

**ORDERS** } CHRISTIAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

14<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2026

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The Fiscal Court in and for Christian County met for a regular called meeting at 8:34 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
Josh Turner	Phillip Peterson
George Barnett	Russ Guffey
J.E. Pryor	John Bruce

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 Peterson offered the invocation. Jerry Gilliam, County Judge/Executive, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Guffey, it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and dispense with the reading.

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

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:**

Upon motion of Esquire Pryor, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the General Fund through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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

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Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Liebe, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Road and Bridge Fund through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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

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Upon motion of Esquire Turner, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditure for the County Jail Fund through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and to include authorized regular time for March 2026 and April 2026. And authorized overtime for March 2026 and April 2026.

## March 2026 Authorized Regular Time

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Whitney Brooks	4.0	\$76.92
Cindy Ellis	10.0	\$216.30
Alton Gray	3.0	\$57.69
John Hurt	8.0	\$160.00
Ryan Lopez	8.0	\$160.00
Matt Newby	3.0	\$60.00
Billy Over	2.5	\$60.00
Noah Rollock	1.5	\$28.85
Carly Shaw	6.0	\$120.00
Matt Wynne	4.0	\$80.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$1,019.76</b>

## March 2026 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	8.0	\$300.16
Whitney Brooks	11.5	\$331.78
Tim Crutchfield	8.0	\$252.00
Cindy Ellis	31.5	\$1,022.18
Alton Gray	0.75	\$21.64
Caleb Hargrove	6.0	\$217.74
Kim Hobson	9.0	\$280.26
John Hurt	39.0	\$1,170.00
Brandon Jacobs	10.5	\$302.93
Ryan Lopez	34.5	\$1,035.00
Donald Muldrow	4.0	\$134.40
Billy Over	29.0	\$1,044.00
Jeremy Reed	8.5	\$245.23
Carly Shaw	19.25	\$577.50
Bryan Smith	3.5	\$114.94
Danielle Smith	2.25	\$67.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>225.25</b>	<b>\$7,117.26</b>

## February 2026 Authorized Regular Time

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Michael McNeil	4.0	\$76.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>\$76.92</b>

## April 2026 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	4.0	\$150.08
Kim Hobson	7.0	\$217.98
Gabriela Lassalle	1.0	\$28.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>\$396.91</b>

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

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the L.G.E.A. Fund through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the E911 Fund through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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

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Upon motion of Esquire Pryor, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Health Insurance Fund through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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

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Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Guffey, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Clerk Storage Fee Fund through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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

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Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Turner, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the American Rescue Fund through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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

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**TREASURER REPORT:**

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Liebe, it is hereby ordered to approve the Budget Transfers effective March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, subject to audit.

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

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Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the Cash and Investment Report dated March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, subject to audit.

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

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Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the Budget Revenue & Expense Statement dated July 1, 2025, through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, subject to audit.

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

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**COMMISSION & BOARD REPORTS:**

Esquire Ferguson shared that tonight is Military Child Bowling Night from 5pm-9pm at Southern Lanes in Hopkinsville.

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Esquire Pryor shared that the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Take Kids Fishing will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Jeffers Bend from 9am-12pm.

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Esquire Bruce shared that Crofton VFD will be having a Pancake Breakfast on April 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7am.

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**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**

Raychel Farmer, Executive Director of the Hopkinsville-Christian County Human Rights Commission shared that Focus 21 Minority Leadership in partnership with the Human Rights Commission will be having a Community Housing Forum on April 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm at the Kenneth Bates Community Center.

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Oak Grove Mayor, Jackie Oliver, shared a few upcoming events happening in Oak Grove. The Spring into Summer Salutes Fort Campbell Festival featuring Brett Young will take place on May 23 with the concert at 7 p.m., as well as the Bands, Bourbon, Wine & More will be on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-9pm.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Advanced Mechanical Contractors (AMC) HVAC Maintenance Agreement for Christian County Animal Shelter**

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Bruce it is hereby ordered to approve maintenance agreement with Advanced Mechanical for bi-annually preventative maintenance for the Christian County Animal Shelter.

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

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### **Approval of MOU Forcht Broadcasting for Christian County's Opioid Funds**

Upon motion of Esquire Turner, seconded by Esquire Peterson, it is hereby ordered to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Christian County Fiscal Court and Forcht Broadcasting to help address the opioid epidemic. Christian County Fiscal Court agrees to provide Forcht Broadcasting with \$19,270.00 from the County's National Opioid Settlement funds.

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

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### **Approval of MOU Courage House for Christian County's Opioid Fund**

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Christian County Fiscal Court and Courage House to help operate a reentry and recovery housing program for men with opioid use disorder. Christian County Fiscal Court agrees to provide Courage House with \$80,658.00 from the County's National Opioid Settlement funds.

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

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### **Adoption of Resolution 2026-10, Opioid Litigation Settlement**

Upon motion of Esquire Turner, seconded by Esquire Guffey, it is hereby ordered to adopt Resolution 2026-10, Opioid Litigation Settlement. This Resolution authorizes the Christian County Judge Executive to execute the remnant defendant's opioid settlement documents to provide monetary payments and other relief to participating political subdivisions.

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

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### **Declare Surplus-Sheriff's Department**

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Peterson, it is hereby ordered to approve the declared surplus list below for December 2025, from the Christian County Sheriff's Department.

YEAR, MAKE, MODEL	VIN #	MILEAGE
2013 Chevy Tahoe	1GNSK2E06DR300335	174,345

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

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**Approval of Incentive-Russ Guffey**

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to authorize the incentive payment for a total of \$5,445.28 to Russ Guffey for the completion of his 40-hour training unit for calendar year 2026.

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

Abstain: Esquire Guffey

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**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**

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Pryor, and upon recommendation of Paul Finley, Christian County Public Works Director, it is hereby ordered to hire Billy McGhee as Truck Driver, retroactively to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, with a 90-day probationary period. His rate of pay will be \$35,360.16 annually.

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

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**Jail**

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Barnett, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to remove Jeremy Reed from probation period effective April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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

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**Jail**

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Turner, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to hire Beatriz Moreno as a full-time Deputy Jailer, effective to April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with a 90-day probationary period. Rate of pay will be \$40,000.08 annually.

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

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**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 Paulette Simon-Hall as a full-time Deputy Jailer, effective to April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with a 90-day probationary period. Rate of pay will be \$40,000.08 annually.

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

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**


Jerry Gilliam, County Judge/Executive, announced a special called meeting will be at the Christian County Courthouse on Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to adjourn at 9:20 a.m.

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



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CHRISTIAN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE  
JERRY GILLIAM