

ORDERS

CHRISTIAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

13th Day of January 2026

The Fiscal Court in and for Christian County met for a regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Christian County Courthouse and the following proceedings were had. Present and presiding was Honorable Jerry Gilliam, County Judge/Executive. The following lady and gentlemen, Justices in Commission, were present:

Magaline Ferguson	Rich Liebe
	Phillip Peterson
George Barnett	Russ Guffey
J.E. Pryor	John Bruce
Absent	Josh Turner

Also, presents were Lincoln Foster County Attorney, Melinda Humphries County Clerk, Tyler DeArmond Sheriff, Adam Smith Jailer, and Natalie Pyle County Treasurer.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Esquire Bruce offer the invocation. Jerry Gilliam County Judge/Executive, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Guffey, it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of December 23rd, 2025, and dispense with the reading.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Upon motion of Esquire Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the General Fund through January 13th, 2026.

All voting aye by roll call: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Pryor, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Road and Bridge Fund through January 13th, 2026.

All voting aye by roll call: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditure for the County Jail Fund through January 13th, 2026, and to include authorized regular time and overtime for December 2025 and authorized overtime for January 2026.

December 2025 Authorized Regular Time

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	3.75	\$93.79
Ronnie Maynard	1.0	\$20.00
Donald Muldrow	8.0	\$160.00
Matt Newby	3.0	\$60.00
TOTAL	15.75	\$333.79

December 2025 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	18.0	\$675.36
Curtis Follett	0.5	\$14.43
Caleb Hargrove	13.0	\$471.77
Gabriela Lassalle	8.0	\$230.80
Ryan Lopez	21.5	\$645.00
Kyle Miller	8.0	\$240.00
Donald Muldrow	20.5	\$615.00
Matt Newby	8.0	\$240.00
Billy Over	17.0	\$612.00
Carly Shaw	1.0	\$30.00
TOTAL	115.5	\$3,774.36

January 2026 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Donald Muldrow	4.5	\$135.00
TOTAL	4.5	\$135.00

All voting aye by roll call: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Upon motion of Esquire Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Guffey, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the L.G.E.A. Fund through January 13th, 2026.

All voting aye by roll call: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Pryor, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the E911 Fund through January 13th, 2026.

All voting aye by roll call: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Health Insurance Fund through January 13th, 2026.

All voting aye by roll call: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Clerk Storage Fee Fund through January 13th, 2026.

All voting aye by roll call: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Upon motion of Esquire Pryor, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the American Rescue Fund through January 13th, 2026.

All voting aye by roll call: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

TREASURER REPORT:

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the Cash Transfer dated December 29th, 2025, subject to audit.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

COMMISSION & BOARD REPORTS:

Esquire Guffey shared that the Volunteer Fire Departments had their quarterly meeting and mentioned the need for reimbursement for their training. He also mentioned attending the Kentucky Chamber dinner and it was a good opportunity to advocate for Hopkinsville-Christian County. Lastly, the shared that HWEA has put out a notice that the gas line along 41A from Gate 5 to South Park is functional now.

Esquire Leibe shared he will be in Frankfort from time to time lobbying on behalf on Magistrates.

Christian County Clerk, Melinda Humphries shared information on the public drawing for ballot position, which will be held at 2pm January 15th, 2026, in the Fiscal Court room for candidates that have opposition in the May 2026 Primary.

Billy Outlaw, Director of the Hopkinsville-Christian County Airport gave a presentation on the future development of our local airport. His presentation included plans to keep the airport relevant in this region. A few of the plans he mentioned would be additional tee hangers and de-icing equipment.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Diane Turner provided Fiscal Court with the 2025 edition of the Jeffers Bend newsletter, which includes the 2026 event dates. She also thanked Esquire Pryor and Esquire Ferguson for their volunteer time and thanked the Fiscal Court for the continuous partnership. She also shared information about Focus 21st Century Youth Leadership Program for 6th – 8th graders

Raychel Farmer, Executive Director of the Hopkinsville-Christian County Human Rights Commission shared information about the upcoming Martin Luther King March and Women’s History Month in March. She also introduced Jada Morris as the new Administrative Assistant.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Declare Surplus-Animal Shelter

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the Christian County Animal Shelter declared surplus list below.

Equipment Surplus

QUANTITY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
3	Datamars Microchip Scanners	Broken

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Declare Surplus-County Treasurer

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Liebe, it is hereby ordered to approve the Christian County Sheriff’s Department declared surplus list below.

Vehicle & Equipment Surplus

MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER
Dell	Power Edge Server-T320	CN-09M1D2-71070
Nfina	328T Server	S15270429A25728

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Adoption of Order of Affiliation for the Search and Rescue Plan 2026

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the adoption of the Order of Affiliation to establish responsibilities and chain of command. Christian County Judge Executive, Jerry Gilliam hereby grants to the Christian County Rescue Team the authority to operate in the County of Christian and places the Rescue Team under the direction of the Local Emergency Management Director, Randy Graham.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Adoption of Emergency Operations Plan 2026

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Liebe, it is hereby ordered to adopt the Christian County Emergency Operations Plan, prepared by the Christian County Emergency Management, in conjunction with the Division of Emergency Management Commonwealth of Kentucky.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Approval of Executive Order 2026-01, Fiscal Court Meetings

Upon motion of Esquire Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Guffey, it is hereby ordered to approve Executive Order 2026-01, Fiscal Court Meetings. Under KRS 67.090, Christian County Judge Executive sets the Fiscal Court regular meeting dates to be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. Citizens who wish to address the Court concerning specific topics are encouraged to contact the County Judge/Executive's office by 10:00 a.m. on the Thursday preceding the Court meeting.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Approval of Trilogy CDBG Draw Request, Grant 24-036

Upon motion of Esquire Barnett, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve payment request #1 in the amount of \$190,000.00 for payroll for staff at the Trilogy Recovery Center for Women.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bru.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-01, Trilogy Recovery Center for Women

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Liebe it is hereby ordered to adopt Resolution No. 2026-01. A Resolution on behalf of the Christian County Fiscal Court for the Trilogy Recovery Program for Women Project to authorize Judge/Executive of Christian County to execute and file such application with Kentucky Department for Local Government.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Approval of Advanced Mechanical Contractors for Sheriff HVAC Maintenance

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the Advanced Mechanical Contractors Agreement to service the Christian County Sheriff's Department HVAC equipment.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Approval of Sheriff AC Smart System with Advanced Mechanical Contractors

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Liebe, it is hereby ordered to approve of the Christian County Sheriff's Department AC Smart System. This would include the replacement of faulty LG Smart within the IT Room on 1st floor and pulling in data and all programming of new LG AC Smart.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Approval of Mannington Fire and Rescue Transfer to Crofton Volunteer Fire Department

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to the transfer of Mannington Fire & Rescue to Crofton Volunteer Fire Department. This transfer is in the best interest of the community and county, as the Crofton Volunteer Fire Department maintains staffing, equipment, and operational capacity to provide effective emergency services, with a target day of July 1st, 2026, subject to all required approvals and agreements.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Approval of ASPCA Shelter Initiative Grant

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Shelter Initiative Grant in the amount of \$83,490.00 to be used for kennel upgrades to the Christian County Animal Shelter.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

PERSONNEL:

County Judge Executive-	None Presented
Sheriff's Department-	None Presented
County Attorney-	None Presented
County Clerk-	None Presented
County Treasurer-	None Presented
Animal Shelter-	None Presented
County Road Department-	None Presented

Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Pryor, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to hire Noah Rollock as a full-time Deputy Jailer, retro-active to January 1st, 2026, with a salary of \$40,000.08.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Guffey, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to remove Danielle Smith from her probation period effective January 16th, 2026.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Bruce, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to remove Whitney Brooks from her probation period effective January 16th, 2026.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Jerry Gilliam, County Judge/Executive, announced a special called meeting will be at the Christian County Courthouse on Tuesday January 27th, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to adjourn at 9:29 a.m.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Phillip Peterson, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, and John Bruce.


 CHRISTIAN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
 JERRY GILLIAM