

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Regular Called Meeting
August 12, 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, Jailer Nathan Carter, Sheriff Shannon Franklin, and Fiscal Court Clerk/ Treasurer Kelly Ponder.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 8, 2025-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve minutes as presented.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING JULY 16, 2025-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve minutes as presented.

OCCUPATIONAL TAX REVISIONS-1ST READING-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve the first reading of the Occupational Tax Ordinance with revisions. Morrissa Hayes, Tax Administrator, also addressed to the Magistrates concerning the new ordinance to clear up any confusion and present the facts about how the revisions came to surface.

COURTHOUSE ROOF ISSUES-Information Only. The Judge presented the Magistrates with pictures of the holes in the roof over the main part of the courthouse. The Judge will have quotes available at one of the next upcoming meetings for repairs or a new roof. The Judge explained that he has a temporary fix in place until a permanent solution could be voted on.

DONATION/SPONSORSHIP REQUEST "IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES" REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE-CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT-SOMERSET KY-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00. Students from Rockcastle County Area Technology Center participate in this showcase.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT PROPERTY TAX RATES-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve the compensating tax rate of 6.2% as presented:

- Real Property-6.20%
- Tangible Personal Property-8.20%
- Inventory-8.20%
- Motor Vehicle and Watercraft-8.20%

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROPERTY TAX RATES-Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to accept the Library tax rates as presented:

- Real Property-8%
- Tangible Personal Property-11.63%
- Inventory-11.63%
- Motor Vehicle and Watercraft-1.70%

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY EXTENSION DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RATES-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to accept the Extension District tax rates as presented:

Real Property-4.8%
Tangible Personal Property-7.16%
Inventory-7.16%
Motor Vehicle and Watercraft-2.5%

FEMA DR-4592 CONTRACT/MOA-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve as presented.

WINDSTREAM RENEWAL ADDENDUM-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve as presented.

FLEX FUNDING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FLEX AGREEMENT(REVISED)-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve as presented.

FLEX FUNDING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FLEX RESOLUTION(REVISED)-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve as presented.

CO-OP STUDENT FROM ROCKCASTLE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve the hiring of a co-op student to work 3-4 hours a day, mainly focusing on paperwork and data entry.

SB63-STREET LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES-Information Only. The Judge presented Magistrate's with two sample ordinances and said he would meet with County Attorney Rowe to create an ordinance for the first reading for Rockcastle County to be ready in a future meeting.

LARP PACKET-HB546-INFORMATION ONLY-The Judge presented Magistrate's with a LARP packet for them to review. The Magistrates were asked to let Howell know of any changes they wanted to roads that have already been submitted.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-EQUIPMENT UPDATES

CHAMPION ROAD GRADER QUOTES--Herren Industrial Group and PilotEngines.Com versus purchasing a new road grader from Wilson Equipment Company. Motion was made by Magistrate Denny and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve the quote from Herren Industrial Group for \$21,527.45. The quote includes replacing the engine with a re-manufactured "drop in" unit.

LAWSON HYDRAULIC HOSES- The road department had requested the Judge to ask the Magistrates to consider purchasing a hose assembly machine. Currently, Mt Vernon Auto Parts/NAPA makes these hoses and comes in whenever needed to do so. The Magistrates agreed that there was no need for this purchase and to keep the hose assembly process as is. The purchase price for the machine was \$8223.39. No vote taken, just discussion.

ROAD DEPARTMENT-ROAD UPDATES

MONTANA LANE- Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve the decision to deny adding Montana Lane into the county maintenance schedule. A checklist is on file to reference the reasoning.

MINGO ROAD PUBLIC HEARING- Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve ending county maintenance on Mingo Rd. There were no objections at the public hearing.

ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE-JULY 2025-INFORMATION ONLY

SHELTOWEE TRACE RENTAL LEASE AGREEMENT-INFORMATION ONLY. The Judge explained that the leaseholders had never come to sign the contract to rent. It has been over a year ago that the Fiscal Court voted to allow them to rent it. They have not signed and there has been no rent collected. County Attorney Rowe said he would contact Steve Barber who represents Sheltopee Trace to resolve the matter.

LIVINGSTON TRAIL TOWN REPORT-JULY 2025-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve as presented.

LIVINGSTON GYM RENTAL-JULY 2025-\$700.00-INFORMATION ONLY.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROGRAM SUPPORT-JULY 2025-\$1207.76-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve as presented.

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

2026 LITTER ABATEMENT PROGRAM GRANT-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve

QUAIL PARK REPORT- JULY 2025-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Denny with all voting aye to approve the report as presented.

RCIDA-\$25,000.00-1st Quarter Program Support-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve as presented.

RCIDA FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING 7/31/25-Information Only.

KY STATE TREASURER-PUBLIC ADVOCACY PER CAPITA PAYMENT-FY2026-\$2004.63-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Prewitt with all voting aye to approve as presented.

ANNUAL HEALTH, LIFE, AND VISION RENEWAL PACKAGE-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to accept the package with an expected amount of \$489,060.00, and a proposed expected amount of \$519,515.00, with additional details presented. Health Coverage is through Entrust 90 Degree Benefits and Life and Vision is through Principal.

TREASURER

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT-AUGUST 2025-Motion made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Adams with all voting aye to approve the report as presented.

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

TRANSFERS-NO TRANSFERS

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



Howell Holbrook Jr., County Judge Executive

**Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
Special Called Meeting
August 29, 2025**

Judge Holbrook called the meeting to order with the following present: Magistrate Thacker, Magistrate Adams, Magistrate Prewitt and Magistrate McGuire. Magistrate Denny was absent. Also present: Ronald Bradley, representing the Sheriff's Department and Fiscal Court Clerk/Treasurer/HR Kelly Ponder. County Attorney Jeremy Rowe joined the meeting via phone.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TAX RATES-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve tax rates as presented:

Real Property- 43.8%
Tangible Personal Property- 43.8%
Inventory- 43.8%
Motor Vehicle and Watercraft- 48.3%

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT TAX RATES-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve tax rates as presented:

Real Property- .9%

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TAX RATES-Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve tax rates as presented:

Real Property- 7%
Tangible Personal Property- 7%
Inventory- 7%
Motor Vehicle and Watercraft- 7%

RCIDA CO-APPLICANT FOR PRI APPLICATION-Motion was made by Magistrate McGuire and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve the signatures for the letter.

SHOULDER SPREADER PURCHASE-Motion was made by Magistrate Thacker and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve the purchase of the shoulder spreader from the Kentucky State Treasurer/Surplus Property for \$1500.00.

CDL DRIVER'S-Information Only. The Judge explained the need for CDL Drivers at the County Road Department. Jobs have been posted for months with no success in hiring. The Judge discussed the possibility of sending current employees to school to attain their CDL credentials and requiring them to sign a 2 year contract with the county once they received the license. He also discussed the possibility of contracting out rock haulers and presented the court

with the current rates that would be required with what the county pays that included wage and benefits. Those rates are as follows:

- New Hire CDL Driver-\$26.98
- One Year CDL Driver-\$27.36
- Two Year CDL Driver-\$28.36

EOC SERVER ROOM-PROPOSAL-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate McGuire with all voting aye to approve the proposal from Trane concerning the HVAC System at the EOC. The court viewed 3 quotes from Trane and Kerr Heating & Cooling.

SOUTHEASTERN ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW DONATION – Frankie Anderkin requested a donation for the annual tractor show to be held at the Brodhead Fairgrounds. Motion was made by Magistrate Adams and seconded by Squire McGuire with all voting aye to donate \$1,000 to the annual tractor show.

KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS 2024 INSPECTION-Information only. The Judge presented the court with last year’s inspection and told the court the 2025 inspection was completed just this week, but no report was available as of the special meeting time. Due to current protests being held in regards to the Animal Shelter, the Judge wanted the reports available for the Magistrates and the public to view.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE RAISES-Motion was made by Magistrate Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Thacker with all voting aye to approve a 2.5% wage increase for county employees. A spreadsheet was provided showing an approximate increase to the 2025/2026 budget of \$65,404.67, as a result of the 2.5% increase in wages. Wage Increases will be effective on the 9/12/25 payroll.

TREASURER:

BUDGET TRANSFERS-NONE

CASH TRANSFERS-NONE

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

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



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