14th Day of October 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 Esquire Phillip Peterson, Pro tem. The following lady and gentlemen, Justices in Commission, were present:

Magaline Ferguson

Rich Liebe

Josh Turner

George Barnett

Russ Guffey

J.E. Pryor

John Bruce

Also, presents were Lincoln Foster County Attorney, Melinda Humphries County Clerk, John Quarles Major, Mandy Howard Jail Administrative Asst., and Natalie Pyle County Treasurer.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Esquire Turner invited local minister Buddy Slaughter to offer the invocation. Esquire Phillip Peterson, Pro tem, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of September 23rd, 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 and John Bruce.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the General Fund through October 14th, 2025.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Pryor, seconded by Esquire Barnett, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Road and Bridge Fund through October 14th, 2025.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Turner, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditure for the County Jail Fund through October 14th, 2025, and to include authorized overtime for August & September 2025.

September 2025 Authorized Regular Time

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	6.0	\$150.06
Matthew Newby	3.0	\$60.00
TOTAL	9.0	\$210.06

September 2025 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	10.5	\$393.96
Bradley Daniel	3.0	\$90.00
Jeremy Rains	10.0	\$300.00
Bryan Rives	8.0	\$324.16
TOTAL	31.5	\$1,108.12

October 2025 Authorized Overtime

EMPLOYEE NAME	OVERTIME HRS. WORKED	AMOUNT PAID
Franklin Blick	21.25	\$797.30
Cindy Ellis	8.0	\$300.00
TOTAL	29.25	\$1,097.30

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

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Guffey, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the L.G.E.A. Fund through October 14th, 2025.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Turner, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Opioid Settlement Fund through October 14th, 2025.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Turner, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the E911 Fund through October 14th, 2025.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Pryor, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Health Insurance Fund through October 14th, 2025.

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

Upon motion of Esquire Barnett, seconded by Esquire Pryor, it is hereby ordered to approve the expenditures for the Clerk Storage Fee Fund through October 14th, 2025.

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

TREASURER REPORT:

Upon motion of Esquire Barnett, seconded by Esquire Bruce, it is hereby ordered to approve the Cash Transfer dated September 11th, 2025, subject to audit.

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

COMMISSION & BOARD REPORTS:

Esquire Barnett mentioned the Christian County Water Board District is heading to Frankfort to take a proactive stance regarding the aging infrastructure of some pipelines in our county by meeting with engineers and sharing information.

Esquire Ferguson mentioned the Christian County Water District will begin their pay online services starting on Oct 29, 2025.

Esquire Bruce shared that the Airport Board announced that the hangers are 100% occupied, however fuel sales are a little down. He also mentioned for some reasons still unknown; the Mayor of Hopkinsville has decided to no longer maintain the bookkeeping for Western Hills Golf Course. He explained this will cause an unbudgeted cost to accrue to hire an outside agency to maintain the bookkeeping.

Esquire Liebe shared that KACo's Board is travelling around the state and will be in Trigg County tomorrow. He encouraged those that may have questions to visit with them while they are in the area.

Esquire Guffey mentioned that the Local Small Business Commission will be having their conference on November 10th at the Murray State Campus in Hopkinsville at 10am with lunch included. For more information visit the Facebook page.

Esquire Pryor shared that the Torchlight Tales will take place on October 18th at Jeffers Bend. He mentioned that Diane Croney-Turner will share more details during Citizens Participation.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Diane Croney-Turner encouraged everyone to come hear the story of the Bell Witch as told by William Turner and Wayne Goolsby at the Torchlight Tales this Saturday, October 18th at Jeffers Bend beginning at 6pm. The fee is \$5.00 per car. Military and First Responders get in free. She also mentioned that on Monday November 3rd from 6pm-8pm there will be a Public Forum on The Vote-What You Need To Know at the Pioneers Memorial Complex. Refreshments will be served, along with guest panelist and the introduction of the 2025-2026 Focus NOW Class.

Raychel Farmer, Executive Director of the Hopkinsville-Christian County Human Rights Commission introduced the new Executive Assistant, Brittany Trotter to members of Fiscal Court.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adoption of Resolution 2025-13-Loan Agreement with Jennie Stuart Medical Center

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Bruce it is hereby ordered to take the previous motion made on September 23rd, 2025, off the table regarding Resolution 2025-13 to open for further discussion.

Upon the original motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Guffey made on September 23rd, 2025, it is hereby ordered to authorize Christian County Judge Executive, Jerry Gilliam to sign Resolution 2025-13. A Resolution of the Christian County Fiscal Court consenting to change of control affecting the loan agreement between Christian County, Kentucky and Jennie Stuart Medical Center, Inc.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Resolution 2025-14-Grupo EDF Grant

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Ferguson it is hereby ordered to authorize Christian County Judge Executive, Jerry Gilliam to sign Resolution 2025-14. A Resolution of the Christian County Fiscal Court supporting the Grupo Antolin-Hopkinsville Economic Development Fund Grant Application and authorizing execution of grant documents.

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

Adoption of Resolution 2025-15-521 Weber Street

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Turner it is hereby ordered to amend Resolution 2025-15 to include under section 2. PROHIBITED USES 2(k) commercial or self-storage operations.

A second motion was made by Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Guffey to authorize Christian County Judge Executive, Jerry Gilliam to sign amended Resolution 2025-15. A Resolution authorizing certain deed restrictions and directing that said restrictions and covenants shall be made part of any conveyance of property declared surplus known as 521 Weber Street.

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

Approval of Training Incentive-Tyler DeArmond

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Ferguson, it is hereby ordered to authorize the incentive payment for a total of \$5,302.12 to Sheriff Tyler DeArmond 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, 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
County Road Department-	None Presented

Animal Shelter

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Bruce, and upon recommendation of Melissa Goff, Christian County Animal Shelter Director, it is hereby ordered to hire Ikea McClelland as a part-time Shelter Attendant, effective October 16th, 2025, with 90-day probationary period with a rate of \$12.00 an 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 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 Preston Downey as a part-time Shelter Attendant, retro-active to October 1st, 2025, with 90-day probationary period with a rate of \$12.00 an 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 and John Bruce.

Animal Shelter

Upon motion of Esquire Liebe, seconded by Esquire Pryor, and upon recommendation of Melissa Goff, Christian County Animal Shelter Director, it is hereby ordered to remove Anthony Webster from the 90-day probationary period, effective as of October 16th, 2025.

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

Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Turner, seconded by Esquire Barnett, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to hire Mike Newsom as a full-time Deputy Jailer, retro-active to October 1st, 2025, and waive the 90-day probationary period with a starting salary of \$41,600.16.

All voting aye by voice vote: Esquires - Magaline Ferguson, Josh Turner, George Barnett, J.E. Pryor, Rich Liebe, Russ Guffey 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 Danielle Smith as a full-time Deputy Jailer, effective October 16th, 2025, with 90-day probationary period with a starting salary of \$41,600.16.

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

Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Barnett, seconded by Esquire Guffey, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to hire Timothy Skau as a full-time Deputy Jailer, effective October 16th, 2025, with 90-day probationary period with a starting salary of \$40,000.08.

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

Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Turner, seconded by Esquire Barnett, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to hire Tonya Skau as a full-time Deputy Jailer, effective October 16th, 2025, with 90-day probationary period with a starting salary of \$40,000.08.

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

Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Liebe, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to hire Whitney Brooks as a full-time Deputy Jailer, effective October 16th, 2025, with 90-day probationary period with a starting salary of \$40,000.08.

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

Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Guffey, seconded by Esquire Liebe, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to remove Travis Ball from the 90-day probationary period, effective as of October 16th, 2025.

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

Jail

Upon motion of Esquire Bruce, seconded by Esquire Guffey, and upon recommendation of Adam Smith, Christian County Jailer, it is hereby ordered to remove Alexis (McKie) Jacobs from the 90-day probationary period, effective as of October 16th, 2025.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Esquire Phillip Peterson, Pro tem, announced the next regular meeting will be at the Christian County Courthouse on Tuesday, October 28th, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., as well as a regular meeting change to Wednesday, November 12th, 2025, due to Veterans Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion of Esquire Ferguson, seconded by Esquire Turner, it is hereby ordered to adjourn at 9:10 a.m.

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

CHRISTIAN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE JERRY GILLIAM