for a new location for the Road Department or whether they wanted to re-build at the current location. Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to rebuild at the existing location of the road department once cleanup was completed and clearance established. Judge Holbrook will work on getting specs drawn up so that bids can be issued on a later date for both studded and red iron buildings.

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



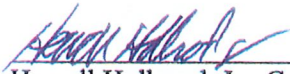
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**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Special Called Meeting
March 6, 2026**

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

2026 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM-STATE HWY DEPARTMENT-6/18/26-6/19/26-6/20/26-Motion was made Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve as presented.

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



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