

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
January 14, 2025**

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2024 – Motion was made by Squire Thacker, seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to approve the minutes as presented.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 26, 2024 – Motion was made by Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the minutes as presented.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Squire Adams, seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve the minutes as presented.

SHERIFF-DALE MCNEW-2024 ACTUALS VS BUDGET- Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the 2024 Sheriff's Amended Budget and Actuals ending 12/31/24.

SHERIFF-PRESENTATION OF 2024 EXCESS FEES-Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to accept a check for \$10,000.00 for Sheriff's 2024 Excess Fees, presented by Dale McNew.

SHERIFF-PROGRAM SUPPORT-\$15,000.00-Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to approve program support in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Sheriff Department for them to begin their 2025 year.

PATRICK & ASSOCIATES FYE 2023 AUDIT REPORT-Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to approve the FYE 2023 Audit Report from Patrick & Associates.

BRODHEAD BALL FIELD MODIFICATION PROJECT GRANT-\$58,824.00-Motion was made by Squire Adams and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve proceeding with applying for a grant in the amount of \$58,824.00 for the modification project of the Brodhead Ball Fields. This is a cost-share grant and is contingent upon getting a \$60,000.00 grant from the National Park Service for the Land & Water Conservation Program.

BID PACKET-EOC BATTERY BACK-UP-Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve a bid packet for UPS upgrade for the EOC buildings. Sealed bids will open on January 15, 2025 and will close on February 10, 2025 at 12 p.m.

SURPLUS PROPERTY-Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to approve the surplus property list as presented.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REHIRE REQUEST-Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the rehiring of Road Department employee Jeff Hansel.

ROAD DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT OF ROAD SUPERVISOR-Motion was made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve the appointment of Mark Blanton as Road Supervisor.

ROAD DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT UPDATE #1-Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve the purchase of a 2015 Chevy 3500 Gas Utility Truck for \$18,000.00. (VIN-1GB3KYCG7FZ536872) The road department has a dump bed that will be retrofitted to fit the truck being purchased.

ROAD DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT UPDATE #2-Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Thacker, with Squire Prewitt voting aye to approve, and Squire Adams voting nay to approve the purchase of a used engine with 90,000.00 miles. The purpose of the purchase is to restore a pickup at the road department that is currently out of use. Judge Holbrook elaborated that there are 8 trucks in use and adding another that runs to the fleet would assist in any more upcoming winter weather. Motion was approved 4 to 1.

ROAD DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT UPDATE #3- Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve accepting the donation of a stainless steel salt spreader and snow plows from Larry Elkins on the condition the Fiscal Court provides a letter to Mr. Elkins that states these items were donated.

WESTERN ROCKCASTLE VFD-LOSS CLAIM-Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to approve the loss claim and payment once invoices are received for the Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department.

LIVINGSTON FIBER PROJECT-PRTC- Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve proceeding with the Livingston Fiber Project-PRTC.

LAST MILE BROADBAND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT-\$100,000.00-Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve applying for the Last Mile Broadband Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00.

LIVINGSTON TRAIL TOWN-Information Only.

LIVINGSTON TRAIL TOWN SUPPORT-RENEW FOR 3 MONTHS-Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to approve continued program support for the next 3 months.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROGRAM SUPPORT-Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to approve the Rockcastle County Development Board Program Support of \$1,140.00.

ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE-Information Only.

LIVINGSTON GYM RENTAL- \$1025.00. Information Only.

SOLID WASTE REPORTS- Motion was made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to approve as presented.

HHW GRANT FOR 2025 UP TO \$12,000.00-Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve proceeding with the 2025 Household Waste Grant for up to \$12,000.00.

QUAIL PARK REPORT- Motion made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to approve as presented. Judge Holbrook also gave an update that the water heater at the Quail Community Park was leaking and was being replaced.

RCIDA PROGRAM SUPPORT-\$25,000.00 FOR 2ND QTR-FY25-Motion made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to provide \$25,000.00 RCIDA Program Support for the 2nd Quarter of FY25.

APPOINT KELLY PONDER AS COUNTY TREASURER/FISCAL COURT CLERK-Motion was made by Squire Adams and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the appointment of Kelly Ponder as County Treasurer/Fiscal Court Clerk.

REQUEST TO OPEN NEW DDA FOR RECREATIONAL COMPLEX FUNDS-Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve the opening of a new checking account for the use of the Recreational Complex Grant money.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT- Motion made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve the monthly financial report as presented.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT-2ND QTR FY25-Motion was made by Squire McGuire and seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to approve the quarterly financial statement as presented.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS-2ND READING-Motion was made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire Thacker with all voting aye to approve the 2nd and final reading of the first budget amendment of FY25.

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

TRANSFERS-

-Motion made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire Prewitt with all voting aye to approve a transfer from the Road Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$520.46

-Motion made by Squire Adams and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve a transfer from the 911 Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$1224.00

-Motion was made by Squire Thacker and seconded by Squire Adams with all voting aye to approve a transfer from the 911 Fund to the newly opened Rockcastle Recreation Complex in the amount of \$2,367,000.00.

-Motion was made by Squire Prewitt and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to approve a transfer from the Occupational Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$125,000.00.

From that \$125,000.00 transfer, \$25,000.00 remains in the General Fund, \$60,000.00 was transferred to the Jail Fund, and \$40,000.00 was transferred to the 911 Fund.

Open Discussions-Squire Thacker inquired if were possible for the Fiscal Court to place a cage for after hour drop offs of animals at the Animal Shelter. Judge Holbrook explained this was not an option due to the significant liability issues involved.

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


Howell Holbrook Jr., County Judge Executive