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Fence Discussion

BY PJ MARTIN
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The Edmonton - Metcalfe Industrial Development Authority (IDA) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 16th.

The following members were present: Chairperson Lisa Boswell, Terry Garrett, Matt Gallagher, Luke Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer Alley Bragg, Mayor Doug Smith, Judge/Executive Larry Wilson, and PJ Martin from *The Herald-News*.

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Those absent were Donna Caffee and Jerry Garmon.

Chairperson Boswell opened the meeting and declared a quorum present.

The minutes from the regular February 23rd meeting were approved with no corrections after motions by Gallagher and Garrett.

Boswell turned the meeting over to Bragg for the financial report. "I have three

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Metcalfe County 4H Volunteers Honored



▲ PHOTO | SUBMITTED
Pictured are Jourdon, Ollie, Bart, Steve, Linda and Oakleigh Branstetter, Amber and Cade Huffman, Together Everyone Achieves More Award (TEAM) Bart Branstetter, Metcalfe Fair Board; Adult Community Service Award and KY 4-H Distinguished Award, Linda Branstetter; Teen Community Service Award Winner, Cade Huffman.

SUBMITTED BY
Amy Branstetter
 METCALFE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FOR 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

PART I
 Metcalfe County 4H Volunteers continue to demonstrate exceptional dedication to serving youth across the county. This year,

their commitment was honored at the area, state, and national levels, highlighting the tremendous impact they make in their community and beyond.

More than 1,500 volunteers and professionals attended

the 2026 Kentucky Volunteer Forum, held February 26-28 at the Hyatt Regency and Central Bank Convention Center in Lexington. Among them were over 43 Teen and Adult Metcalfe County 4H Volunteers, with twenty-nine

individuals earning awards across thirteen categories, one 4H Young Entrepreneur and two accreditations: a remarkable achievement for our county.

The Kentucky **VOLUNTEERS**
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Magistrates and Fiscal Court

BY PJ MARTIN
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In this part of our series, we will discuss a magistrate's duties in conjunction with the fiscal court as stated in the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) and the Constitution of Kentucky.

In some cases, magistrates are referred to as justices of the peace, due to the fact they are allowed to perform marriages if authorized to do so by the County Judge/Executive or the Governor.

To qualify as a magistrate, he/she must be a resident of Kentucky for at least two years before filing for office, and once elected they must live within the district they are representing during their 4-year term per the Kentucky Constitution, section 142.

The constitution also requires that each county be divided into districts and each have an elected magistrate. These districts are set up by the General Assembly.

Each county's fiscal

court consists of a County Judge/Executive and one magistrate for each district within that county. Fiscal court members (magistrates) have administrative and executive power only when the fiscal court is in session.

A magistrate's duties are defined in the KRS 67.080. They may appropriate county funds for various purposes required by law and approve any changes to the county's budget.

They are responsible for the construction, operation, and maintenance of county-owned buildings, roads, and any other type of county property. They are also responsible for arranging for the incarceration of prisoners.

A 1978 amendment to KRS 67.083, referred to as the "County Home Rule Statute" states that fiscal court magistrates have the authority to enact ordinances, issue regulations, levy taxes, issue bonds, and appropriate funds.

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Board Approves 26-27 School Calendar



▲ PHOTO | METCALFE COUNTY SCHOOLS
Students of the Month, Tymber Garrett, a 6th-grade student pictured with Chairman Daniel Glass.

BY **Torrie Osbon**
 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

The Metcalfe County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10.

On the agenda, the board approved the 2026-2027 District Calendar, which is similar to previous

calendar years.

The first day for students is Monday, August 24, 2026, with the last day of school scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 2027.

Fall Break is October 5-9, and Spring Break is April 5-9.



▲ PHOTO | METCALFE COUNTY SCHOOLS
Classified Employee of the Month is MCMS paraeducator Cassis Logsdon pictured with Chairman Glass.

The complete calendar has been posted at www.metcalfeschools.com.

Also on the agenda, the Board approved the surplus of various kitchen equipment and accepted a KETS (Kentucky Technology Education Systems) second offer of assistance for \$10,672.

The Board recognized Students of the Month Tymber Garrett, a 6th-grade student at Metcalfe County Middle School. MCMS paraeducator Cassis Logsdon was named Classified Employee of the Month, and MCMS gifted coordinator

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