

**REGULAR COURT MEETING****APRIL 8, 2025****CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Judge Adams called the meeting to order with roll call. Magistrates present were Faulkner and Gutenson. Magistrates Stanley and King were absent.

**INVOCATION:**

The invocation was given by Magistrate Dan Gutenson.

**PLEDGE:**

The pledge was led by Sheriff Shawn Hines.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Judge Adams proclaimed April 4, 2025, as Arbor Day. The Proclamation suggests citizens plant a tree in reference to future generations' health and well-being and to enhance the quality of life for all Kentuckians.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Faulkner and seconded by Gutenson to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 25, 2025. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE:****Budget Amendment**

Judge Adams announced the second reading of the Budget Amendment. Approving the Amendment will allow an increase to unbudgeted receipts from the following:

- Economic Development Gant
- CPPP
- Reimbursements
- Federal Forfeiture

Motion to accept the Budget Amendment was made by Faulkner and seconded by Gutenson. Motion carried.

## **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL:**

### **New Hire- Levi Brock**

Levi Brock has been hired to replace Joe Bunch as Public Works Foreman providing maintenance for the courthouse along with multiple other county properties. Levi will be a full-time employee, earning \$18 per hour which is to be made retroactive to March 24, 2025. Motion to approve the hire was made by Gutenson and seconded by Faulker. All in favor, motion carried.

## **JUDGES REPORT:**

### **Backhoe-Wilson Equipment Company**

A replacement for the damaged tractor loader backhoe has been located. The insurance company settled with the county for approximately \$95,000. The machinery will be purchased from Wilson Equipment Company with the total cost being \$128,514.96. Motion to approve purchase of the backhoe was made by Faulkner and seconded by Gutenson. Motion carried.

### **2011 Dodge Charger Surplus**

A 2011 Dodge Charger has been deemed non-functioning due to extreme mechanical issues. The vehicle has no monetary value and has been utilized by the Sheriff's Office and the Jailer. A motion to surplus the vehicle was made by Gutenson and seconded by Faulkner. Motion carried.

### **Cathy Gooch**

Judge Adams read a letter the court received from a satisfied citizen regarding the impressive service Cathy Gooch and the Recycling Center provided when he arrived with an extensive load of recyclables.

## **COMMENTS FROM MAGISTRATES:**

### **Storm Damage and Flooding**

Judge Adams, Magistrates Gutenson and Faulkner commended all first responders, the Sheriff's Office, the Road Department and employees of the McKinney Water District for the efforts and work put in during the flooding and storm damage in the county.

### **McKinney Water District Leak**

The main water line in McKinney along Kentucky Highway 698 was severely damaged during the flood and storms. There are still citizens that have not had access to a water supply for an extended period of time. Wal-Mart in Stanford has donated packs of bottled

water for patrons. Those without water can pick up bottled water at the McKinney Water Department.

#### **COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

##### **County Clerk**

Nancy Jackson was present and informed the court that Lincoln County along with a few surrounding counties do not have access to any DMV records or renewals due to an outage from the storms and flooding. She is not sure when service will be restored.

##### **Harp Enterprises- Election Equipment Updates**

County Clerk Nancy Jackson provided an estimate of \$4,493.75 from Harp Enterprises for updates and service on the voting equipment including batteries, printers and machines. The county was given a deduction from the original price due to being a local government entity. Nancy has requested for the services be completed closer to election time to reserve battery life. Motion to approve payment of \$4,493.75 for service and updates on election equipment was made by Faulkner and seconded by Gutenson. Motion carried.

##### **Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff Shawn Hines announced that training with the body cams started. The office will have a grace period to get deputies acclimated to the process and use.

Chief Deputy Brandon Curlis gave the monthly report for March. Deputy Curlis reported on an investigation that began approximately one year ago. An immense number of illegal substances, money and paraphernalia were seized.

##### **911 Dispatch**

Russ Clark was present to submit and give a verbal report on dispatch calls for the third quarter.

##### **County Attorney**

Daryl Day proposed that the county look into supplying a water line around the Wal-Mart and the Hubble area for purposes of access for emergency situations such as fires.

#### **COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:**

**Jane Vanhook** gave a report on the damage from the storm at the Logan Hubble Park. The dam was severely damaged. Clean up is still in progress.

The William Whitley House had little damage. Trees are down, however, there was no structural damage. The newest employee, Carol Geralds was also present.

The Presbyterian House had a window blown out. The window has been repaired.

Jane announced that the Main Street Clean Sweep will be April 19, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

**Jamie Helle** announced there will be an event on the history of the Kentucky Derby on April 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the library.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE PAY CLAIMS/CASH TRANSFERS:**

Motion to approve claims and pay invoices was made by Gutenson and seconded by Faulkner. All in favor, motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

County Attorney Daryl Day requested an executive session to discuss litigation. Motion to end the regular meeting was made by Stanley and seconded by Gutenson. Motion carried.

Motion to end executive session was made by Gutenson and seconded Faulkner. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Faulkner and seconded by Gutenson to adjourn the meeting. All Magistrates present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**ORDERED COURT ADJOURNED:**

  
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Lincoln County Judge Executive