

Bracken Fiscal Court

A Special meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Monday, June 8, 2026, 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, Sandy Ruf, Craig Miller, John Scott. Absent: Kevin Jarrells.

County Radio System DKC Radio - Judge Teegarden stated we're here this morning for the sole discussion of the county radio system. Much discussion was held. There's still some things that need to be looked at before money is spent. Research needs to be done to make sure it's in compliance. Nobody's on the same page yet. Getting that portion done and then making that final decision on what actually happens. Judge Teegarden asked, "Is there any further discussion from the court?" There is a motion on the floor made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield. Yes Votes: Craig Miller, David Kelsch, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Heather Brumley, Sandy Ruf. No Votes: Danny Holleran, Judge Teegarden. Absent: Kevin Jarrells. Motion passed.

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn made by Heather Brumley, second by Danny Holleran.

A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday, June 10, 2026, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda. Presiding: Tina K. Teegarden, Judge Executive. Present: David Kelsch, Danny Holleran, Debbie Mayfield, John Scott, Craig Miller, Sandy Ruf, Heather Brumley, Judge Teegarden. Absent: Kevin Jarrells. Let the record reflect that the Court Members received a copy of any Transfers and Vendor Claims and a copy of the Financial Statement. Upon motion of Debbie Mayfield, second by Danny Holleran, the court approves the minutes of the regular meeting May 27, 2026.

Road Department Update - Road Supervisor Stacey Florer gave an update. They have been mowing, cleaned up from an area of high water in Milford.

Animal Shelter Expansion - Magistrate Miller updated the court. He got a call yesterday that they got the survey and that they are going to go ahead and send it to Frankfort and start the process. It's possibly looking at 6-8 weeks to come back from the department of building housing construction.

Let the record reflect the ACO have put an update in the folders. They will be here at the first meeting in July to give an annual report on the shelter and BCAIN.

Property Licking Estates surplus - Tabled. **Kristie Dodge from BTADD added to agenda** - Motion for approval made by Craig Miller, second by Debbie Mayfield.

Opportunity Zones - Kristie Dodge - Kristie had sent out an email that all court members re-

ceived that had a copy of mapping out the zones. This opportunity will most likely not come available for another 10 years. Opportunity zones are designated according to census tracts. The included map shows the green color is the eligible census tract in Bracken County. There is only 1 in Bracken County that is eligible to apply. The Cabinet for Economic development is taking applications from local units of government as recommendations to establish opportunity zones. It is an application, for a recommendation for the state to give to the federal side that this census tract be made into an opportunity zone. The application deadline is this Friday. Applications will be reviewed, and the Governor will make his final recommendation to the federal government for consideration. It will last for 10 years and will allow for federal tax incentives to private capital investment within the designated zones. Some of the tax benefits include capital gain deferral, reduction of taxable amount of capital gain and tax-free growth on investments that sustain for 10+ years. The purpose of the opportunity zones is to attract private investment in an economically distressed area. It starts in 2027. It makes the area more appealing for development to go in.

Motion for approval for Kristie to apply for this on behalf of the court, made by Craig Miller, second by John Scott.

Bid Award - Paving - The court was given copies of the bids in their folders. There were 2 bids, one from Mago and one from H.G. Mays. Judge Teegarden recommends H.G. Mays due to being the lowest bid. It is for Parina Rd and Fords Ave. These were both CPPP projects.

Motion for approval to go with H.G. Mays made by Sandy Ruf, second by Heather Brumley.

Bid Award - Mini Excavator - The court was given copies of bids for the mini excavator. There were bids received from Kubota, Wilson and McCoy. Judge Teegarden recommends Kubota for \$74,739.00 after looking at the warranties and specifications.

Motion to go with Kubota made by David Kelsch, second by Craig Miller.

County Treasurer training incentive - Lois Garrison - Treasurer Lois Garrison addressed the court. The training incentive for the treasurer was added into the current Fiscal Year budget but in order to submit it there needs to be some guidelines laid out as far as how many hours she needs to complete, how long she has to complete them and whether or not they rollover. The county treasurer does not fall under the HB810 like the elected officials do. Most county treasurers that she's talked to follow the HB810. Lois stated it is very important for the treasurer to attend these trainings as things are always changing and aside from the magistrates and judges, the treasurer plays one of the main roles for the county. HB 810 is 40 hours annually; the pay set is over the 4-year period. The treasurer will keep track of their hours and send their training hours

each month to HR. Once the number of hours is reached it will be presented at a Fiscal Court meeting to be approved. This will begin July 1, 2026, since the treasurer's appointment is on a fiscal year.

Motion to make the county treasurers training incentive to follow HB810 with hours rolling over to the following Fiscal year, made by Debbie Mayfield, second by Sandy Ruf.

Bracken County Budget FY 2026-2027 (2nd Reading and Adoption) - Tabled until June 24, 2026, meeting.

Transfers/Vendor Claims - Approved following: General Fund Budget Transfer; Road Fund Budget Transfer; Dispatch 911 Fund Budget Transfer; General Fund Vendor Claims; Road Fund Vendor Claims; Jail Fund Vendor Claims; Senior Citizens Fund Vendor Claims; Dispatch 911 Fund Vendor Claims.

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn made by Heather Brumley, second by John Scott.

Hayswood Grant Applications Available

Hayswood Foundation is now accepting applications for grants to be awarded in the fall of this year. The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2026. Application forms may be obtained from the Foundation's website, hayswood.org, as well as at the Foundation's office at 135 West Second Street, Suite 1A, Maysville. Application forms may also be requested by emailing hfound@att.net.

Hayswood grants are available to nonprofit organizations that promote education, or provide mental or physical health services in a seven-county area including

Game Wardens Focus on Boater Safety Over Holiday Weekend

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will step up patrols on Kentucky's waterways during the upcoming Independence Day weekend, working to ensure everyone enjoys a safe and responsible boating experience. The increased patrols July 3-5 are part of "Operation Dry Water," a nationwide boating safety initiative that brings together Kentucky game wardens and law enforcement agencies to increase awareness, enforce boating laws and reduce alcohol- and drug-related incidents and fatalities.

Alcohol and drugs impair judgment, balance, vision and reaction time for both boat operators and passengers. Environmental factors like sun, wind, noise, vibration and motion can worsen these effects and increase fatigue. Boaters



are encouraged to stay sober and vigilant to ensure a safe and enjoyable day on the water.

In addition to making sure there is a sober boat operator, boaters should also check that all safety equipment is on board, in good condition and easy to access. Many boating accidents become fatal when people fall overboard without wearing a flotation device. Boaters can learn more about boating laws in the *Kentucky Fishing*

and Boating Guide, the regulations summary booklet, available online at fw.ky.gov and wherever licenses are sold, or at "Operation Dry Water."

For emergencies, dial 911. For non-emergency assistance call 800-25-ALERT (800-252-5378) or contact a local law enforcement agency or nearest Kentucky State Police post. Marine channel 16 can be used to contact a local marina. *submitted*

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Household/Hazardous Waste Collection Event

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 22nd from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** at the Bracken County Extension Office.

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. Registration forms will be at area businesses starting mid-July. Forms will also be printed in *The Bracken County News* two weeks prior to the event.



Call the Conservation District before August 22nd with questions: **606-735-3256**

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Bracken County Extension Office • 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

We Will ONLY Accept

- Only certain items will be collected and some restrictions apply. Please see following list.
- 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...ANYTHING 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)
 - Paper (documents to be shredded)
 - Rust preventatives
 - Rodent killers
 - Televisions (limit of 2 per vehicle)
 - Solvents
 - Pool chemicals
 - Wood preservatives & strippers

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



Bracken County Conservation District