

FISCAL COURT REGULAR MEETING: Woodford County Courthouse
Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

PRESIDING: James Kay, Woodford County Judge/Executive

PRESENT: Magistrates Liles Taylor, John Gentry, Darrell Varner, Kelly Carl, William Downey via Zoom, Larry Blackford, Mary Ann Gill, and Jackie Brown

Judge/Executive Kay opened with a moment of silence in memory and honor of Patsy Saunders, Bob Higgins and Johnny Wilcox.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

The Fiscal Court recognized Sammy Weese, Middle School Kentucky State Champion for Indoor Track and Field in Pole-vault. Weese set a new personal record of 9.5'.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Judge/Executive Kay called for any additions, corrections, or amendments to the minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2026. Hearing none, these minutes stood approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Personnel Committee met prior to the Regular Meeting, February 24, 2026, with all members in attendance. The committee discussed the process for filling the Woodford County Road Supervisor position. The committee recommended extending the application deadline for the position through Friday.

Extended Application Submission Period for Road Supervisor Position

1. A motion was made by Kelly Carl and seconded by John Gentry to extend the application period for the Road Supervisor position to Friday, February 27, 2026, as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

VOTING AYE: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel Order

2. A motion was made by John Gentry and seconded by Mary Ann Gill to approve the personnel order as presented. (**Attachment**)

VOTING AYE: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

Immediately following the Personnel Committee meeting, the Budget and Finance Committee met. The committee reviewed the updated Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget timeline, received the GIS draft budget, and considered additional budget requests from outside agencies. The committee also reviewed a \$17,550 expenditure request from the Maintenance Department for installation of an automatic gate by Ead's Fence Company at the entrance to the Woodford County Road Department, which was unanimously recommended for approval to the full Fiscal Court.

The court was informed that an Emergency Basic Needs resolution, which was included in the current Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget, will be considered. The committee will also begin the process of opening the Woodford County Young and New Farmer Grants at the next Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

Automatic Gate and Opener – Road Department

3. A motion was made by Jackie Brown and seconded by Kelly Carl to approve the estimate from Ead’s Fence Co. Inc, in the amount of \$17,550 for the installation of an automatic gate at the entrance of the Road Department building as presented and recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee. **(Attachment)**

VOTING AYE: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

Solid Waste and Recycling – 2025 Annual Report

4. A motion was made by Larry Blackford and seconded by Jackie Brown to approve the Solid Waste Management Area Annual Report for the year 2025 and to authorize the Judge/Executive to sign any and all documents related thereto. **(Attachment)**

VOTING AYE: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer, Melody Traugott – Treasurer Traugott provided a report of the financial status through February 20, 2026, with a total cash amount of \$19,958,685.27, less ARPA restricted funds of \$3,642,982.71, less Sheriff asset forfeiture funds of \$625,167.58, less County Clerk storage fees of \$33,374.78, less opioid settlement funds of \$405,558.64, less payroll \$419,322.00 leaving an adjusted money market checking account balance of \$14,832,279.56.

Run/Walk/Cycling Event Requests - The court was informed that cycling events, including the Kentucky Senior Games cycling event, do not require formal approval from Fiscal Court since cycling is permitted on all roadways. The organizers were thanked for appearing before the court and coordinating with the Sheriff’s Office and the Versailles Police Department. With no objections from the court, the event will move forward as planned.

5. A motion was made by Liles Taylor and seconded by Mary Ann Gill to approve the Back the Track event in Woodford County on August 14, 2026, as presented. **(Attachment)**

VOTING AYE: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

Emergency Management Director, Drew Chandler - The court previously approved a resolution authorizing application for a matching grant through the Cabinet for Economic Development to support the USDA Emergency Watershed Protection buyout project. Recent correspondence indicated the grant would reduce the county’s net cost to 5% of the total project cost. However, a slight amendment to the pledged dollar amount—approximately a \$4,000 difference—was required. The amended resolution was presented for approval, after which it will be returned to the Cabinet to move forward in the approval process.

An update was provided on the USDA Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) project. Several title opinions have been received and are progressing. Perry Real Estate Appraisal Services has been contacted, and properties are being scheduled for appraisal. At the same time, the environmental review process has begun, including obtaining required service descriptions and cost estimates. The project is moving forward and gaining momentum.

6. A motion was made by Darrell Varner and seconded by Kelly Carl to adopt Resolution 2026-03 replacing resolution 2025-09 authorizing the completion and filing of a Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) grant program for up to \$2,761,743.81 in funding for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. **(Attachment)**

VOTING AYE: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

GIS Director, Kenneth Johns – The court discussed a proposal to create and name a private road within the county park to improve asset identification, insurance documentation, and 911 response accuracy. While *Recreation Way* was presented as the proposed name, alternative suggestions were discussed. No action was taken by the court, and the matter will be discussed further at a future meeting.

County Clerk – Electronic Surplus

7. A motion was made by Larry Blackford and seconded by Mary Ann Gill to declare three Dell computers and two monitors from the County Clerk’s office as surplus as recommended by the County Clerk and authorize the disposal as electronic waste at the Solid Waste and Recycling Center. **(Attachment)**

VOTING AYE: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

GENERAL ORDERS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Claims

With no objection from the court, the claims due will be paid.

8. A motion was made by Darrell Varner and seconded by Kelly Carl to approve the claim from Huffman Acquisition in the amount of \$795.00 for the Sheriff’s Office using asset forfeiture funds. **(Attachment)**

VOTING AYE: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

Transfers

9. A motion was made by Larry Blackford and seconded by John Gentry to ratify the February 13, 2026, email approval for additional transfers as presented. **(Attachment)**

VOTING AYE: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

10. A motion was made by Jackie Brown and seconded by Liles Taylor to approve the transfers as presented. **(Attachment)**

VOTING AYE: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

Additional Article VII Revisions – Farmland Preservation – no action was taken at this time.

Proposed First Reading of Ordinances 2025-20 – Larland Lane

11. A motion was made by Jackie Brown and seconded by John Gentry to have the first reading of Ordinance 2025-20 relating to formal adoption of Larland Lane into the Woodford County Road System. **(Attachment)**

VOTING AYE: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Farm Lease Renewal

12. A motion was made by Darrell Varner and seconded by Jackie Brown to approve the farm lease renewal between the Woodford County Fiscal Court and Fred Lane for a 1-year term as presented and to authorize the Judge/Executive to sign any and all documents related thereto. **(Attachment)**

VOTING AYE: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

With no objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

JAMES KAY
JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST: _____
Jordan Molla-Coyle, Fiscal Court Clerk