

RESOLUTION 2026-08

RESOLUTION OF THE WOODFORD COUNTY FISCAL COURT REGARDING EMERGENCY WATER NEEDS ASSISTANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the Woodford County Fiscal Court is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of all citizens, businesses, and agricultural operations within Woodford County; and

WHEREAS, access to a reliable water supply is critical to the county's agricultural economy, particularly for the care and sustenance of animals, livestock, and horses, as well as the daily needs of individual citizens and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, water outages, infrastructure failures, or extreme weather events can pose immediate threats to public health, to our farmers and to the agricultural community, necessitating swift financial and logistical intervention; and

WHEREAS, rural Water Districts within Woodford County occasionally require emergency support for restoration services, utility coordination, and system diagnostics during times of crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fiscal Court of Woodford County, Kentucky:

SECTION 1. ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

There is hereby appropriated \$50,000 within the General Fund for **Emergency Water Needs Assistance and Infrastructure Support**. The Woodford County Fiscal Court hereby authorizes the allocation and transfer of **\$50,000** from the General Reserve for Transfer to the Emergency Water Needs and Infrastructure Support line item for the purposes outlined herein.

SECTION 2. PERMISSIBLE USES OF THE FUND

The Emergency Water Needs and Infrastructure Support account shall be utilized exclusively for urgent and emergency water-related needs, including but not limited to:

1. **Farmers, Agricultural and Community Support:** Providing individual and business support for farmers and citizens in the event of a water outage to ensure the delivery and availability of water to any individual or business with a verifiable urgent need for health and human safety, business livelihood including emergency support for animals, livestock, and horses. The Woodford County Emergency Management Agency will coordinate with our Fire Departments, Road Department and other agencies to offset any costs with emergency water delivery and support.
2. **Rural Water District Emergency Aid:** Supporting rural Water Districts with contract-related services connected to emergency water restoration and other emergency measures during times of crisis.

3. **Utility Coordination and Line Location:** Assisting Water Districts with locating water lines to support and protect infrastructure during other utility projects, including fiber optic installation.
4. **System Diagnostics and Crisis Mitigation:** Funding efforts to identify and resolve critical issues related to water service, extremely low water pressure, the development of back-up water resources, and other urgent needs related to local water systems.

SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATION

The Woodford County Judge/Executive, or their designee, is authorized to administer and oversee disbursements from this line item as requested by the rural water districts for emergency intents and infrastructure support as outlined in this Resolution.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

If any section, clause, or provision of this Resolution is declared invalid, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Woodford County Fiscal Court.

Introduced, read, and adopted on this 23rd day of June, 2026.

APPROVED: _____

County Judge/Executive
Woodford County, Kentucky

ATTEST: _____

Fiscal Court Clerk