

The Fleming County Fiscal Court held the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 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. Also present was County Treasurer Miranda Utterback and County Attorney Monica Hill. Magistrate Kerri Marshall joined the meeting at 9:14 AM.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Richie Kielman                      Second: Taylor Hunt

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

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Taylor Hunt                      Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of April 8, 2025.

Public comment received regarding opposition to the proposed pipeline project.

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

A motion was made to appoint Adam Donovan to serve a four-year term on the Flemingsburg-Fleming County Recreation Park Board effective 5/20/2025 through 5/20/2029.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Blake Price                      Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve the County Judge/Executive's recommendation to appoint Whitney Wilson effective 6/1/2025 through 5/31/2029 and Kim Hester effective 6/1/2025 through 6/1/2029 to serve on the Fleming County Public Library Board of Trustees.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Taylor Hunt                      Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to appoint Laken Masters to serve on the Fox Valley Recreation Park Board effective 5/4/2025 due to the resignation of Dwayne Newsom and term will expire 2/17/2026.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Ray H. Money                      Second: Kerri Marshall

A motion was made to approve Resolution 25-1421 and KTC FY25-26 County Road Aid Agreement.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Richie Kielman                      Second: Kerri Marshall

A motion was made to approve Executive Order 25-1422 authorizing magistrates to perform marriages as presented.

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

A motion was made to approve Resolution 25-1423 setting the County's Continuity of Government as presented.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Donnie Fawns                      Second: Kerri Marshall

A motion was made to approve Executive Order 25-1242 revising the Fleming County Public Properties Corporation Board and Officers.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Ray H. Money                      Second: Blake Price

A motion was made to approve Resolution 25-1425 and KTC Funding Agreement for repairs to Hammonds Road Slip # 2 effective 4/16/2025.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Richie Kielman                      Second: Kerri Marshall

A motion was made to approve grant application and grant agreement for FY 25-26 dead animal removal assistance funding.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Kerri Marshall                      Second: Donnie Fawns

A motion was made to renew the annual inmate housing agreement with Montgomery County Detention Center for FY 25-26.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Richie Kielman                      Second: Kerri Marshall

A motion was made to approve the annual officer's certificate regarding the judicial center bond issue.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Kerri Marshall                      Second: Ray H. Money

A motion was made to approve the annual earthquake insurance coverage selecting Option One for a premium of \$ 11,724.00.

Fleming County Chamber of Commerce Director Crystal Ruark came before the Fiscal Court with an update of recent community events and programs. All are encouraged to attend a grand re-opening tour of the covered bridges on October 3, 2025. Details will be announced at a later date.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Kerri Marshall                      Second: Blake Price

A motion was made to approve the month ending April 30, 2025 financial reports as presented: General Fund \$ 1,402,497.89, Road Fund \$ 125,236.36, Jail Fund \$ 18,871.79, LGEA Fund \$ 219,972.23, Forest Fire Fund \$ 30.94, Dispatch Fund \$ 112,600.42, Clerks Storage Fund \$ 6,851.58, ARPA Fund \$7,628.11, Opioid Fund \$ 266,566.26, Capital Improvement \$ 191,940.21. Total all funds \$ 2,352,195.79.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Richie Kielman                      Second: Donnie Fawns

A motion was made to approve Budget Transfers as presented.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Taylor Hunt                      Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve Cash Transfers as presented.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Taylor Hunt                      Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-1426 setting the maximum of total cumulative land area that can be occupied in Fleming County by Merchant Electric Generating Facilities ( MEGF).

Discussion was held regarding amending an increase for the garbage permit fee to \$ 250.00 annually. Fleming County Attorney Hill will draft the proposed Ordinance.

Discussion was held regarding recent legislation Senate Bill 63 regarding inspection, titling and licensing side by side vehicles ( Street-legal special purpose vehicles). The Fiscal Court has the option to opt-in or opt-out.

Motion: Richie Kielman                      Second: Donnie Fawns

A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-1427 relating to the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on designated highways in Fleming County. Voting Yes:

K. Marshall, T. Hunt, R. Kielman, B. Price and D. Fawns. Voting No: R. Money. Motion carries

Vote Unan. Motion: Ray H. Money Second: Kerri Marshall

A motion was made to approve the FY 25-26 Annual Salary Order as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Kerri Marshall Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve the FY 25-26 health insurance rates, dental insurance rates, vision insurance rates, life insurance rates and hospital indemnity.

Vote Unan. Motion: Karri Marshall Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve payment by the Fiscal Court the premiums for a single person health insurance for county employees during FY 25-26.

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

A motion was made to approve to issue payroll on June 18, 2025 due to conflict with holiday schedule.

Vote Unan. Motion: Richie Kielman Second: Donnie Fawns

A motion was made to approve the change the Fund # to 74 for Opioid Settlement revenue as requested by DLG.

Vote Unan. Motion: Donnie Fawns Second: Taylor Hunt

A motion was made to approve the FY25-26 recurring expense order as presented.

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

A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-1417 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Kerri Marshall Second: Blake Price

A motion was made to approve the second reading and passage of Ordinance 25-1419 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Amendment as presented.

Vote Unan. Motion: Kerri Marshall Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to allow the publication of ordinances by summary.

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

A motion was made to approve Claims Reports and Carry In Claims Reports as presented.

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. All bids were presented and reviewed and prices will be effective April 15, 2025.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Richie Kielman                      Second: Donnie Fawns

A motion was made to accept the lowest and best bid by a qualified bidder who can provide the best value for services and/or products contingent on location of work, availability of product/services, quality of product and reserve the right to negotiate pricing for all materials and services, give the County Judge/Executive the authority to negotiate pricing and give the authority to sign any and all documents for materials/services received by the Buffalo Trace Road Commission: Lay/Tack, Chip and Seal products, Cold Mix, Road Salt and Asphalt Transport.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Kerri Marshall                      Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve the Compass Minerals salt purchase contract effective 4/10/2025.

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

A motion was made to approve and authorize the County Judge/Executive to accept the FY 2025-2026 pricing and sign agreements for road materials: Heidelberg Materials, Hinkle, Mountain Materials, Blue Licks Stone and Allen Company as presented.

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

A motion was made to approve participation in the buy-back program for a new Mack truck through state contract pricing with Worldwide and re-sale at J.M. Wood Auction.

Discussion was held regarding the request to adopt Pacific Avenue into the county road maintenance system. Determination of whether Pacific Avenue was a private street or considered in a "subdivision" came to question. Citing the current county approved "Subdivision guidelines for adoption" it states the property must be owned by a single person or company in which Pacific Avenue is owned by private property owners.

Motion: Donnie Fawns                      Second: Blake Price

A motion was made to adopt Pacific Avenue into the county road maintenance system with deviated variances. Roll Call: K. Marshall – Yes, T. Hunt – No, R. Kielman – No, B. Price – Yes, D. Fawns – Yes, R. Money – No. Casting the deciding vote was County Judge/Executive Sims – Yes. Motion carries.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Richie Kielman                      Second: Donnie Fawns

A motion was made to approve the April 2025 monthly Fleming County Clerk report as presented.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Richie Kielman                      Second: Taylor Hunt

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

Fleming County Clerk commended Christa Perkins for 29 years of service as she will be retiring soon.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Kerri Marshall                      Second: Blake Price

A motion was made to approve the Fleming County Dispatch April report of requests of services.

Mark Smith came before the Fiscal Court seeking funding for child safety seat installation certifications. No action was taken.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Donnie Fawns                      Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve the April 2025 monthly Fleming County Sheriff report as presented.

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

A motion was made to approve the unaudited 2024 Sheriff's Tax Settlement as presented.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Richie Kielman                      Second: Blake Price

A motion was made to approve the Sheriff's request for funding from the Program Support 01-5015-348 in the amount of \$ 26,500.00.

Fleming County Sheriff Smith requested consideration to remove Keaton Towing from the wrecker rotation schedule due to delayed response time.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Ray H. Money                      Second: Blake Price

A motion was made to remove Keaton Towing from the wrecker rotation schedule and add Brooks Heavy Repair and Towing to the wrecker rotation schedule.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Kerri Marshall                      Second: Richie Kielman

A motion was made to approve the Fleming County Jailer's April 2025 report.

Discussion was held regarding requiring right-of-way permits for pipeline project and other public utilities, services. Confirmation is need to ensure the Comprehensive Plan and joint planning commission requirements are met before initiating an Ordinance pertaining to land use. County Attorney Hill to report back to the Fiscal Court of the appropriate measures to take to ensure all statutes are included and/or followed.

No action was taken regarding CashVest services.

Fleming County Road Department Vise announced Vincent Weaver is leaving the road department therefore an open position is available.

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

A motion was made to authorize public notice seeking road department applications.

Vote Unan.                      Motion: Richie Kielman                      Second: Kerri Marshall

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:53AM.