

ORDERS } CHRISTIAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

23rd Day of December 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 Guffey 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 Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of December 9th, 2025, and dispense with the reading.

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

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the General Fund through December 23rd, 2025.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Peterson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Road and Bridge Fund through December 23rd, 2025.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Turner, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditure for the County Jail Fund through December 23rd, 2025, and to include authorized regular time and overtime for November 2025.

November 2025 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Jayden Ralston	9.25	\$266.86
TOTAL	9.25	\$266.86

November 2025 Authorized Regular Time

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	3.75	\$93.79
John Hurt	0.75	\$15.00
Ryan Lopez	8.0	\$160.00
William Over	7.0	168.00
TOTAL	19.5	\$436.79

November 2025 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Russell Guffey	3.0	\$90.00
John Hurt	2.0	\$60.00
Ryan Lopez	7.0	\$210.00
William Over	11.0	\$396.00
TOTAL	23.0	\$756.00

December 2025 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	17.5	\$656.60
Matthew Wynne	2.25	\$67.50
TOTAL	19.75	\$724.10

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

Upon motion of Esquire Pryor, seconded by Esquire Turner, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the L.G.E.A. Fund through December 23rd, 2025.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Peterson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the E911 Fund through December 23rd, 2025.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Guffey, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Health Insurance Fund through December 23rd, 2025.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Pryor, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the General Obligation Fund through December 23rd, 2025.

All voting aye by roll call: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, Josh Turner, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Rich Liebe, Phillip Peterson, Russ Guffey 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 December 23rd, 2025.

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

TREASURER REPORT:

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the Budget Transfer dated November 11th, 2025, 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.

Upon motion of Esquire Barnett, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the Cash and Investment Report dated November 30th, 2025, 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.

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Turner, it is hereby ordered to approve the Budget Revenue & Expense Statement dated July 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, 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.

COMMISSION & BOARD REPORTS:

Melissa Goff the Director of the Christian County Animal Shelter gave her monthly report for November 2025.

Esquire Barnett mentioned the building committee should be getting a full report from JRA Architect for the Christian County Master Plan Vision Package at the first of the year.

Esquire Guffy thanked all those involved in the Wreath Across America event and thanked the Christian County Military Affairs Committee for organizing 40th anniversary memorial service in Hopkinsville at the Gander Memorial Park.

Esquire Bruce mentioned the Western Hills Municipal Golf Course is looking for funds to help build a new facility to house restrooms along with storage for golf carts.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Christian County Clerks Budget Fiscal Year 2026

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the General Term Order for Christian County Clerk, Melinda A. Humphries for the authorization of expenditures for her office for the calendar year 2026, in accordance with KRS 64.345.

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.

Approval of Holiday Schedule

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Turner, it is hereby ordered to approve the adoption of the 2026 Holiday Schedule.

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.

Adoption of Resolution 2025-18, Legislative Priorities

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to adopt Resolution 2025-18, a Resolution regarding the strategic planning goals for the county for projects, funding needs, and identified a set of legislative priorities deemed necessary for the advancement and development of Christian County for the year 2026 and beyond.

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.

Adoption of Resolution 2025-19, Radio Tower Reimbursement

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Peterson, it is hereby ordered to adopt Resolution 2025-19, a Resolution of the Fiscal Court of the County of Christian, Kentucky declaring the county's intent to reimburse itself for the cost of capital expenditures from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations and to undertake the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of radio safety equipment.

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

Adoption of Resolution 2025-20, Christian County Water Encroachment

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to adopt Resolution 2025-20, a Resolution of the Christian County Fiscal Court authorizing the Christian County Water District to encroach upon certain county-maintained rights-of-way for the Phase IX, water system upgrades project and authorizing the County Judge Executive to execute necessary documents in connection therewith.

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

Approval of Training Incentive-Melinda A. Humphries

Upon motion of Esquire Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Peterson, it is hereby ordered to authorize the incentive payment for a total of \$3,976.59 to County Clerk Melinda Humphries for the completion of his 40-hour training unit for calendar year 2025.

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

Request for Supplemental Payment-Sheriff Department

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Turner it is hereby ordered to approve the request of the second half of the supplemental payment to the Sheriffs budget in the amount of \$1,875,000.00, which is paid from the Christian County General Fund.

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

Approval of Board of Elections Pay

Upon motion of Esquire Barnett, seconded by Esquire Peterson, it is hereby ordered to authorize the payment for the Board of Election Commissioners for calendar year 2025, totaling \$400.00

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, Josh Turner, 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 Turner, seconded by Esquire Pryor, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to promote Russell Guffey as a full-time Sergeant, retro-active to December 16th, 2025, with a salary of \$46,600.08.

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.

Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Bruce, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to hire Christopher Graves as a full-time Deputy Jailer, effective to January 1st, 2026, with a 90-day probationary period with a salary of \$40,000.08.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Jerry Gilliam, County Judge/Executive, announced a regular meeting will be at the Christian County Courthouse on Tuesday January 13th, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion of Esquire Peterson, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to adjourn at 9:00 a.m.

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.



CHRISTIAN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
JERRY GILLIAM