

Fayette Fiscal Court Meeting Minutes 5/08/2025

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), Patrick Jorgensen, District 12 Councilmember Hilary Boone, Olivia Lasheen Grigsby (LFUCG Council Office, District 12), Taft McKinstry of 1957 Hillgate Drive, Elise Hillman (US Small Business Administration).

1:35 p.m.: Ms. Hanna called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Ms. Hanna asked if everyone had reviewed the Minutes of the April 10, 2025, meeting. Ms. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lowe, to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2025, Fiscal Court meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the commissioners present.

Public Comment. Ms. McKinstry stated she would reserve her comments for old business.

Review of the County Road Program for FY 2025. Mr. Grunwald reviewed the status of projects from the County Road Program for FY 2025. In his previous meeting report were updates on the Delong Road shoulders, Alexandria Drive shoulders and Armstrong Mill culvert repairs. The company hired for Armstrong Mill, Critical Pipeline Repair, is still working to get licensed in Kentucky.

For the Dry Branch Road and Grimes Mill Road project, LFUCG has engaged Banks Engineering and they have now provided estimates for repairs. Those numbers came in at \$509,275 for improvements to Dry Branch, not including repaving. Grimes Mill Road would be \$241,345 without repaving.

For the Maddox Lane project, there was a public meeting on April 14, 2025, during which updates were provided to the attendees. The LFUCG Law Department has begun doing deed research on individual properties from whom we need right-of-way acquisitions. HMB has been hired to do right-of-way services for two parcels.

The Uttinger Lane paving project was completed last summer. The Bowman Mill Road project is currently in process. Mr. Garthee stated that milling was underway now.

Ms. McKinstry spoke about the condition of Evans Mill Road and requested that the potholes and paving issues be addressed between Old Richmond Road and Hillgate. She noted the road had

been worn down by heavy traffic from the water company trucks. Ms. Hanna spoke about the road and potentially making contact with the water company. Mr. Grunwald advised that Evans Mill Road could be considered under New Business.

Funding for Jacks Creek Pike Slope Failure. Mr. Grunwald stated due to the rain storms at the beginning of April, there had been a failure on Jacks Creek Pike and critical repairs are needed. He said the estimate for repairs is \$1.2 million, and that \$800,000 for partial funding been identified by LFUCG. He requested that the Fiscal Court consider funding the other \$400,000 from the County Aid Fund. The County Road Aid Funds for 2026 are estimated to be \$919,000. The repair estimate has been submitted to FEMA for potential reimbursement. Mr. Grunwald stated it would be inadvisable to wait several months for a response from FEMA. Ms. Albright provided a picture of the area (EXHIBIT A).

The Court discussed the funding, and asked questions about the LFUCG funds. The Urban County Council has approved use of those funds for the project out of this year's budget. Ms. White asked if any additional funding could be identified out of the next LFUCG fiscal year budget to alleviate the burden on the County Road Aid Fund.

Mr. Grunwald asked for consideration for the project to be a part of the County Road Aid Agreement for 2026.

Discussion of New Project and Streets to be Paved for FY 2026. Mr. Grunwald presented a list of options for repaving in FY 2026, including: Evans Mill Road from Old Richmond Road to Cedar Creek Lane (1.33 miles, \$335,830), Evans Mill Road from Cedar Creek Lane to end (0.62 miles, \$156,530), Hume Road from Winchester Road to Bryan Station Road (2.34 miles, \$590,810), Mt. Horeb select areas from Lemons Mill Road to county line (1.70 miles, \$429,220), Royster Road from Uttinger Lane to 1-64 overpass (2.20 miles, \$555,390), Royster Road from 1-64 overpass to Briar Hill Road (0.80 miles, \$201,960), Jacks Creek Pike from Dry Branch Road to Old Jacks Creek Road (0.97 miles, \$244,090), Jacks Creek Pike from Old Jacks Creek Road to Kentucky River Parkway (1.22 miles, \$307,670), Jacks Creek Pike from Kentucky River Parkway to cul-de-sac/dead end (0.62 miles, \$157,630), and Berea Road from Georgetown Road to Iron Works Pike (1.1 miles, \$277,750), for a total of \$3,256,880. (EXHIBIT B)

Mr. Grunwald explained that the Average OCI (Overall Condition Index) was listed for county roads in the packet, and that the A-OCI is an index used to determine which roads need repaving. The lower the number, on a scale of 0-100, the worse the condition of the road. LFUCG also looks at average daily travel on the roads. The group discussed the condition and A-OCI of various roads on the list.

Ms. Hanna asked if it would be appropriate to talk with Kentucky American Water Company regarding the condition of Evans Mill Road.

Mr. Grunwald recommended putting the 1.33 miles of Evans Mill Road and the 1.1 miles of Berea Road on the list for FY 2026, along with \$400,000 to the Jacks Creek Pike Slope Failure project.

He talked through the down points of repaving other roads on the list for this year, and why the Court might want to wait until later to allocate funding.

Ms. White asked that the Urban County Council be approached about allocating additional funds above the \$800,000 already allocated to the Jacks Creek project. She also strongly encouraged Ms. Hanna to schedule a meeting with the water company prior to the next Fiscal Court meeting regarding the condition of Evans Mill Road. Mr. Grunwald was not optimistic that a meeting would be fruitful.

It was noted in the meeting that Mr. Grunwald would be absent on approved leave during the date of the next Fiscal Court meeting, June 12, 2025. Ms. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lowe, to move the date of the next Fiscal Court Meeting to June 5, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members present.

Mr. Lowe summarized the discussion of new paving requests to that point.

Local Board of Tax Appeals 2025. Ms. Watson stated this year the Fiscal Court and the Judge-Executive both have an appointment to the Local Board of Tax Appeals for 2025. Ms. Hanna advised that she had two candidates for the seats – Rick Queen and Seth Tuska. Both would be on the Temporary Residential Board.

Ms. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lowe, to approve the appointments of Rick Queen and Seth Tuska to the Local Board of Tax Appeals Temporary Residential Board for 2025. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members present.

Ms. Watson gave an update on the number of appeals submitted to the County Clerk's Office to date. Mr. Lowe stated he believed there was less public discourse regarding assessments this year.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Lowe, seconded by Ms. White, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. by unanimous vote of the members present.

Respectfully submitted,


Meredith Watson

County Judge/Executive

Mary Diane Hanna

EXHIBIT A – JACKS CREEK PIKE ROAD FAILURE



FY 2026 (5/5/2025)

FY-2026 Estimated Funds \$919,000.00

OPTIONS FOR REPAVING FY2026

Street Name	A-OCI	Section_From	Section_To	Length (miles)	Width	Last Paved	Estimated Cost + 10%
Evans Mill Road	39.5	Old Ricjmond RD	Cedar Creek Ln	1.33	24	REJUV -2011	\$335,830.00
Evans Mill Road	29	Cedar Creek Ln	End	0.62	24	REJUV -2011	\$156,530.00
Hume Road	48.4	Winchester RD	Bryan Station RD	2.34	24	2012	\$590,810.00
Mt. Horeb - Select Areas	43.2	Lemons Mill RD	County Line	1.70	24	FY-2015	\$429,220.00
Royster Rd	34	Uttinger LN	I-64 Overpass	2.20	24	REJUV -2014	\$555,390.00
Royster Rd	34	I-64 Overpass	Briar Hill Rd	0.80	24	REJUV -2014	\$201,960.00
Jacks Creek Pike	49	DRY BRANCH RD	OLD JACKS CREEK RD	0.97	24	2013	\$244,090.00
Jacks Creek Pike	36	OLD JACKS CREEK RD	KENTUCKY RIVER PKWY	1.22	24	2013	\$307,670.00
Jacks Creek Pike	44	KENTUCKY RIVER PKWY	CUL-DE-SAC / DEAD END	0.62	24	2013	\$157,630.00
Berea Road	29	Georgetown RD	Iron Works Pike	1.1	24	2013	\$277,750.00
				Total Length	12.90	Total Cost	\$3,256,880.00

Assumption of Estimated Cost

A-OCI - is the averaged OCI representing length of road (from 2025 survey)

Mobilization and Traffic Control is 10% to final cost of milling/paving/stripping/tack per road

Milling \$50 per ton - Estimated at 1.5 inches entire road width

Tack Coat is estimated at \$0.31 per SqYd

Pavement \$115.00 per ton - Estimated at 1.5 inches entire road width

Striping \$0.37 per LF - Lines down both outer edge of road

Estimated Cost contain a 10% contingency

EXHIBIT B