

**ORDERS** } CHRISTIAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

24<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2026

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of March 10<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 Bruce, seconded by Esquire Turner, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the General Fund through March 24<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 Guffey, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Road and Bridge Fund through March 24<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 Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditure for the County Jail Fund through March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and to include authorized regular time for December 2025, February 2026, and March 2026. And authorized overtime for February and March 2026.

## December 2025 Authorized Regular Time

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Aaron Flowers	2.0	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>

## February 2026 Authorized Regular Time

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Ryan Lopez	8.0	\$160.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>

## February 2026 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	6.5	\$243.88
Cindy Ellis	4.0	\$129.80
John Hurt	15.0	\$450.00
Ryan Lopez	6.0	\$180.00
Donald Muldrow	3.0	\$90.00
Billy Over	25.5	\$918.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>\$2,011.68</b>

## February 2026 Authorized Regular Time

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
April McGowan	4.0	\$76.92
Matthew Newby	3.0	\$60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>\$139.92</b>

## February 2026 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	9.75	\$365.82
Tim Crutchfield	8.0	\$252.00
Jake DeLillo	5.0	\$144.25
Jesy Inman	1.0	\$28.85
Christina Joiner	4.0	\$115.40
Donald Muldrow	27.0	\$907.20
Matthew Newby	4.0	\$120.00
Billy Over	22.5	\$810.00
Carly Shaw	4.0	\$120.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85.25</b>	<b>\$2,863.52</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.

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Upon motion of Esquire Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the L.G.E.A. Fund through March 24<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 Guffey, seconded by Esquire Peterson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the E911 Fund through March 24<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 Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Health Insurance Fund through March 24<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 Guffey, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Clerk Storage Fee Fund through March 24<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 Liebe, seconded by Esquire Turner, it is hereby ordered to approve the Budget Transfer dated February 10<sup>th</sup> and February 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 Barnett, seconded by Esquire Pryor, it is hereby ordered to approve the Cash and Investment Report dated February 28<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 Bruce, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the Budget Revenue & Expense Statement dated July 1, 2025, through February 28<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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### **COMMISSION & BOARD REPORTS:**

Christian County Animal Shelter Director, Sherry Viall gave the Christian County Animal Shelter Monthly Report for the month of February 2026.

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Esquire Bruce mentioned that the Gordan Park Fish Fry in Crofton is set to begin on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 4:30pm. Proceeds raised by the event go back into maintaining Gordon Park.

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**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**

Mrs. Sondra Price of 226 Crossbow Ct. in Hopkinsville KY presented questions in regard to the overcrowding in our local Jail and ICE detainees. She asked Fiscal Court what the number of ICE detainees were currently in the Christian County Jail and wanted to learn how local churches can visit inmates. County Judge Executive Jerry Gilliam and County Attorney Lincoln Foster explained how Mrs. Price can make an Open Records Request to get more information on the number of ICE detainees and to discuss church visits with County Jailer, Adam Smith.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointment to the Christian County Library Board-Erin Westerfield**

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Peterson it is hereby ordered to approve Erin Westerfield to the Christian County Library Board for an unexpired term from March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027.

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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**Resolution 2026-09, Rubber Modified Asphalt Gran**

Upon motion of Esquire Barnett, seconded by Esquire Turner, it is hereby ordered to adopt and authorize County Judge Executive to sign Resolution 2026-09, a project to be completed using rubber modified asphalt on Fentress Ln.

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 Hazardous Waste Grant**

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the 2026-2027 Kentucky Pride Fund Household Hazardous Waste Management Grant Application. The goal of the grant is to leverage limited funds into efficient and cost-effective projects to help Kentucky develop an integrated recycling infrastructure, manage Household Hazardous Waste and provide recycling and HHW public education programs.

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 Revised Memorandum of Agreement-House Bill 556**

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Turner, it is hereby ordered to approve the revised February 2026 Memorandum of Agreement between the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Department of Corrections and Multi Kentucky County & Regional Jails to establish an agreement for program facilitator services. This MOA is effective from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

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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**Closed Session Pursuant of KRS 61.810(1)(b)**

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Pryor, it is hereby ordered to authorize Jerry Gilliam, Judge/Executive, to begin Closed Session Pursuant of KRS 61.810(1)(b) at 8:49am.

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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**End Closed Session Pursuant of KRS 61.810(1)(b)**

Upon motion of Esquire Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Peterson, it is hereby ordered to authorize Jerry Gilliam, Judge/Executive, to end Closed Session Pursuant of KRS 61.810(1)(b) at 9:09am. No Action Taken.

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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**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**

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Bruce, and upon recommendation of Jerry Gilliam, Christian County Judge Executive, it is hereby ordered to promote Sherry Viall as the Animal Shelter Director, effective March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with her current probationary period. Her rate of pay will be \$55,000.00 annually effective April 1<sup>st</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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**Animal Shelter**

Upon motion of Esquire Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Guffey, and upon recommendation of Sherry Viall, Christian County Animal Shelter Director, it is hereby ordered to hire Leigh-Anne Gentry as a part-time Shelter Attendant, retroactivity to March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with a 90-day probationary period. Her rate of pay will be \$12.00 and hour for 96 hours per month.

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.

**Jail**

Upon motion of Esquire Pryor, seconded by Esquire Turner, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to hire Christopher Walters as a full-time Deputy Jailer, retroactivity to March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with a 90-day probationary period. Her 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.

**Jail**

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Guffey, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to remove Noah Rollock from probation period effective April 1<sup>st</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.

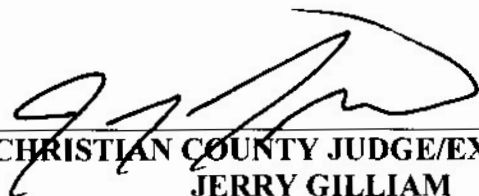
**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Jerry Gilliam, County Judge/Executive, announced a special called meeting will be at the Christian County Courthouse on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to adjourn at 9:15 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.



CHRISTIAN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE  
JERRY GILLIAM