

ORDERS } CHRISTIAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

12th Day of August 2025

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
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 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 Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of July 22nd, 2025, 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 Peterson, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the General Fund through August 12th, 2025.

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 Bruce, seconded by Esquire Pryor, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Road and Bridge Fund through August 12th, 2025.

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 Turner, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditure for the County Jail Fund through August 12th, 2025, and to include authorized overtime for June & July 2025.

June 2025 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
John Hurt	2.0	\$57.70
TOTAL	2.0	\$57.70

July 2025 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
John Hurt	5.5	\$165.00
Ryan Lopez	10.75	\$322.50
Bradley Daniel	5.0	\$150.00
TOTAL	21.25	\$637.50

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 Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Guffey, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the L.G.E.A. Fund through August 12th, 2025.

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 Turner, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Opioid Settlement Fund through August 12th, 2025.

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 Peterson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the E911 Fund through August 12th, 2025.

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 Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Turner, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Health Insurance Fund through August 12th, 2025.

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 Peterson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Clerk Storage Fee Fund through August 12th, 2025.

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.

TREASURER REPORT:

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Pryor, it is hereby ordered to approve the Cash Transfer dated July 14th, 16th, 17th, & 23rd, 2025, 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.

Upon motion of Esquire Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Guffey, it is hereby ordered to accept the Annual Report July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, 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:

Esquire Barnett shared that on August 18th, 2025, JRA Architects will meet with the building committee to review information on the architectural and master planning for the Historic Christian County Courthouse and other public service building located on South Main Street in Hopkinsville, KY.

Christian County Clerk, Melinda Humphries shared a fee increase for marriage licenses went from \$50.00 to \$60.00. She also mentioned her office is collecting changes to help the fund to purchase a K9 for the Christian County Sheriff's Office. "Your Change Can Fetch A Hero" has raised a little over \$50.00. She wanted to thank those in the community that donated. For more information on how you can donate, please contact the Christian County Judge Executives Office.

County Judge Executive, Jerry Gilliam gave an update on the surplus of the Weber Street building. A bid process will begin soon for anyone interested in the purchase of the building.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Cecelia Cloos Girl Scout Troop Leader 1890 brought her Girl Scout Troop to Fiscal Court to share that they will be working towards their government badge. They will be visiting and learning about different government offices and how they benefit and keep our community safe.

Alissa Keller, Executive Director of the Museums of Historic Hopkinsville-Christian County shared information regarding upcoming events. One which includes History of Tap at 6:30pm on the last Thursday of the month at the Hopkinsville Brewing Company with a new topic each month on someone or someplace in Christian County.

Diane Turner Croney shared information about an upcoming event at Jeffers Bend. The 3rd annual Hummingbird Festival will be on August 23, 2025, from 9am-12pm. You can learn about banding, feeding, and care of hummingbirds.

Raychel Farmer, Executive Director of the Hopkinsville-Christian County Human Rights Commission shared information regarding the Fair Housing Workshops at Valor Hall in Oak Grove on Friday August 29th from 8am-1pm and again on Saturday August 30th, at the Pennyrile Area Development District office from 8am-1pm.

Tammie Van Buren, resident and treasurer for the nonprofit Hopkinsville Historic Community, shared a statement with the court regarding the loss of historic buildings in our community with a primary focus concerning the Weber Building.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Litter Abatement Grant 2025

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Peterson, it is hereby ordered to approve County Judge Executive, Jerry Gilliam to sign the County Request and Agreement for Litter Abatement Program Grant Funding.

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.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-07, Annual Tax Rates

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Pryor it is hereby ordered to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-07. An ordinance relating to the annual tax levy.

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.

Approval of 2024 Sheriff Tax Settlements

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Bruce it is hereby ordered to approve the Christian County Sheriff’s Department 2024 Tax Settlements for the period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, 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.

PERSONNEL:

Sheriff’s Department-	None Presented
County Attorney-	None Presented
County Clerk-	None Presented
County Treasurer-	None Presented
Animal Shelter-	None Presented

Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Pryor, seconded by Esquire Guffey, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to remove Christopher Walters off 90-day probationary period effective August 16th, 2025.

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.

County Judge Executive

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, and upon recommendation of Jerry Gilliam, Christian County Judge Executive, it is hereby ordered to hire Grace Cansler as a part time co-op student. Her pay rate will be \$12.00 per hour for 96 hours per month, with a 90-day probationary period retroactively effective as of August 1st, 2025.

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.

Animal Shelter

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Bruce, and upon recommendation of Melissa Goff, Christian County Animal Shelter Director, it is hereby ordered to hire Michael Lefkowitz as a part-time shelter attendant. His pay rate will be \$12.00 per hour for 96 hours per month, with a 90-day probationary period retroactively effective as of August 1st, 2025.

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.

Animal Shelter

Upon motion of Esquire Pryor, seconded by Esquire Liebe, and upon recommendation of Melissa Goff, Christian County Animal Shelter Director, it is hereby ordered to hire Mary Dyer as a part-time shelter attendant. Her pay rate will be \$12.00 per hour for 96 hours per month, with a 90-day probationary period retroactively effective as of August 1st, 2025.

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.

Animal Shelter

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Barnett, and upon recommendation of Melissa Goff, Christian County Animal Shelter Director, it is hereby ordered to hire Pamela Glover as a part-time receptionist. Her pay rate will be \$12.00 per hour for 96 hours per month, with a 90-day probationary period retroactively effective as of August 1st, 2025.

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.

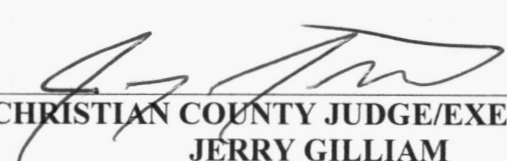
UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Jerry Gilliam, County Judge/Executive, announced a special called meeting will be at the Christian County Courthouse on Friday, August 22nd, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. and the next regular meeting will be at the Christian County Courthouse on Tuesday, August 26th, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion of Esquire Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to adjourn at 9:14 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