

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
April 14, 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, Dale McNew from the Sheriff's Department, Jailer Nathan Carter, and Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Ponder.

HOSPICE CARE PLUS DONATION CHECK PRESENTATION-Employees from Hospice Care Plus were at the meeting to accept a check in the amount of \$7,500.00 from the Fiscal Court that was approved in the 3/17/26 meeting.

TIM WHITEHEAD-FIRST FRONTIER APPALACHIAN TRAILS-Not Present

CONWAY COMMUNITY MEMBERS CONCERNS-Several community members from the Conway area came to present the court with complaints concerning Rockcastle Recycling located at 10536 N Wilderness Rd Berea KY 40403. The complaints ranged from noise pollution, air pollution, diesel smells that do not go away, particle films left on pools and vehicle windshields. They have said they cannot sit outside on their porches or do anything outside because of the smell and noise. The community members asked the court for help in how to get the company to respond to complaints. Their overall concern is the health of themselves and their families living in close proximity to the business. The Judge offered to set up a face-to-face meeting with the EPA, the business owner, and community members to discuss the matters. The EPA was called to inspect the facility 3-4 times and each time they have been sited with zero violations. An open records request for the latest report has been submitted.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING 3/17/26 -Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve minutes as presented.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING 3/30/26-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve minutes as presented.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT BUDGET INCREASE-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve increasing the Sheriff's monthly program support from \$21,200.00 a month to \$24,934.00 a month. Dale McNew presented the new budget comparisons to the court. The increase is for the hiring of another Sheriff's Deputy. The annual program support is now approved at \$299,208.00.

SHERIFF AMENDMENT OF 2026 BUDGET-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Denny to approve as presented.

SHERIFF AMENDMENT OF 2026 MAXIMUM SALARIES-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve as presented.

FUTURE OF FRIENDS OF BOONE TRACE-Information only.

AMERICA 250 LIBERTY TREE DEDICATION 5/23/26-Information only.

DAR-REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS MARKER-PRICE INCREASE-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve as presented. The purchase price originally was \$4,000.00 and the updated purchase price is \$6,267.00. This is due to the marker having to come from Washington D.C. and not Louisville.

COMFORT SYSTEMS RENEWAL-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve as presented.

THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT KY ARC FLEX E MINI-GRANT PROGRAM-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve as presented.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES RESOLUTION-WINDSTREAM-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve as presented.

DIVISION OF FORESTRY 117,538 ACRES @\$0.02-\$2,351.00-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve as presented.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-EQUIPMENT UPDATES- Information Only. The road grader is down with transmission/clutch issues.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-ROAD UPDATES-No Updates.

ROAD DEPARTMENT/SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES- Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve the following purchases:

2017 DODGE RAM 5500 DIESEL TRUCK FOR \$24,500.00
2019 CHEVROLET 3500HD DIESEL TRUCK FOR \$17,000.00
2009 ST-120 BUSHWACKER MOWER BATWING FOR \$2,700.00
TIGER MOWER ATTACHMENT FOR \$1,800.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PURCHASES \$46,000.00

WHIPPOORWILL LANE-15MPH SPEED LIMIT-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve as presented.

ROAD SLIDES-DR4860-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve as presented.

ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE MARCH 2026 -Information only.

LIVINGSTON TRAIL TOWN REPORT-MARCH 2026-Information only.

LIVINGSTON TRAIL TOWN PROGRAM SUPPORT RENEWAL-Renewal was postponed until the Judge meets with Mayor Singleton to discuss the need for continued support. The court was also informed that Samantha Smoker had resigned from her position with the City of Livingston effective 4/10/26.

LIVINGSTON GYM RENTAL-MARCH 2026-\$625.00- Information only.

CITY OF LIVINGSTON FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve as presented. The bid total for the 1998 KME Pumper Fire Truck for the Livingston Fire Department is \$42,580.00. This will replace the total loss that happened on 4/16/25.

KENTUCKY AMERICAN WATER AGREEMENT FOR LIVINGSTON WATER TANK PROJECT-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve as presented.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROGRAM SUPPORT-MARCH 2026-\$1,640.00 -Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve as presented.

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

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

POSTAGE INCREASE EXPECTED-PROPOSE BUYING BULK STAMPS BEFORE INCREASE-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve as presented. Postage is expected to go up from .78 a stamp to .82 in July 2026. It was proposed the court bulk buy stamps ahead of the increase.

RCIDA STATEMENTS ENDING 3/31/26-Information Only.

RCIDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT 3/31/26-Information Only.

TREASURER

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT-APRIL 2026-Motion made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve the report as presented.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT-FY26 3rd QTR-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve as presented.

BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 FY26-FIRST READING-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve as presented.

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

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

TRANSFERS-

CASH TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve cash transfers as follows:

Cash Transfer from General Fund to Parks & Recreation Fund in the amount of \$3,000.00

INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Denny to approve Interfund transfers as follows:

Interfund transfer from General Fund to Jail Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00

Interfund Transfer from General Fund to 911 Fund in the amount of \$35,000.00

Interfund Transfer from General Fund to Forestry Fund in the amount of \$700.00

Interfund Transfer from Federal Funds to Road Fund in the amount of \$28,853.14

Interfund Transfer from Federal Funds to Road Fund in the amount of \$31,844.82

Interfund Transfer from Federal Funds to Road Fund in the amount of \$193,280.80

Interfund Transfer from Federal Funds to Road Fund in the amount of \$164,755.55

Interfund Transfer from Federal Funds to Road Fund in the amount of \$186,684.10

Interfund Transfer from Federal Funds to Road Fund in the amount of \$258,995.00

Interfund Transfer from Federal Funds to Road Fund in the amount of \$673,620.28

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



Howell Holbrook Jr., County Judge Executive

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Special Called Meeting
April 27, 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, Ron Bradley representing the Sheriff's Department and Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer/HR Kelly Ponder.

ROAD DEPARTMENT GARAGE BIDS-Information only. Sealed bids were opened from the following companies, Tri-Four Contracting LLC and McKeehan Construction LLC. These were the only 2 bids received. Tri-Four Contracting LLC's bid was for \$605,973.00. McKeehan Construction LLC's bid was for \$494, 285.00 for steel frame and \$426,615.00 for wood frame. These will be re-visited at future meetings.

ROAD DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT UPDATE-The Judge informed the court the previously approved purchase of the Batwing will not be available. The State has pulled it off the sale list and back into their fleet.

CRA AGREEMENT FY27-\$1,112,712.02-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve as presented.

CRA RESOLUTION FY27-\$1,112,712.02-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve as presented

CDL'S AT ROAD DEPARTMENT-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve pay increases and promotions from General Laborers to CDL Operators for Ryan Carpenter and Michael Peters.

LARP FUNDING-Information only.

RE-VISIT SHERIFF'S BUDGET-NEW DEPUTY NOT HIRED-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to leave the budget as before and disregard budget amendments and maximum salary approvals made in the 4/14/26 regular meeting. According to Ron Bradley, the deputy turned the job down due to taking a pay rate decrease and his wife not working at the time.

HB900-Information only.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENT-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to appoint Charles Black as trustee.

RCIDA/RGL-Information only.

TREASURER-

PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET FY26-27-Information only.

PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS FY26-27-Information only.

FIRST READING BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 FY25-26-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.

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

CASH TRANSFERS-No Transfers.

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



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**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Special Called Meeting
April 30, 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, Stacy Richards representing the Sheriff's Department and Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer/HR Kelly Ponder.

ROAD DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT-DISPOSAL OF BURNED DUMP TRUCKS-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve to sell both dump trucks in the summer at auction. The Judge gave the options of selling at auction or taking them to the scrapyard to sell for scrap.

ROAD GARAGE BID UPDATES-No updates were available at the time of meeting.

CRA/LGEA SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR 5/14/26-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to set the CRA/LGEA Public Hearing for 5/14/26 at 3:30 p.m.

COUNTY CLERK-\$3,700.50-MOTOR VEHICLE AND BOAT BILLS FOR 2026-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve as presented.

TREASURER-

PROPOSED 26/27 BUDGET LINE ITEMS AND LIABILITIES-Information only.

BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 FY25/26-SECOND READING-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve as presented.

Budget Transfers-None

Claims-None

Cash Transfers-None

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



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