

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
May 14, 2024**

Judge Holbrook called the meeting to order with the following present: Squire Thacker, Squire Adams, Squire McGuire, Squire Denney and Squire Prewitt. Also present: Jailer Nathan Carter, Sheriff Shannon Franklin, County Attorney Jeremy Rowe and Fiscal Court Clerk / Treasurer Vickie Miller.

MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2024 – Motion was made by Squire Adams, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the minute as presented.

MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2024 – Motion was made by Squire Thacker, seconded by Squire Denny with all voting aye to approve the minute as presented.

LIVINGSTON TRAIL TOWN REPORT – Information only.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD \$1,155 - Motion was made by Squire McGuire, seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to approve the program support of \$1,155.

RILEY SMITH, FCCLA (FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA) – Ms. Smith gave her presentation about poverty in Rockcastle County to the Fiscal Court. She informed the court FCCLA has 8 members that will compete at the national level in Seattle, Washington and requested a donation to FCCLA to help pay for expenses.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT – RCIDA Director Jeff VanHook informed the court the 2nd reimbursement will be made from the KPDI Grant in the near future. He requested the Fiscal Court to approve transferring the deposit amount, up to the original grant of \$801,000, to the RCIDA. Motion was made by Squire Thacker, seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to transfer the deposit of up to \$801,000 to RCIDA.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY EXTENSION DISTRICT FY2024-2025 BUDGET - Motion was made by Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to accept the FY24-25 Rockcastle County Extension District Budget.

MEDICAL CANNABIS – Darren Allen, retired State Police, addressed the court about the dangers of medical marijuana and what he has personally witnessed while being a State Policeman. He also gave some facts about cannabis like hinders brain development up to 25 years old, illegal under Federal law, impacts the workplace negatively and leads to violent tendencies.

Rachelle Riddle – pharmacy tech, addressed the court about the advantages to medical cannabis. She stated a person could grow their own medicine to help with seizures or cancer symptoms. She stated it was only a gateway drug when purchased through a drug dealer. She said the County would be left behind and the revenue from jobs created would be made in another county.

County Attorney Jeremy Rowe said the County had 4 options:

1. The County could take no action which would allow medical cannabis businesses to operate in the county.
2. Pass an ordinance to prohibit cannabis operations.
3. Pass a resolution to put the matter of cannabis operations to a public vote.

4. Place restrictions and /or collect fees related to cannabis businesses operating within the county.

AUTISM FOUNDATION –Dr. Bishop Jasmin L Booker from the Autism Foundation informed the Fiscal Court they were no longer interested in the Livingston School Building due to the substantial list of items that would need to be repaired from the Fire Marshall. She stated they would respectfully back away from the property.

VETERANS PARK 4"X8" BRICK \$250.00 – Motion was made by Squire McGuire, seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to purchase a brick with the County's logo engraved on it.

MEDAL OF HONOR ROAD – No action.

COUNTY CLERK DANETTA ALLEN \$3,428.40 CALCULATION OF TAX BILLS – Motion was made by Squire Adams, seconded by Squire Denny with all voting aye to approve payment of \$3,428.40 for calculation of tax bills.

NATIONAL FORESTRY RECEIPTS – SCHOOL SHARE TITLE I \$11,134.58 – Motion was made by Squire Adams, seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to give the required 50% of the National Forest Receipts Title I payment in the amount of \$11,134.58 to Rockcastle County School.

AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS \$4,995.12 – SHERIFF'S 22-23 TAX SETTLEMENT AUDIT – Motion was made by Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the payment of \$4,995.12 to Auditor of Public Accounts for the Sheriff's 22-23 Tax Settlement Audit.

AOC ANNUAL REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION - \$175,000.00 – Motion was made by Squire Adams, seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to approve the AOC estimated reimbursement of \$175,700.

REVERSE SALT AUCTION – Motion was made by Squire Adams, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to participate in KACo's reverse salt auction.

COUNTY ROAD RESOLUTION Motion was made by Squire Adams, seconded by Squire Prewitt, with all voting aye to approve the County Road Aid Resolution with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

COUNTY ROAD AID COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT Motion was made by Squire McGuire, seconded by Squire Denny with all voting aye to approve the Department of Transportation County Road Aid Agreement for \$1,267,205.78 which includes the 3% Emergency Funding amount.

KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ROCKCASTLE – Motion was made by Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to accept the recommendations as follows:

- Resurface KY 1229 from KY 1650 and extend 2.875 miles to the joint at milepost 2.875.
- Resurface KY 1326 from the joint at milepost 0.6 and extend 1.854 miles to Purrgsby Rd (milepost 2.454).

KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET FLEX FUNDING \$238,931 – Motion was made by Squire McGuire, seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to accept the funding as presented.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LGEA AND COUNTY ROAD USE – Motion was made by Squire McGuire, seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to hold the Public Hearing for the LGEA and County Road Use hearing on May 24 at 12 noon.

CSEPP GENERATOR BID OPENING -Motion was made by Squire McGuire, seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to accept the low bid of \$95,000 from Master Electrical Services, Inc for the new generator at the EOC. Chasteen Enterprises Inc bid was for \$146,256.

CLEANING OF FARMER'S MARKET – Motion was made by Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to hire April Kirby to clean the entire Farmer's Mkt once per week and bathrooms as needed for \$100 per week.

PUBLIC EXPENSE OF UNCLAIMED BODIES – Information only.

REIMBURSE ROCKCASTLE EMS \$1,659.85 FROM CSX DERAILMENT EXPENSES – Motion was made by Squire McGuire, seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to reimburse the Ambulance Service \$1,659.85 from the CSX Train Derailment. The CSX check was made out to the Fiscal Court.

BOBCAT SKID STEER LOADER QUOTES – Information only.

ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS FOR CRUSHED LIMESTONE, ASPHALT SURFACE – HOT & COLD MIX, METAL AND DWP CULVERTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 – Motion was made by Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the FY 25 advertising of bids for rock, asphalt- hot and cold mix, and culverts.

EVANS ROAD – Motion was made by Squire Thacker, seconded by Squire Denny with all voting aye to end county maintenance at 328 ft.

SHADY GROVE RD – Motion was made by Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to end county maintenance at 9,320 ft. Public Hearing for ending county maintenance on Evans Rd and Shady Grove Rd will be held on June 11th, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

OLD STATE RD SPEED LIMIT – Motion was made by Squire Thacker, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to set the speed limit to 25 mph on Old State Rd.

PINE HILL CIRCLE SPEED LIMIT - Motion was made by Squire Denny, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to set the speed limit to 15 mph on Pine Hill Circle.

ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE – Information only.

LIVINGSTON GYM RENTAL \$675 – Information only.

SOLID WASTE PERMIT APPLICATION – PICK'S – Motion was made by Squire McGuire, seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve Pick's permit application on condition he apply for a Rockcastle County business license.

2024-2025 RECYCLING GRANT AGREEMENT- Motion was made by Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire Denny with all voting aye to approve the 24-25 Recycling Grant Agreement for \$48,200. This is a 25% matching grant agreement.

WASTE TIRE GRANT AGREEMENT – Motion was made by Squire Adams, seconded by Squire Denny with all voting aye to approve the FY24-25 Waste Tire Grant Agreement.

SOLID WASTE REPORTS – Motion was made Squire Denny, seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to approve the reports as presented.

QUAIL PARK APRIL 2024 REPORT - Motion was made Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to approve the report as presented.

FIRST READING OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY FY 24-25 BUDGET – Motion was made by Squire Thacker, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the proposed FY24-25 Budget.

APPROVAL OF STANDING ORDERS FOR FY 24-25 – Motion was made by Squire Adams, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the standing order list for FY 24-25.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT Motion was made Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the report as presented.

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

INTRA-FUND TRANSFERS – Motion was made by Squire Denny, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the intra-fund transfers as presented.

INTER- FUND TRANSFERS – Motion was made by Squire Denny, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the transfer of \$10,785 from the 911 fund to the General Fund. This was a depositing error for the Clerk's equipment grant. Motion was made by Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to transfer \$28,000 from Occupational Tax fund to General fund, \$3,000 from General fund to the Parks and Recreation fund and \$25,000 from General fund to the 911 fund.

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



Howell Holbrook Jr., County Judge Executive