

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
April 8, 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, Sheriff Shannon Franklin, Jailer Nathan Carter, Fiscal Court Clerk/ Treasurer Kelly Ponder.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING 3/6/25 – Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve the minutes as presented.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING 3/18/25-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve the minutes as presented.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING 3/21/25-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve the minutes as presented.

TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE PLAQUE PRESENTATION-FLOYD BUMGARDINER-Information Only-Mr. Bumgardiner presented the Fiscal Court with a plaque to show appreciation for the \$500.00 donation received in 2024. He also presented a Profit & Loss Report to highlight where the money is spent and gave a summary of what the showcase involves.

JAIL BUDGET-Information Only- A revised jail budget was presented to the court for review.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT-BODY CAMS-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve the purchase and use of body cameras for the Rockcastle Sheriff's Department. The contract will be for 5 years with Motorola Solutions. It will be for a cost of \$6700.00 annually, in which the Fiscal Court will absorb that cost.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-EQUIPMENT UPDATES-Information Only. The Judge said the road grader that was previously down is up and running. Truck 515 has a warranty issue that they are working on getting cleared. The GMC that had the turbo out, has an afterburn system that is bad. The road department will delete that out and fix the truck.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-ROAD UPDATES-Information Only. Hammonds Fork Rd and Marler Hollow Road were discussed in length due to the severity of damage involved after recent flooding. Several other roads were also mentioned, and the road department has a long list of roads to repair and culverts to clean out due to the flooding in the area.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-CULVERT CLEANING EQUIPMENT PURCHASE-\$5000.00-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve the purchase of a culvert cleaner that attaches to a Track-Hoe or Back-Hoe bucket. It can clean 12-24 inch culverts. The estimated purchase price is \$5000.00 from Battle Armor located in Southside, Arkansas.

DECLARATION FOR LOCAL EMERGENCY-Information Only-The county declared a local emergency after the recent flooding in the county, signed on 4/9/25. The county will try to get individual assistance for property owners through the State. The county has advertised to residents to call the EMA Office to report personal property damage. If the dollar threshold is met, and certain criteria established, it may be possible to get individual assistance for county residents.

FLEET CARDS-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve the use of Fleet Cards for gasoline by county employees. By using the fleet cards, the fuel tax is

eliminated, thus saving money. It was highlighted that the local gas stations that we currently use will take these fleet cards as well.

SURPLUS PROPERTY LIST UPDATED-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve the Updated Surplus Property List as presented.

MAP ESTIMATE-POST PRINTING-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve using Post Printing to print 75 Updated Rockcastle Maps at a quoted cost of \$3025.00.

KY STATE TREASURER-DIVISION OF FORESTRY-\$2555.00-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve the claim of \$2555.00 to be paid to the KY State Treasurer for 2025 Forest Protection.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROGRAM SUPPORT-\$1140.00-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve as presented. Magistrates did raise questions during the meeting as to exactly what the Rockcastle Development Board did, other than in the town of Mt. Vernon. The Judge said he would work on getting a representative to the next meeting to offer an explanation as to how funds were spent and the towns they served.

ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE-MARCH 2025-Information Only.

LIVINGSTON TRAIL TOWN SUPPORT RENEWAL-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker to renew the Livingston Trail Town Support for 3 more months.

LIVINGSTON TRAIL TOWN SUPPORT-MARCH 2025-No Invoice for Support was submitted at the time of the meeting.

LIVINGSTON SCHOOL-KENTUCKY HISTORY & GENEALOGY NETWORK INC-INFORMATION ONLY-This organization has inquired about renting space at the Livingston School. Judge Holbrook has asked the County Attorney to research the legal impacts to the county. The County Attorney said he would present his findings at the next Fiscal Court Meeting.

LIVINGSTON GYM RENTAL-\$925.00-Information Only.

SOLID WASTE REPORTS-MARCH 2025-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve reports as presented.

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

RCIDA-PROGRAM SUPPORT-3RD QUARTER-\$25,000.00-Motion made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve the 3rd Quarter program support of \$25,000.00 to RCIDA.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT- Motion made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve the monthly financial report as presented.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve the quarterly financial as presented.

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

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

TRANSFERS-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve transfers as presented. They were as follows:

Transfer from OCC Fund to General Fund-\$121,000.00

Transfer from General Fund to Forestry Fund-\$1000.00

Transfer from General Fund to Jail Fund-\$80,000.00

Transfer from General Fund to 911 Fund-\$20,000.00

Remaining \$20,000.00 stays in General Fund

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
April 21, 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 Kelly Ponder.

ROCKCASTLE SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING ROOF REPAIRS- One quote from Jonathon Collins was presented to the court for the roof repair of the Rockcastle Senior Citizens Building. The Judge explained the first quote showed the metal roof was not properly installed resulting in a roof leak. Magistrates requested that another quote be submitted by another contractor before a vote could be taken.

COUNTY ROAD AID (AGREEMENT)- Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve the signing of the County Road Aid Agreement as presented in the amount of \$1,356,863.59 for Fiscal Year 2026.

COUNTY ROAD AID (RESOLUTION)-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve the signing of the County Road Aid Resolution for Fiscal Year 2026 as presented.

HAMMONDS FORK ROAD AND MARLER HOLLOW RD-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve Jones Excavating to proceed with repairs on Hammonds Fork Rd with an estimated cost of over \$400,000.00. Jones Excavating is on the Kentucky Master Agreement for the county to hire. Marler Hollow Rd was also discussed and the elliptical was ordered from Benge Farm Supply instead of Interstate Equipment Sales due to significant cost savings.

WORKPLACE DRUG FREE POLICY ON DRIVERS- Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve the Judge putting in place a drug testing policy for any volunteer fire fighter. The stipulations would require that any volunteer firefighter that was involved in an accident driving county owned fire trucks or equipment, to be drug tested immediately following the accident. The Judge will consult with each of the fire chiefs to ensure this policy is within their individual department by-laws.

PHONE SERVICE SWITCH FROM VERIZON TO AT&T-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve switching mobile cell phone services from Verizon to AT&T, using a FirstNet consultant.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026-Information Only.

PRELIMINARY STANDING ORDERS FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026-Information Only.

PRELIMINARY LIABILITIES FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026-Information Only.

SET DATE FOR THE LGEA AND CRA PUBLIC HEARING-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve setting the public hearing date for May 13, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. for the LGEA and CRA proposed use.

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

CASH TRANSFERS-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve a cash transfer from Federal Funds to the Road Fund for \$10,864.81, for FEMA DR4848.

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

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

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