

Before the Fiscal Court meeting began, County Judge/Executive Sims conducted the swearing in ceremony for the Governor’s appointee as District Four Magistrate Blake Price.

The Fleming County Fiscal Court held the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at the Fleming County Courthouse, 100 Court Square, Flemingsburg, Kentucky. County Judge/Executive Sims called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Roll called by Fiscal Court Clerk Tammy L. Gray as follows: Magistrates present: Taylor Hunt, Richie Kielman, Blake Price, Donnie Fawns and Ray H. Money. Absent: Magistrate Kerri Marshall. Also present was County Treasurer Miranda Utterback and County Attorney Monica Hill.

Vote Unan. Motion: Taylor Hunt Second: Ray H. Money

A motion was made to approve today's meeting agenda.

Vote Unan. Motion: Donnie Fawns Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of March 11, 2025.

KTC District Nine Hayden Smith came before the Fiscal Court to present the FY 2025-2026 Rural Secondary Recommendations.

Vote Unan. Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve Resolution 25-1418 accepting the FY 2025-2026 Rural Secondary Recommendations as presented.

Representative from CashVest came before the Fiscal Court to discuss investment services.

Vote Unan. Motion: Taylor Hunt Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to table any decision to use CashVest and revisit at next meeting.

Landowners protesting the proposed route that TC Energy Gas Pipeline has slated to travel through Fleming County from Rowan County ending in Mason County was discussed. Tom Galbreath spoke on behalf of the protesting campaign group they named “ Wooley Warriors”. Mr. Galbreath explained the group’s outreach to state and federal legislators as well as legal advisory group. Mr. Galbreath requested consideration by the Fiscal Court to draft a Resolution of Non-Support of the proposed gas line. Mr. Galbreath stated 270 landowners could be affected, property values would be decreased and use of their land would be restricted.

A public hearing was held regarding the adoption of Pacific Avenue into the county road maintenance system. Many property owners/ residents of Pacific Avenue and Park Place Subdivision were present stating current conditions are unsafe, damages vehicles, causes delays in emergency services and may cause school buses to cease operating on their streets.

County Judge/Executive Sims explained the existing asphalt surface would have to be brought up to the required subdivision specifications and inspected before the county would take over maintenance. Discussion was held regarding past Fiscal Court actions pertaining to roadways adopted that did not meet the same requirements, timeline of when the subdivision guidelines were adopted, no area for a cul-de-sac and lack of funds for the landowners to complete the required maintenance. Landowners requested consideration for the Fiscal Court to compromise the restrictions and grandfather in Pacific Avenue as it was at one time repaved but still failed to get adopted. A timeline of past Fiscal Court actions and discussion pertaining to Park Place Subdivision and the adoption of Boardwalk Avenue would be necessary for additional review.

A public hearing was held regarding the FY25-26 CRA/LGEA Fund Use. No persons were present for the hearing.

Fleming County Conservation District's Gene Jarvis and Donnie Christman came before the Fiscal Court with their annual report of services/programs. Mr. Jarvis stated the federal funding cuts would affect their services/personnel.

Vote Unan. Motion: Richie Kielman Second: Blake Price

A motion was made to accept the Fleming County Board of Health taxing district rates for 2025.

Vote Unan. Motion: Richie Kielman Second: Ray H. Money

A motion was made to approve the two preventive maintenance contracts for quarterly elevators inspections for the courthouse and judicial center as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Richie Kielman Second: Donnie Fawns

A motion was made to approve the County Treasurer's financial reports ending March 31, 2025: General Fund \$ 1,236,050.59, Road Fund \$ 282,007.37, Jail Fund \$ 16,694.85, LGEA Fund \$ 219,342.87, Forest Fire Fund \$ 1,406.54, CDBG Fund \$ 0, Dispatch Fund \$ 132,876.58, Clerks Storage Fund \$ 4,331.07, ABC Fund \$ 0, ARPA Fund \$ 30,901.65, Opioid Fund \$ 250,653.57, Capital Improvement \$ 191,392.26, Total all funds \$ 2,365,657.35.

Vote Unan. Motion: Donnie Fawns Second: Ray H. Money

A motion was made to approve the Budget Transfers as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Richie Kielman Second: Blake Price

A motion was made to approve the Cash Transfers as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-1419 Budget Amendment as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Richie Kielman Second: Taylor Hunt

A motion was made to approve opening a non-interest-bearing bank account for the federal grant funds on Industrial Park IV.

Vote Unan. Motion: Taylor Hunt Second: Blake Price

A motion was made to approve the claims reports and carry in claims reports.

A Public Bid Opening was held for the 2025 Buffalo Trace Road Commission Thursday, April 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Buffalo Trace ADD Offices. The completed bid tabulations have not been received.

Vote Unan. Motion: Taylor Hunt Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to give the County Judge/Executive the authority to sign deed of transfer and any documents pertaining to the sale of the old senior center building.

County Road Supervisor Anthony Vise updated Fiscal Court members of roadway damages due to flooding include: Goddard Rd (Slip # 3), Indian Creek Rd, Greenbrier Rd and Farris Branch Rd.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed sale of used Mack Truck and purchase of a new one using buy-back program. Item will be discussed at next meeting.

Vote Unan. Motion: Richie Kielman Second: Ray H. Money

A motion was made to approve the Fleming County Clerk's month end March 31, 2025 report as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Donnie Fawns Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve the Fleming County Sheriff's month end March 31, 2025 report as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Donnie Fawns Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve the Fleming County Sheriff's first quarter 2025 report as presented.

Discussion was held regarding dispatch phone system upgrade vendor has not been able to get the system and delaying the project. Ky911 grant office will be contacted to see if we can change vendors.

Vote Unan. Motion: Richie Kielman Second: Donnie Fawns

A motion was made to approve the March 2025 Jailer's report as presented.

Amending the current 1989 ordinance that sets the garbage permit fee was discussed.

Vote Unan. Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to pass Resolution of non-support of TC Energy's proposed gas pipeline.

Vote Unan. Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Taylor Hunt

A motion was made to draft Ordinance capping the total acreage of Fleming County at 5,000 acres that can be used for solar energy projects.

Fleming County Ambulance Director Smith stated EMS services are being affected by the recent changes in services provided by Fleming County Hospital.

Vote Unan. Motion: Richie Kielman Second: Donnie Fawns

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:52 AM.