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CHRISTIAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

28th Day of July 2026

The Fiscal Court in and for Christian County met for a regular called 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 Duncan Cavanah Assistant County Attorney, Melinda Humphries County Clerk, Rick Burgess Major, Ashley Calhoun Finance Officer, Adam Smith Jailer, and Natalie Pyle County Treasurer.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of July 14th, 2026, and dispense with the reading.

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

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the General Fund through July 28th, 2026.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Road and Bridge Fund through July 28th, 2026.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Pryor, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditure for the County Jail Fund through July 28th, 2026, and to include authorized regular time and authorized overtime for June & July 2026.

June 2026 Authorized Regular Time

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Cindy Ellis	4.5	\$94.34
Aaron Flowers	3.0	\$60.00
Ryan Lopez	5.0	\$100.00
April McGowan (1hr in May)	4.0	\$76.92
TOTAL	16.5	\$334.26

June 2026 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	4.25	\$159.46
Cindy Ellis	4.0	\$129.80
Kimberly Hobson	1.0	\$31.14
John Hurt	22.5	\$675.00
Ryan Lopez	22.0	\$230.80
April McGowan (3hrs in May)	8.0	\$230.80
Michael McNeil	2.5	\$72.13
Donald Muldrow	5.0	\$168.00
Billy Over	30.0	\$1,080.00
Carly Shaw	7.0	\$210.00
TOTAL	106.25	\$3,416.33

July 2026 Authorized Regular Time

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	7.25	\$186.76
Tim Crutchfield	6.0	\$144.24
Christina Joiner	7.5	\$148.58
Beatriz Moreno	4.0	\$79.24
TOTAL	24.75	\$558.82

July 2026 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	3.25	\$125.58
Whitney Brooks	1.75	\$52.01
Natalie Eakin	4.0	\$118.88
Aaron Flowers	8.0	\$247.20
Jacob Grace	3.0	\$89.16
Russell Guffey	1.5	\$51.93
Kimberly Hobson	21.5	\$689.51
Christina Joiner	17.0	\$505.24
April McGowan	7.0	\$208.04
Susan Mollohan	8.0	\$307.12
Jeremy Reed	1.5	\$44.58
Bryan Rives	5.0	\$208.65
TOTAL	81.5	\$2,647.90

All voting aye by roll call: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, 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 July 28th, 2026.

All voting aye by roll call: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, Phillip Peterson, 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 July 28th, 2026.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Health Insurance Fund through July 28th, 2026.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Liebe, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Clerk Storage Fee Fund through July 28th, 2026.

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

TREASURER REPORT:

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Liebe, it is hereby ordered to approve the Budget Transfer dated June 23rd, 2026, subject to audit.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the Cash and Investment Report, dated June 30th, 2026, as well as Budgeted Revenue and Expense Statement July 1, 2025, through June 30th, 2026, subject to audit.

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.

COMMISSION & BOARD REPORTS:

Hopkinsville-Christian County Fire Department Board Chair, Darrell Gustafson, Fire Chief Steve Futrell, and Deputy Chief of Training, Phillip Ferguson visited Fiscal Court to share information about the Hopkinsville Fire Department Emergency Management System Academy. This program is a Kentucky licensed Training and Education Institute (TEI) through the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS). The program is continuing to grow with many students attending from outside the county.

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Pryor, it is hereby ordered to approve the quarterly Jail report for the 4th Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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

Esquire Peterson of the Christian County Volunteer Fire Department Board shared that Representative District 2 members came in to conduct training for volunteers that are required to obtain 21 hours of training.

Esquire Barnett of the Christian County Water District Board shared that a 1% increase was discussed at a recent board meeting but added that for now there will not be a rate increase.

Esquire Ferguson of the Christian County-Hopkinsville Museum Board shared upcoming events for the Museum. Batter Days will be July 30th, 2026, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This is a free admission for a pancake breakfast for children and students. Also, the 3rd Annual Museum Gala Fundraiser will be September 18th, 2026, from 6pm-8pm. More event days can be found on the Museum website.

Esquire Bruce shared he attended the Purple Heart Ceremony recently at Fort Campbell, KY. The ceremony was presided over by retired General David Petraeus, who recognized several veterans, including the 101st Airborne Division soldiers wounded in the 2003 Kuwait's Camp Pennsylvania attack.

Esquire Guffey shared some past and present event dates happening in Christian County. Last week St. Elmo Homemakers Club hosted its annual BBQ Fundraiser to help raise funds for the restoration of the historic St. Elmo School and the Lincoln Heritage Council honored Phil Camp the Distinguished Citizen Award. He also mentioned upcoming dates, such as, the Courage House ribbon cutting, Men 2 Be, Inc Gala August 1st, Boys & Girls Club annual Great Futures Luncheon on August 5th, and the ribbon cutting for the new Christian County High School on August 6th.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Hopkinsville-Christian County Human Rights Commission Executive Director, Raychel Farmer shared HRC’s Annual Report for 2025-2026 and the July 2026 Monthly Report. She also mentioned several upcoming events. August 2nd, Gathered in Love Heritage Dinner and Awards from 2pm-4pm at the Virginia Street Baptist Church and the 8th of August Emancipation Day Celebration beginning on August 7th from 10am-4pm at the Pennyroyal Area Museum and August 8th with a festival-style event in downtown Hopkinsville.

NEW BUSINESS:

Acceptance of 2026-2027 Rural and Secondary Rd. Program Report

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to accept the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet 2026-2027 Rural & Secondary Road Program Tentative Allocation. Christian County Fiscal Court opted to refer the report to the Road Committee for recommendations.

“Flex Funds” Amount -	\$320,569.00
State Rural Secondary Roadways Amount -	\$407,150.00
Total Allocation Amount -	\$727,719.00

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

Approval of Highway Safety Grant for the Christian County Sheriff

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the 2027 Highway Safety grant for contract year October 1, 2026-September 30, 2027, with the Transportation Cabinet’s Kentucky Office of Highway Safety for the Christian County Sheriff Department. This grant contract is contingent upon the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) approval.

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

Approval of Amended Salary Schedule for Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Barnett, seconded by Esquire Pryor, it is hereby ordered to approve the amended salary schedule for the Christian County Jail, effective July 1, 2026.

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

Adoption of Resolution 2026-16, Sale of 521 Weber St

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the adoption of Resolution 2026-16, Sale of 521 Weber St. This Resolution is to establish the parameters and minimum qualifications for bidders responding to request for proposals for the sale of surplus real property known as 521 Weber Street.

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

Adoption of Resolution 2026-17, Homeland Security Grant-Christian County Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Guffey it is hereby ordered to approve the adoption of Resolution 2026-17, Homeland Security Grant for the Christian County Jail. This Resolution of the Christian County, KY, Fiscal Court authorizing the County Judge Executive to make application for the United States Department of Homeland Security and/or Commonwealth of Kentucky funds for a project to be administered by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

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

Adoption of Resolution 2026-18, EM Cybersecurity

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Bruce it is hereby ordered to approve the adoption of Resolution 2026-18, Homeland Security Grant for the Christian County Emergency Management. This Resolution of the Christian County, KY, Fiscal Court authorizing the County Judge Executive to make application for the United States Department of Homeland Security and/or Commonwealth of Kentucky funds for a project to be administered by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

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

Approval of MOU for Justice Assistance Grant Program

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Pryor it is hereby ordered to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hopkinsville, KY and Christian County, KY to jointly apply for the grant funding through the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of up to \$15,000.00

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

Approval of Budget Exemption 65/35, pursuant to KRS 68.310

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Ferguson it is hereby ordered to approve the budget exemption 65/35, pursuant to KRS 68.310. Christian County respectfully requests an exemption from the limitations of KRS 68.310 for the following funds for the first half of fiscal year 2026-2027 (July 1-December 31, 2026).

Fund A-General Fund	Commerce Park II/HB900
Fund B-Road Fund	LARP/CPPP-Coal Creek Road
Fund C-American Rescue Plan	ARPA

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

Approval of 2025 Sheriff Tax Settlements

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Guffey it is hereby ordered to approve the Christian County Sheriff’s Department 2025 Tax Settlements for the period July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, subject to audit.

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

Declare Surplus-County Treasurer

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Barnett it is hereby ordered to approve the Christian County Treasurer’s declared surplus items for the following items.

Item	Item Number	Status
HP Color Laser Jet CP4525	SN JPBCC6Q0R4	Broken
Dot Matrix Printer PSA3	SN 4V6F09060001	No longer in use

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

Declare Surplus-Christian County Emergency Management

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Ferguson it is hereby ordered to approve the Christian County Emergency Management’s declared surplus items for the following items.

Make & Model	VIN	Year
Travel Trailer AURO AURORA	5ZT2ARXB8NX023850	2022
Travel Trailer TRAN 297QB	573TT362XN8819162	2022

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey, Phillip Peterson, 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
County Jail-	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 Road Department Superintendent, it is hereby ordered to remove Jerome Smith II from his 90-day probationary period, effective July 15th, 2026.

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

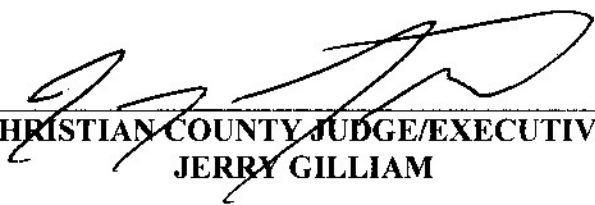
UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Jerry Gilliam, County Judge/Executive, announced a regular called meeting will be at the Christian County Courthouse on Tuesday August 11th, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Guffey, it is hereby ordered to adjourn at 9:35 a.m.

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



CHRISTIAN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
JERRY GILLIAM