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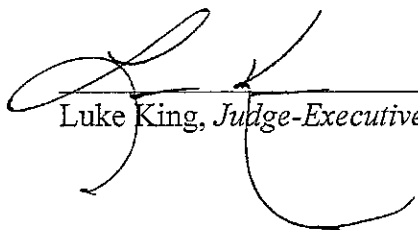
OATH OF OFFICE

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and be faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky so long as I continue a citizen thereof, and that I will faithfully execute, to the best of my ability, the office of District Water Board Member according to law, and I do further solemnly swear or affirm that since the adoption of the present Constitution, I, being a citizen of this state, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this state nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as a second in carrying a challenge, nor aided or assisted any person thus offending, so help me God.

  
Troy Norris, *Water District Board Member*      12/9/24  
Date

  
Eric Carver, *Water District Board Member*      12-9-24  
Date

  
J.R. Thacker, *Water District Board Member*      12-9-24  
Date

  
Luke King, *Judge-Executive*      12-7-24  
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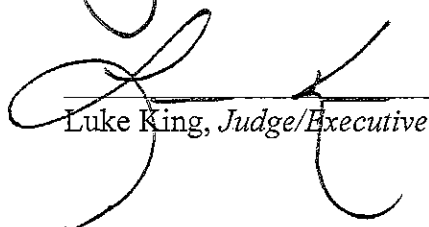
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Jay Cary, Board Member

4/14/25  
Date

  
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05-2024

Mr. Ricky Sheffield an employee of Tri Co. Electric for 31 years has presented an ordinance relating to electrical inspections. Mr. Sheffield at the present time does all electrical inspections in this area for Tri Co. Electric, but will be retiring and wants to continue doing the electrical inspections. The proposed inspections rates presented by Mr. Sheffield and owner of S & S Electrical Inspections has taken the same rates as Tri County Electric and simply relaying it to the private sector.

The second reading of this ordinance will be held at the June 10, 2024 meeting.

(m) Judge/Executives nomination for the 911 board member vacancy will be announced at a later date.

(n) The court discussed the potential cannabis ordinance for Cumberland Co. Judge King noted that several counties in the area have already acted on these issues. Information was provided for the court from the Casey County Fiscal Court. This ordinance stands as a model to follow.

Judge King expressed to the court what he would like to consider because we do have this opportunity on this particular topic, to let the public have the truest form of democracy and giving them a say on this issue. The Kentucky General Assembly allows the public to make a decision on a referendum vote in the next general election. Judge King ask County Attorney Hurt, "Am I correct on this?" County Attorney Hurt answered, "Yes, you are correct."

Judge King asked the court, is there interest in having an ordinance drafted by the June meeting, and all members were in agreement to have the county attorney draft an ordinance by the June 10 meeting.

(o) The court has received notice of PSC (Public Service Commission) has taken final action on the existing inquiry into a couple different items for the Cumberland Co. Water District. On January 5, 2024 the commission found that two vacancies existed for the Cumberland District Board, seats of Mark Vibbert and Sandy Hienman on January 25, 2024 Cumberland District filed a motion pursuant to KRS2784 requesting reconsideration of the order entered January 5, 2024 for the two vacancies on the board and requested an extension of time to provide notice of these vacancies. February 8, 2024 the commission entered an order denying the request to consider the two vacancies on the board granting the request and extension of time. The commission finds that Mr. Vibbert is the best suited candidate and there is no information to suggests that he is unqualified to serve in the designation for the position. The commission further finds that Mr. Vibbert meets the qualifications as a board member of the commission and he resides in the district's territory, is of legal age and possesses adequate education and business skills and experience to perform the duty to the water district commissioner. Does not have any legal disability that would disqualify him from serving in the position. Accordingly, the commission finds that Mr. Vibbert should fill the existing vacant seat on the Cumberland District's board. The commission notes that Mr. Vibbert should ensure that he has read and complies with KRS 74.020 including all training requirements. Mark Vibbert shall be appointed for a term of four years.

Judge King ask Mr. Mark Vibbert to stay in the courtroom until after the meeting, so Mr. Vibbert can be sworn in office.

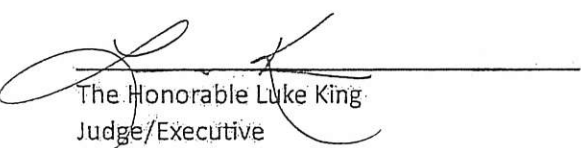
(p) The court approved ARPA expenditure at the end of this fiscal year. Motion by Larry Anderson and seconded by Rondall Wray. Motion carried by voice vote.

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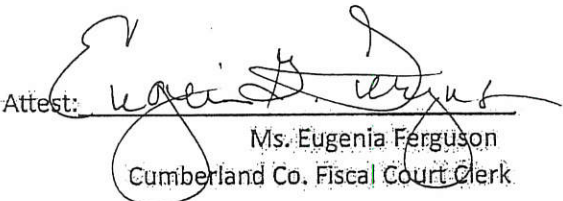
(q) Tire amnesty day reminder will be May 15, 2024 from 7:00AM until 4:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry Anderson made a motion to adjourn with a second from Lane Cope. The motion carried by voice vote. The next regular scheduled meeting will be June 10, 2024 at 4:00PM CST.

  
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Attest:

  
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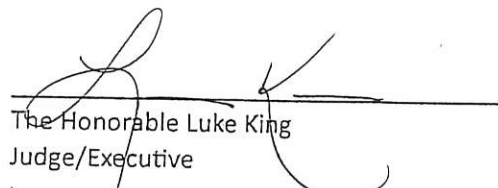
recently, and the post has no heat. Judge King has asked the court for permission to submit a letter of support and recommendation for a grant so we can try to get the post the rest of their installation for their building. Motion was made by Lane Cope to give Judge King permission to apply for a grant. Seconded by Larry Anderson. Motion carried by voice vote.

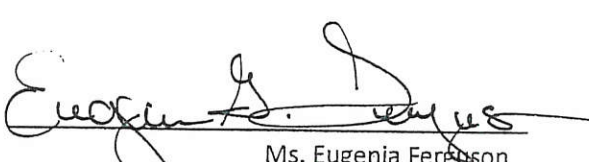
- (g) The court approved the installation for exterior courthouse lighting surrounding the courthouse. Mrs. Amy Morgan presented quotes from Luxury Garden Center in Glasgow for \$3,498.00 and the second quote from Dale Hollow Landscaping for \$4,210.45. Partners with Pride wants to partner with the county to half the cost. The only other item needed to complete will be an outside plug. The court agreed on Luxury Garden out of Glasgow for \$3,498.00. Motion by Rondall Wray and seconded by Jeffery Cyphers. Motion carried by voice vote.
- (h) The magistrates at the last fiscal court meeting were given a blank county city bridge improvement program application. Each magistrate can pick one existing bridge and receive state money and it's a one-time money this is not reoccurring.
- (i) The court approved the Cumberland Co. Clerk's budget amendment. Motion by Larry Anderson and seconded by Jeffery Cyphers. Motion carried by voice vote. Cumberland Co. Clerk Bryan Morgan also handed out the annual order to be approved by the court. It relates to setting the maximum salary for the deputy clerks. Motion by Rondall Wray and seconded by Lane Cope. Motion carried by voice vote. Cumberland Co. Clerk also presented the 2025 budget, which was tabled for a special called meeting later in the month. Motion to table by Lane Cope and seconded by Larry Anderson. Motion carried by voice vote.
- (j) The court approved several board nominations. Cumberland Co. Water Board: Setting Chairman Mr. Troy Norris for a term expiring 12-31-27. Eric Carver for a term expiring 12-31-27, J.R. Thacker for a term expiring 12-31-27. Motion by Rondall Wray and seconded by Lane Cope. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Crystall Williams nominated to Cumberland Co. Tourism Commission for a term ending 12-31-27. Motion by Larry Anderson seconded by Jeffery Cyphers.  
Lori spears and John McCloughan to the Cumberland co. Extension District Board. Motion to approve by Larry Anderson and seconded by Rondall Wray. Motion carried by voice vote.
- (k) The court had previously approved phase two of the splash pad and the interest earned in the AARPA account will be moved over to a loss revenue. Judge King ask the court to officially appropriate that money to our Cumberland Co. Splash Pad construction project that will be located at the North end of the city. Motion was made to allocate the money by Rondall Wray and seconded by Larry Anderson. Motion carried by voice vote.
- (l) The court discussed Dr. Skipworth Road in district #3. It was reported that damage was done to this road mainly by log trucks, logging in the area. Dr. Joe Skipworth has originally asked that the county allow him to pay for the removal of the existing damage to the blacktop, and we allow him to pay for brand new blacktop to replace the damage, with no expense to Cumberland co. taxpayers. The Cumberland Co. Road Department was able to go out and spread rock and correct the issue.
- (m) Judge King gave an update on the damage on Poplar Grove Road in district #3. A subcontractor of a fiber installation company. had been out on Poplar Grove Rd, and set their piece of equipment it damaged the road. The company agreed that if we would get

- (l) The court approved the judge/executive's nominations for the following boards: The court recognized a mistake from the December 10 meeting concerning the water board members reappointment dates, Troy Norris, Eric Carver and JR Thacker's term will end in 2028. Motion to approve the new date by Rondall Wray and seconded by Jeffery Cyphers. Motion carried by voice vote. Judge King nominated Lance Willen for the Cumberland Co. District Board of Health for a term ending December 31, 2025 which will fill the rest of a two-year term. Motion by Lane Cope and seconded by Jeffery Cyphers. Motion carried by voice vote. Judge King nominated three members to the Safety Committee for reappointments, JV Groce, term ending January 1, 2027. Dennis Sells, term ending January 1, 2027, Stephanie Walker, term ending January 1, 2027. Motion by Rondall Wray and seconded by Lane Cope. Motion carried by voice vote. Judge King nominated for a reappointment to the Lake Cumberland Area Development District, Vickie Wells and Brian Scott, with a term ending in January 2028. Motion by Jeffery Cyphers and seconded by Lane Cope. Motion carried by voice vote. Judge King nominated for reappointment, Raymond Costillo to the Cumberland Co. Ethics Committee, with a term ending December 31, 2027. Motion by Jeffery Cyphers and seconded by Lane Cope. Motion carried by voice vote.
- (m) EM Director Greg Cary addressed the court with the 911 Board Annual update. "As of January 13, 93% of the taxes have been paid, and in November 2024 we received a check of \$107,006.83, and in December 2024, \$18,705.72. We should receive one more check." Mr. Cary again thanked the court for passing this agreement when they did. "The landlines have been taken off, but there was a mix-up on the way the tax bills were sent out, concerning the homestead exemption. We had a lot of discussion on this, and at no fault of the court, this is what happened. If you were 100% homestead exempt, you weren't supposed to get it on your taxes per all the discussions we had at our meetings. On page 5 number 14, exemptions, religious, charitable, governmental, homestead exemption and educational and real property owners will remain exempt. The homestead exempts right here that remained exempt was the ones getting 100% exempt. If you got a tax bill, you were actually supposed to get \$48.00 on the tax bill, but that didn't happen with no fault of the court, but it didn't happen and it will be fixed next year." Mr. Cary asked county attorney Coleman Hurt for his distinction of the property tax rule. Attorney Hurt stated, "Yes, I totally agree."
- (n) The court approved to prohibit medical marijuana usage by county employees. Motion by Lane Cope and seconded by Rondall Wray. Motion carried by voice vote.
- (o) Judge King updated the court on KYEM/FEMA road reviews. Judge King reminded the court that they are under a deadline to have all their roads driven and inspected by April 2025.
- (p) Judge King updated the court on commodity give-away, and the bonus food distribution day of January 29, 2025.
- (q) The State of the County Address has been scheduled with two options: Option 1-February 18 at 4:15PM (snow/alternate date will be, February 25 at 4:15PM). Location will be at the Verrans Center on Upper River Street.
- (r) Jeffery Cyphers made a motion to get a contractor to complete the safe room in Marrowbone KY with the remaining \$3,000.00. Motion was seconded by Rondall Wray. Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Lane Cope made a motion to adjourn with a second from Jeffery Cyphers. The motion carried by voice vote. The regular scheduled meeting will be February 10, 2025 at 4:00PM CST.

  
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- (j) The court approved a resolution adopting the execution of a county road aid coop program contract between the fiscal court and the Commonwealth of KY, Transportation Cabinet, department of rural and municipal aid for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. Motion to approve resolution by Larry Anderson and seconded by Rondall Wray. Motion carried by voice vote.
- (k) The court approved the County Road Aid Cooperative Program Agreement for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 in the amount of \$1,093,918.07. Motion by Larry Anderson and seconded by Rondall Wray. Motion carried by voice vote.
- (l) Cumberland Co. Sheriff Keaton Williams addressed the court concerning reclassification submission and proposed county budget appropriations. In the event that Sheriff Williams is absent, he has named a senior deputy to supervise other deputies in his absence. Another submission was the deputy salaries, to increase by one dollar in this year's budget. A motion was made by Rondall Wray to accept the reclassification request but wait on action for salaries until the court has more information. The motion was seconded by Larry Anderson, and passed by voice vote.
- (m) The court accepted funding of \$12,000.00 for district #3-Bethel Scott Rd. Motion by Larry Anderson and seconded by Rondall Wray. Motion carried by voice vote.
- (n) The court approved the Judge-Executive's nominations for tourism commission for a full term, Jamie Jenkins taking Jay Cary position. Motion by Lane Cope and seconded by Larry Anderson. Motion carried by voice vote. Jay Cary was nominated for a full term on the Cumberland Co. Water Board. Motion by Larry Anderson and seconded by Rondall Wray. Motion carried by voice vote. A new committee has been formed, The Opioid Abatement Advisory Committee. This group will meet and they will decide among themselves on recommendations on how to invest the opioid fund. Judge Kin nominated Michelle Cash to serve as chair, as a member Hunter Tweety, and Jeff Thompson to serve as vice-chair. Motion to approve by Lane Cope and seconded by Rondall Wray. Motion carried by voice vote.
- (o) Geo Science Consultants requested right of way access, J & J Country Junction, 2125 Sulphur Creek Rd., Burkesville, KY. The court approved for Judge King to sign letter approving the project. Motion by Rondall Wray and seconded by Larry Anderson. Motion carried by voice vote.
- (p) Judge King discussed the hiring at the Judicial Center. Judge King stated that he had spoken with James Cook, maintenance supervisor at the justice center concerning the hiring for the janitorial position. Mr. Cook asked that the Judge wait a while before hiring for that position. The court entered into executive session on a personnel matter, per KRS 61810, subsection F. Motion by Larry Anderson and seconded by Lane Cope. Motion carried by voice vote. The court entered back into

executive session. Motion by Larry Anderson and seconded by Rondall Wray.

Motion carried by voice vote. No action taken in executive session, only discussion.

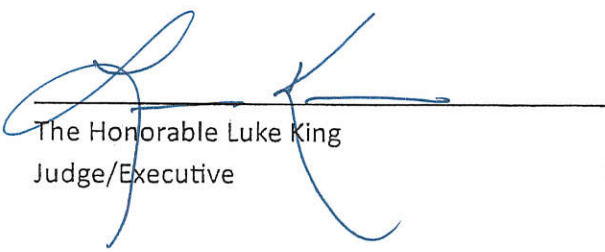
(q) Magistrate Rondall Wray addressed the court concerning Eden Sprouls Rd. Only a portion of Eden Sprouls Road is on county maintenance, and per Mr. Wray there is a cemetery at the end of the road. Mr. Wray called the funeral homes in Burkesville, and no one knows the name of the cemetery. A land owner is wanting to extend the road to the cemetery. Mr. Wray wasn't sure how to handle this situation. Judge King asked each magistrate to provide him a list of each cemetery road in their district that they want to add to their road list, with the specific length. All property owners need to sign that they want the road on county maintenance, and also deed access to the property. County Attorney Coleman Hurt stated, cemetery roads are exempt from the specs that we have regarding blacktop.

(R) Magistrate Jeffery Cyphers stated that the water department would furnish the rock, if the county could use their grader and work on the road going up to the water tank. Motion to approve by Jeffery Cyphers and seconded by Rondall Wray. Motion carried by voice vote. County Attorney Coleman Hurt said that was permissible because we also use it to access a county property.


(s) Road Supervisor Ricky Melton discussed Logan Branch Road. Mr. Melton is still waiting to hear from a gentleman with Cable South. They plowed a telephone cable in and the machine was too close to the side of the gabbing baskets, and it knocked the gabbing basket over. They tried to repair, but only made matters worse. The court approved for Cumberland Co. Attorney Coleman Hurt draft a letter to Cable South requesting repair be done at Logan Branch Rd. Motion by Lane Cope and seconded by Jeffery Cyphers. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Rondall Wray made a motion to adjourn with a second from Lane Cope. The motion carried by voice vote. The regular scheduled meeting will be May 12, 2025 at 4:00PM CST.



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