

**Breckinridge County Fiscal Court
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2007**

Judge Powers called to order the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court at 10:00 a.m. after having led in the Pledge of Allegiance and a word of prayer with all members of the Fiscal Court present.

I. Approval of Minutes

Esqs. Henning and Robinson made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 22, 2007. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Esqs. Hay and Moore made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Called Meeting held on January 30, 2007. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

II. Welcome of Guests and Guest Comments

Judge Powers welcomed all guest present at the meeting then asked for comments from each individual who had signed in to speak at the meeting. The Fiscal Court heard comments from Lyle Reburn who asked the court to consider what services would be cut as a result of rescinding the tax and Mike Picente who commended the judge for his involvement in the Chamber and Breckinridge United and also asked the court to consider the effects a cut in revenue would have on the county. The court also heard comments from Rick Hawkins about the insurance premium tax and how the voters of Breckinridge County sent a message at the election polls in November that the citizens want the insurance tax removed. Frank Adkins, 3rd District Constable and Ritchie Smiley, 5th District Constable were present at the court meeting to ask for permission from the Fiscal Court to obtain blue lights in their vehicles. Mr. Walt Beasley from the Ohio County Water District was present at the court meeting to introduce himself and to make the court aware of the waterline project in the Falls of Rough area and Hwy 629 in Breckinridge County.

III. Transfers

Esqs. Henning and Moore made and seconded a motion to approve the transfers as submitted by County Treasurer, Randi Flood. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

IV. Claims

Esqs. Henning and Robinson made and seconded a motion to approve the claims as submitted by Finance Officer, Lisa Hoskins. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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V. Kentucky Department of Transportation

Patty Dunaway, Planning and Design Engineer from the Transportation Cabinet District 4 presented the court with what would be done in the county as a result from the Rural and Secondary Program. The total that Breckinridge County will receive from the 22.2 percent motor fuel tax is \$1,249,162.00. Ms. Dunaway also informed the court that the state discretionary bond fund which provided \$500,000 to the county for road maintenance and improvements was not funded in the biennial state budget and suggested that the court members contact their state legislators and ask that this program be funded in the future.

VI. Election Officer Pay Increases

Esqs. Henning and Hay made and seconded a motion to approve pay increase for the election officers. An increase for poll workers from \$65 to \$100, election school from \$20 to \$25.00 and the election commissioners for Election Day from \$100 to \$150 and for monthly meetings from \$65 to \$75. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

VII. Treasurer's Report

Esqs. O'Donoghue and Gedling made and seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report as given by County Treasurer, Randi Flood. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The monthly financial report was also presented to the Fiscal Court.

VIII. Road Foreman Report

Road Foreman, Ernie Nix informed the Fiscal Court that the road department has been maintaining the equipment during the bad weather and because of frozen ground that not much grading can be done and that three vehicles were used during the recent snow to salt curves and hills on the roads. Esq. Hay inquired about the Stephensport Fire Department building entrance. Mr. Nix informed Esq. Hay that he was waiting until the temperatures increased so the rock can be distributed evenly without a grader.

IX. Constable Blue Lights

Esqs. Hay and Gedling made and seconded a motion to approve allowing 3rd District Constable, Frank Adkins to obtain blue lights for his vehicle. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Esqs. Moore and Hay made and seconded a motion to allow 5th District Constable, Ritchie Smiley to obtain blue lights for his vehicle. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Esqs. Henning and Moore made and seconded a motion to allow Timmy Simmons, 1st District Constable to obtain blue lights for his vehicle. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

III.

XI. Executive Session

Judge Powers made a motion to adjourn into executive session and Esq. Robinson seconded the motion, with Esqs. Gedling, Hay and Moore voting no, and Esqs. Henning, Robinson, and O'Donoghue voting yes along with Judge Powers the motion was approved to go into executive session. Upon returning from executive session, Esqs. Hay and Moore made and seconded a motion to adjourn from executive session. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

XII. Approval of Grant

Esqs. Hay and O'Donoghue made and seconded a motion to accept a grant from the Kentucky Heritage Council in the amount of \$108,000 to purchase historical property in Breckinridge County. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Esqs. Hay and Moore made and seconded a motion to approve accepting a \$2,500 grant from the Kentucky Heritage Council for the same process. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

XIII. Resolution #021207

Esqs. Henning and Hay made and seconded a motion to approve Resolution #021207 which allows the Judge/Executive to sign and execute the Kentucky Body Armor Program Grant Agreement (MOA) and any necessary documents in furtherance of obtaining the needed funds for body armor. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

XIV. Road Department Employee

Esqs. O'Donoghue and Robinson made and seconded a motion to increase the salary of Richard Milburn who has been working for the county road department for 5 years now to full time operator salary of \$12.82 per hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

XV. Insurance Premium Tax Ordinance

Esqs. Gedling and Hay made and seconded a motion to decrease the insurance premium tax by 50%. After much discussion concerning this matter, Judge Powers made a motion to table the issue until the next regular meeting, Esq. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion was defeated with Esqs. Gedling, Hay, Moore, and O'Donoghue voting no and Esq. Henning, Judge Powers, Esq. Robinson voting yes. Esqs. Henning and Robinson along with Judge Powers were concerned on how the county would be able to operate without the additional revenue coming in from the insurance premium tax and asked that the court consider giving some more time to look further into this matter and see where the county can cut expenses and seek additional revenue through grants before voting to reduce or rescind the tax.

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Esq. Gedling responded that he felt like the burden of the tax was coming from the third, fifth, and sixth districts and that he ran his campaign on a promise that he would cut the tax or rescind it. A vote was then taken to reduce the insurance premium tax by 50% with Esqs. Gedling, Hay, Moore, and O'Donoghue voting yes and Esqs. Henning and Robinson along with Judge Powers voting no. Motion carried at this time with a 4-3 vote. Judge Powers then instructed the court to be doing their homework that he was going to need help with the budget and that the Fiscal Court members could stand accountable for part of this as well.

XVI. Adjournment

Esqs. Hay and Moore made and seconded a motion to adjourn this meeting with no further business to come before it. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ray Powers
Breckinridge County Judge/Executive

Lisa M. Hoskins
Fiscal Court Clerk