

## Bracken Fiscal Court

A Special meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Monday, June 9, 2025, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda. Presiding: Tina K. Teegarden, Judge Executive. Present: Heather Brumley, David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Sandy Ruf, Kevin Jarrells, Craig Miller.

Let the record reflect that the Court Members received a copy of any Transfers and Vendor Claims.

Upon Motion of Debbie Mayfield, second by John Scott, that the court approve the minutes of the meeting on May 28, 2025. Vote unanimous.

Magistrate Miller asked Magistrate Jarrells if he had an update on the recycling trailers

auction. Magistrate Jarrells stated he said it was holding for 2 weeks and then it will be put up for auction.

**Road Department Update** - Road Supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. They have been bushhogging, putting culvert pipes in and helped get the recycling trailers to Fleming County.

**Animal Shelter Expansion** - Derek will be starting on the project tomorrow; all the materials were delivered. Tabled.

**Administrative Code 2nd Reading and Adoption** - Motion for approval made by John Scott, second by Sandy Ruf. Vote unanimous

**County Budget FY 2025-2026 2nd Reading and Adoption** - Tabled until June 25, 2025, Fiscal Court Meeting.

**Change Order Senior Center CDBG Project** - Sierra from BTADD came and updated the court on the project going on at the Senior Center and Com-

munity Bldg.

Previously the Fiscal Court had approved \$2,300.96 for a change order for digging up a concrete slab that was hidden on the front porch of the community center. That project came in less than originally anticipated. There were funds of \$1,925 leftover. The contractor and architect have requested a change order for the purchase and installation of a metal door instead of the wood doors. This will help with safety, durability and longevity. This will be change order #3 and #4. The total for both of those changes is \$3,228.31 minus the \$1,925.00 leftover from the other change order there would be a difference of \$1,303.31 to put in the metal doors.

Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield. Vote unanimous.

Magistrate Kelsch asked Sierra if she had an update on the Fiber Optics. She stated she

does not have any updates right now. She does know the bid round closed on March 15 but they have not heard who was awarded for that yet. The office of broadband development said they are waiting on NTIA guidance.

**Medical Cannabis/Employees-Discussion** - This was just for discussion. County Attorney Moore was out for the meeting today.

The court agreed to wait on County Attorney Moore before making any resolution on this. Tabled.

**Ordinance or Resolution re: ATVs on County Roads** - County Clerk Free stated if anyone has questions she will help answer them as far as her office pertains to this new law and she has a sample Ordinance provided by the state if the court would like a copy. Sheriff Boody stated the law is fairly clear as far as leaving it up to our Fiscal Court as to how they would like to

handle it.

This discussion will be tabled until Attorney Moore is present.

**Transfers/Vendor Claims** - Following approved: Jail Fund Interfund Cash Transfer; General Fund Budget Transfers; Road Fund Budget Transfers; Dispatch 911 Fund Budget Transfer; General Fund Vendor Claims; Road Fund Vendor Claims; Jail Fund Vendor Claims; Senior Citizens Vendor Claims; Dispatch 911 Fund Vendor Claims; Clerk Storage Fees Fund Vendor Claims; Federal Fund Vendor Claims

**Other business:**

\*Executive Session KRS 61.810(1)F referencing personnel - Motion to move into Executive Session made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Heather Brumley.

Return from Executive session - Motion to return to regular session made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield.

\*Judge Teegarden

gave an update on the elevator. There was one elevator expense for AOC on the vendor claims, it was for the inmate elevator at the Judicial Center. It was for the seals. They were leaking into the bottom of the elevator. It was smoking. The Judges elevator there is already leaking the oil as well, so they know the seals are already broke. They are working on a quote to get the actual price to fix that one. The cost will probably be close to what the last one cost, right around \$9,000. These are non-reoccurring expenses, so they are reimbursed. The \$20,000 for the septic system that was on the vendor claims as well is also non-reoccurring so it's something that gets reimbursed too. AOC has to approve everything, so these things do take some time.

**Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Jarrells, second by Heather Brumley. Vote unanimous.

## Ways to Stay Comfortable While Managing Energy Usage

Summer has officially arrived, and Mother Nature is already turning up the heat. As temperatures continue to climb, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are providing tips to help customers stay comfortable while managing their energy usage. “The weather and how we use energy are two major factors that influence energy bills,” said Shannon Montgomery, LG&E and KU vice president of Customer Services. “We offer a variety of programs, tips and resources for customers to help them beat the heat, manage their energy usage and earn monetary incentives for their energy-saving measures.”

These are steps customers can take now to help beat the heat and keep cool during a heatwave:

•**Sign up for energy**

**efficiency programs:** Whether you are a homeowner, renter or business, LG&E and KU offer a variety programs to help customers save energy and money and earn monetary incentives.

•**Set ceiling fans to spin counterclockwise:** This can help lift cool air up and out, making your room feel more comfortable.

•**Set your thermostat to the highest comfortable setting:** Raising your thermostat setting by even one degree can save as much as 4-7 percent on the cooling portion of your energy bill.

•**Draw the shades:** Close your blinds and curtains during the day to block sunshine from heating up your home.

•**Open and uncover vents:** Be sure vents are open and clear, unblocked by furniture or other obstructions that could prevent air from

circulating through your home.

•**Seal up leaks:** Caulking and weatherstripping can keep the cool air inside your home and the warm air out.

•**Turn off the oven:** Consider grilling out or using a slow cooker to avoid heating up your kitchen and forcing your A/C to work even harder.

•**Have your A/C inspected annually:** Have a certified professional inspect your A/C annually to make sure it's ready to perform in extended high temperatures.

•**Change your air filter:** Set a reminder to change your air filter each month, or according to the manufacturer's instructions, to help keep your HVAC system operating properly.

**Important safety reminders:**

•**Check on your neighbors:** Especially

during heatwaves, it's important to check in on elderly or vulnerable neighbors with a quick phone call or visit to help prevent heat-related illnesses.

•**Stay hydrated:** Drink lots of water throughout the day and especially while outdoors.

•**Follow heat-related guidance:** Follow guidance from local emergency officials and pay close attention to your local weather and updates from the National Weather Service.

•**Take steps for fire safety:** Warm temperatures can also create dry conditions. If you're building a campfire while enjoying the outdoors, make sure to use a fire ring or fire pit and have a source of water, a bucket and a shovel nearby at all times.

LG&E and KU understand customers can

sometimes have difficulties paying their utility bills. Customers needing to establish a payment arrangement are encouraged to contact LG&E and KU right away or use self-serve options (mobile app, online via My Account or automated phone system), which are available any time 24/7. There also are a number of community agencies that provide assistance, and customers are encouraged to take advantage of these programs. Visit lge-ku.com/assistance-programs for a list of local community partners in your area.

Visit lge-ku.com/save to sign up for LG&E and KU's energy efficiency programs and for more important tips to save energy this summer.

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# Household/Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The Bracken County Conservation District and Solid Waste Management are partnering to help you properly dispose of unwanted items. Residents of Bracken County can drop off select items on **Saturday, August 16th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** behind the Bracken County Middle School. **All residents who plan to drop off items MUST complete a registration form PRIOR to attending the event and bring it with them to the event. Contact the Conservation District to find registration form locations.**



Call the Conservation District before August 16th with questions: **606-735-3256**

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**  
**Bracken County Middle School • 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.**

**We Will ONLY Accept**

Only certain items will be collected and some restrictions apply. Please see following list.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Aerosol Cans                                                                                           | • Ammonia                                                     | • Antifreeze (NO mixtures) |
| • Arts & Craft Supplies                                                                                  | • Batteries (all types)                                       | • Bleaches                 |
| • Brake fluid                                                                                            | • Cleaning chemicals                                          | • Creosote                 |
| • Drain Cleaners                                                                                         | • Engine & radiator cleaners & flushes                        | • Insect spray             |
| • Corrosives/Flammables (fuel, kerosene, etc.)                                                           |                                                               |                            |
| • E-Scraps (computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, cell phones... <b>ANYTHING</b> with a power cord!) |                                                               |                            |
| • Herbicides & Pesticides(2 gallon/ 2lbs. only)                                                          |                                                               | • Sealants                 |
| • Ink Cartridges/toner                                                                                   | • Light Bulbs (all types)                                     | • Mercury                  |
| • Metal Polish                                                                                           | • Moth Balls                                                  |                            |
| • Muriatic acid                                                                                          | • Oil (used motor, hydraulic, transmission, and brake fluids) |                            |
| • Paint (10 can limit)&thinner/cleaner                                                                   |                                                               |                            |
| • Paper (documents to be shredded)                                                                       | • Propane Tanks (20 lbs. only)                                |                            |
| • Rodent killers                                                                                         | • Rust preventatives                                          |                            |
| • Solvents                                                                                               | • Televisions (limit of 2 per vehicle)                        |                            |
| • Wood preservatives & strippers                                                                         | • Pool chemicals                                              |                            |

We will **NOT** be accepting appliances, fertilizer, medications, or tires.



**Bracken County Conservation District**

UK Cooperative Extension Service Calendar  
June Recipe

### Rice and Bean Salad

#### Dressing

- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- 1½ tsp. Dijon mustard (or any type)
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- ¾ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. ground black pepper
- ½ cup canola or vegetable oil

#### Salad

- 1 15 oz. can no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 15 oz. can low-sodium chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1½ cups fresh, canned or frozen corn
- 2 cups cooked brown rice
- ½ small red onion, diced
- ½ bunch cilantro or parsley, chopped
- 3 cups spinach, chopped
- ½ jalapeno, seeded and diced (optional)

#### Directions:

Rinse cilantro and jalapeno under cool running water and pat to dry.

In the bottom of a large bowl, whisk red wine vinegar, mustard, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, salt and black pepper. Slowly add the vegetable oil while whisking vigorously until evenly combined.

Add black beans, chickpeas, corn, rice, red onion, cilantro, spinach and jalapeno (if using). Gently toss until dressing evenly coats salad.

You can eat immediately. For the best flavor, though, allow it to sit in the fridge for at least one hour. Store leftovers in the refrigerator within two hours.

*Makes seven 1½ cup servings*

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