

Fayette Fiscal Court Meeting Minutes 4/10/2025

Location: Office of the Fayette County Clerk, 162 E. Main Street, Lexington, Ky, and Remotely Via Zoom Platform Meeting Online, hosted by Fayette County Clerk.

Present: County Judge/Executive Mary Diane Hanna, ~~District 1 County Commissioner Brian Miller~~, District 2 County Commissioner Alayne White, District 3 County Commissioner David Lowe, Meredith Watson (Fayette County Clerk), Nancy Albright (LFUCG Dept. of Environmental Quality & Public Works), Andrew Grunwald (LFUCG Dept. of Environmental Quality & Public Works), Doug Burton (LFUCG Div. of Engineering), Rob Allen (LFUCG Div. of Streets and Roads), Scott Garthee (LFUCG Div. of Engineering), Mark Feibes (LFUCG Div. of Engineering), Scott Gabbard (LFUCG Div. of Engineering), District 12 Councilmember Hilary Boone, Olivia Lasheen Grigsby (LFUCG Council Office, District 12) Don Hill of 1676 Donelwal Drive, Taft McKinstry of 1957 Hillgate Drive

1:30 p.m.: Ms. Hanna called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone present, and everyone present to introduce themselves.

Ms. Hanna asked if everyone had reviewed the Minutes of the June 13 and 20, 2024, meetings. Mr. Lowe made a motion, seconded by Ms. White, to approve the Minutes of the June 13 and 20, 2024, Fiscal Court meetings. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the commissioners present.

Review of the County Road Program for FY 2025. Mr. Grunwald reviewed the status of projects from the County Road Program for FY 2025.

Woodall Construction Company rebuilt shoulders in a section of Delong Road near Keshlyn Kennel. The work was done in October, 2024, and additional work needed was discovered during the project. The final bill from Woodall was \$81,797.10. The Div. of Streets and Roads did more work in December, 2024, to help stabilize the road shoulders.

LFUCG is working with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to conduct a Safety Audit on Delong Road. With that information, we can apply for Highway Safety improvement Program funds. LFUCG is holding back \$100,000 to match a grant if needed.

The project to repair and widen shoulders on Alexandria Drive is still in progress. LFUCG contracted with Banks Engineering for plans in November, 2024. The state is working on the junction of Leestown Road and New Circle Road, so it is likely that nothing will be done on Alexandria until that is complete.

One contractor submitted and won bids for the work on the Evans Mill and Elkchester culverts. There are more stability issues in those locations that will be addressed later. There is another culvert problem on Armstrong Mill for which LFUCG has gotten three bids, and selected the low bidder.

For the evaluations of Dry Branch Road and Grimes Mill, LFUCG has hired Banks Engineering, \$35,000. They have done field evaluations, and returned a draft report. Regarding some of the suggestions for Grimes Mill, the Div. of Engineering will gather feedback from local property owners. Banks has been instructed to move forward with preparing costs for work.

In October of 2024, LFUCG applied for County Priority Project funds for work needed on Berea Road. The state review gave Berea Road a ranking of 9, which was insufficient to qualify for CPP funding.

For the Maddox Lane project, the Div. of Engineering is developing plans and talking to approximately seven property owners who will be donating property. They are actively working with two other property owners to donate property for the road. The road is private at this time, and the property owners will not be required to bring the road up to standard prior to the public takeover. LFUCG will handle the modernization.

County paving projects from last year are underway. Uttinger Lane is complete, and the Div. of Engineering is looking at several other factors prior to completing Bowman Mill.

The significant rain storm at the beginning of April, 2025, caused a substantial failure on Jacks Creek Pike, half a mile from the end of the road. The Div. of Streets and Roads has done work to make it possible for homeowners to access their properties. No other cars and trucks are allowed through at this time. LFUCG has placed a dumpster at Raven Run. The exact cost of repairs is not known at this time.

Consideration of Resolution Approving the 2026 Rural Secondary Program for Fayette County (KYTC – District 7) Mr. Grunwald presented the KYTC Rural Secondary Program for Fayette County for 2026. The recommended projects are 3.865 miles of Military Pike, \$450,000, and with FLEX funds, 1.932 miles of Old Lemons Mill, \$195,000, and 0.535 miles of Spurr Road, \$60,000. All three locations have high daily traffic.

The Fiscal Court can consider other routes, but Mr. Grunwald stated the KYTC does a good job of identifying needed projects on state rural roads. Berea Road would not be eligible.

Ms. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lowe, to approve the resolution for the 2026 Rural Secondary Program for Fayette County (EXHIBIT A) as recommended by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the commissioners present.

Discussion of New Projects for FY 2026 The Court opened the floor to recommendations for FY 2026.

Ms. McKinstry spoke about the condition of Evans Mill Road near her street, Hillgate. She requested assistance with repair of the road. She stated the Div. of Streets and Roads had been

out to fill some of the largest potholes, but that the work was already deteriorating. Kentucky American Water's facility is located at the end of the road, and the large trucks traveling back and forth cause additional wear and tear. Ms. Hanna also spoke about the condition of and safety issues with Evans Mill Road.

Mr. Hill invited Ms. Hanna to speak at a future meeting of his neighborhood association. He spoke about the condition of Berea Road, and requested work on the road. He submitted several photos (EXHIBIT B). Local homeowners have noticed that there are several points at which water crosses the road and makes conditions worse. He stated that approximately 2000 cars per day use the road, per a city counter.

Mr. Hill, Ms. Albright, Ms. Hanna, and Mr. Grunwald discussed funding sources for road repairs, including gas taxes and hybrid/EV taxes. They also discussed the cost and process for paving spots rather than the whole road. Ms. Grigsby stated she had confirmed with Mr. Allen that the Div. of Streets and Roads would be working on the pothole issues on Berea Road.

Ms. White inquired about progress at the Maddox Lane (Cadentown) project. Mr. Grunwald stated that construction plans are almost completed and that residents will be approached individually regarding land needed for the project. Issues of clear title will have to be addressed for some of the properties. He is not sure how long the property acquisition process will take. He does have electronic plans that he can make available at the Div. of Engineering. The files are too large to send by email.

Mr. Lowe requested that an agenda item for Public Comment be added to future meeting agendas. Ms. Watson and Mr. Grunwald will make sure it is added prior to Old Business.

There being no further meeting items, Ms. Hanna asked for a motion to adjourn.

Upon motion of Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Lowe, the meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m. by unanimous vote of the members present.

Respectfully submitted,



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County Judge/Executive



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FY 2026 RURAL SECONDARY PROGRAM

034 – FAYETTE COUNTY

County Judge/Executive: **Mary Hanna** | **21 – 36** yr resurfacing cycle | **63.040** RS Miles ➔

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
FLEX Percentage (Maintenance Rating-based beginning FY14)	20%	20%	20%
RS/CR Bituminous Resurfacing FLEX Funds	\$159,042	\$161,541	\$182,617
Balance for RS Projects	\$216,186	\$226,063	\$354,367
Total RS + FLEX Project Funds (PROJECTED)	\$375,228	\$387,604	\$536,984

◆ FY24 Authorized RS Projects [TC10# 17483-0 | 17348-0 FlexOnRS:Y | Completed:Y]

KY 1973 (Iron Works Pike): 2.405mi; BMP 16.800 (KY 353); EMP 19.205 (KY 922).	\$445,198
KY 1977 (Spurr Road): 2.369mi; BMP 2.664 (N Yarnallton Pike); EMP 5.033 (Blackburn Correctional B).	4.774 mi \$93,255 /mi

◆ FY25 APPROVED RS Projects [TC10# XXXX-0 | XXXXX-0 FlexOnRS:Y | Completed: PENDING]

KY 1923 (Combs Ferry): 1.698mi, BMP 0 (Winchester Rd); EMP 1.698 (Clark County Line).	\$385,000
	4.197 mi
KY 1927 (Todds Rd): 2.499mi , BMP 4.547; EMP 7.046	\$91,732 /mi

◆ FY26 Recommended RS Projects [TOTAL: 3.865mi | \$450,000]

KY1966 (Military Pike): 3.865 Miles, BMP 0.0 (Woodford-Fayette Line); EMP 3.865 (Intersection of KY 1267). [Last Resurfaced; 2003; Width 20-24; ADT: 2129]	\$450,000
[NOTE: R=Year Last Resurfaced; W=Width; ADT=Average Daily Traffic]	

◆ FY26 Recommended RS Projects using FLEX Funds [TOTAL: 2.467mi | \$265,000]

KY 1962 (Old Lemons Mill): 1.932 Miles BMP 2.322 (1.012 Mi E of Mt Horeb Pike); EMP 4.254 (Intersection of KY 353). [Last Resurfaced; 2015; Width 20-22; ADT: 254]	\$195,000
KY 1977 (Spurr Road): 0.535 Miles BMP 5.72 (Greendale Rd); EMP 6.255 (Intersection of US 25). [Last Resurfaced 1996; 2015; Width 20-22; ADT:3873]	\$60,000

• **DECISION:** Use RS/CR Bituminous Resurfacing Flex Funds on District RS Recommendations? ☐ YES / ☐ NO

County Judge/Executive Signature of Fiscal Court Approval

Date

EXHIBIT B – BEREA ROAD PHOTOGRAPHS, DON HILL

