

## **Fayette Fiscal Court Meeting Minutes 4/11/2024**

Location: Fayette County Clerk's Office, 162 E. Main Street, Lexington, Ky. 40507 & 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), Andrew Grunwald (LFUCG Div. of Engineering), Doug Burton (LFUCG Div. of Engineering), Scott Gabbard (LFUCG Div. of Engineering), Rob Allen (LFUCG Div. of Streets and Roads), Kathy Plomin (LFUCG Council District 12), Ashleigh Dunsmoor (LFUCG Council District 12), Gayle Kemble, 5090 Dry Branch Rd.

1:34 p.m.: Ms. Hanna called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Ms. Hanna asked if everyone had reviewed the Minutes of the November 2, 2023, meeting. Mr. Lowe made a motion, seconded by Ms. White, to approve the Minutes of the November 2, 2023, Fiscal Court meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Old Business**

Review of County Road Program for FY 2024. Mr. Grunwald reviewed the list of projects and repaving for FY 2024. The following updates were reported. An engineering contract was awarded to Banks Engineering for Maddox Lane, it has been surveyed, a public meeting was held, and internal meetings will take place next. For Dry Branch Road and Grimes Mill Road, the Div. of Engineering has been in contact with JMT Consultants to look at and evaluate road, and to provide recommendations and estimates for maintenance and repairs. Existing roads being resurfaced now are portions of Haley Lane, Columbus Lane, Dolan Lane, Bethel Road, Mt. Horeb, and Royster Road from Briar Hill to Uttinger Lane.

Mr. Grunwald noted that there was a request submitted to resurface 1.1 miles of Berea Road, and that the repaving effort would continue on Royster Road. Ms. Plomin gave Mr. Grunwald a list for roads in District 12 that require work: Delong Road shoulder repairs, Uttinger Lane repaving, Hume Road potholes, and Bowman Mill Road potholes from the Parker's Mill Road curve and out to Harrodsburg Road. Mr. Grunwald said he would gather suggestions at this meeting and bring recommendations back to the May Fiscal Court meeting.

Ms. Dunsmoor reiterated the list for Council District 12.

### **New Business**

Public Comment. Mr. Gayle Kemble, 5090 Dry Branch Road, stated that Dry Branch Road is eroding, and rocks are washed out of the ditch and onto the road, which causes it to be impassable. The rocks are occasionally cleaned off into the ditch. Rain affects everything. Rumors are that delivery drivers are hesitant about coming to the area. He had two questions: what can home owners do to facilitate the process of having the study done and work done, what

will happen after the study takes place. He filed a copy of a letter from Jonathan Strausbaugh, 5099 Dry Branch Road (Exhibit A), resident of the area and engineer, noting what he believes to be some of the issues with the road.

Mr. Grunwald noted that JMT Consultants is planning to evaluate Dry Branch Road and give recommendations for improvements. He spoke about the challenges of working with the road in the area since it evolved out of a creek bed.

Consideration of Resolution Approving the 2025 Rural Secondary Program For Fayette County (KYTC – District 7). Mr. Grunwald reviewed the proposed list from the Ky. Transportation Cabinet of projects to be included in the FY 2025 Rural Secondary Program. The projects for FY 2025 include: KY 1923 (Combs Ferry), 1.69 miles between Winchester Road and the Clark County line, \$225,000, and KY 1927 (Todds Road), 2.499 miles, \$160,000. The funding comes from the state once the Fiscal Court approves the resolution.

Mr. Lowe asked if Mr. Grunwald had any reservations about the recommendation. He did not.

Upon motion of Mr. Lowe, seconded by Ms. White, the Resolution Approving the 2025 Rural Secondary Program for Fayette County (KYTC – District 7) (Exhibit B), was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Grunwald stated his office would review the list of requested roads for repaving, and develop a list of recommendations. He will not know the amount of funding available until later in the Spring.

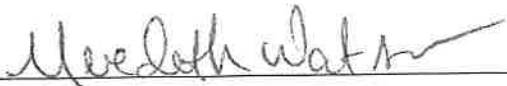
Discussion of 2024 Local Board of Tax Appeals. Ms. Hanna gave an update on potential structure for the 2024 Local Board of Tax Appeals with the one board for residential appeals and one board for commercial appeals. Member retained for 2024 include: Keith Mays, Ben Campbell, Clark Toleman, Seth Tuska, Rick Queen, and a member to be appointed by the Mayor's Office.

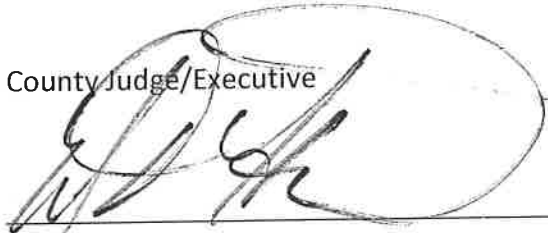
Ms. Watson asked the Commissioners to please consider and recommend any other individuals who may want to serve on a board or act as alternate. Mr. Lowe requested biographical information for the members to be approved at a later meeting.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Lowe, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Meredith Watson

County Judge/Executive  
  
Mary Diane Hanna

Analysis of Road Repair Issues for Dry Branch Road  
Prepared by Jonathan Strausbaugh, resident  
April 11, 2024

There (I believe) are two main issues with the road:

1. Repairs due to high water flow undercutting ditches during storm events.
2. Channelization of run off water into ditches fouled with aggregate carried by storm events.

The first one is a straight up repair. This unfortunately is not a cheap repair as it requires shoring up of the undercut sections of road by good aggregate build up, placement of concrete tied sufficiently into the road matrix to prevent storm events and traffic for pushing the repair out, or other acceptable roadway repair for washed out road edges where high flow storm water will continue. This is a situation that will not get better, or cheaper, with time. Continued deterioration will place the availability of Emergency Services to our homes and properties at risk. We have been told by delivery drivers (Amazon, FEDEX, UPS) that they were not sure about how much longer they would feel comfortable coming down the road.

The second item is really about clearing out the ditches. This will help lessen the impact of these major storm events on the road as the water will be better channeled and divided. Part of the intensity of erosion comes from the volume of water that gathers in these areas from overtopping and sheet flow on the roads that would otherwise be more evenly distributed into the baseline design ditches. It would also reduce the amount of effort required by roads and streets to clear the roadway after a significant event. As we are all aware, the road was nearly impassible last week for several days before crews were able to respond and clear it.

In clearing the ditches, the material removed should be placed such that it will not be pulled back down into the ditches or roadway. According to the road crew that cleaned up last week, the ditches were cleared several years ago and placed at the upper elevations and adjacent to the road, which has eventually all washed back down...

There are some options that could be used here to reduce costs of maintenance. One possible scenario is to use a public private partnership and offer the material free to county contracts needing such aggregate for other projects. Another would be to work with a landscape supply company to provide the material at cost or nominal service fee. Other business entities that use this type aggregate could be cost share or offset options.

In terms of volume, a very rough estimate is 350 ft<sup>3</sup> - 700 ft<sup>3</sup> of rock in the ditches. This is on the order of 20 - 30 large dump trucks of material.

Jonathan Strausbaugh  
5099 Dry Branch Road  
Lexington, KY 40515

Note: Jonathan is a civil engineer working at the Blue Grass Army Depot. The following is not intended to be a comprehensive report, but an informal analysis of the problem and some suggestions for action.



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**FY 2025**  
**RURAL SECONDARY PROGRAM**

**034 – FAYETTE COUNTY**

County Judge/Executive: **Mary Hanna** |

**63.040 RS Miles** ➔

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b>FLEX Percentage (Maintenance Rating-based beginning FY14)</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>RS/CR Bituminous Resurfacing FLEX Funds</b>	<b>\$151,235</b>	<b>\$159,042</b>	<b>\$161,541</b>
<b>Balance for RS Projects</b>	<b>\$209,055</b>	<b>\$216,186</b>	<b>\$226,063</b>
<b>Total RS + FLEX Project Funds (PROJECTED)</b>	<b>\$360,290</b>	<b>\$375,228</b>	<b>\$387,604</b>

♦ **FY23 Authorized RS Projects** [TC10# 16034-0 | 16385-0 FlexOnRS:Y | Completed:Y]

<b>KY 1975 (Jacks Creek Pike);</b> 1.260 miles; BMP 2.900 (Crawley Lane); EMP 4.160 (Shepard Ln)	\$491,903
<b>KY 2335 (Houston Antioch Road);</b> 0.691 miles; BMP 0.000 (Briar Hill Road); EMP 0.691 (Ware Road)	
<b>KY 3367 (Johnston Road);</b> 1.516 miles; BMP 0.000 (Paris Pike); EMP 1.516 (Bryan Station)	
<b>KY 1977 (Spurr Road);</b> 0.69 miles; BMP 5.03 (Blackburn Correctional B); EMP 5.72 (Greendale Road)	4.157 mi \$118,331 /mi

♦ **FY24 AUTHORIZED RS Projects** [TC10# 17483-0 | 17348-0 FlexOnRS:Y | Completed:Awarded]

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

♦ **FY25 Recommended RS Projects [TOTAL: 1.698mi | \$225,000]**

<b>KY 1923 (Combs Ferry);</b> 1.698mi, BMP 0 (Winchester Rd); EMP 1.698 (Clark County Line). [Last Resurfaced: 2015; Width 20-22; ADT:955]	\$225,000
[ NOTE: R=Year Last Resurfaced; W=Width; ADT=Average Daily Traffic ]	

♦ **FY25 Recommended RS Projects using FLEX Funds [TOTAL: 2.499 mi | \$160,000]**

<b>KY 1927 (Todds Rd);</b> 2.499mi , BMP 4.547; EMP 7.046. [Last Resurfaced: 2012, Width 20-22 FT; ADT: 1873]	\$160,000
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♦ **DECISION:** Use RS/CR Bituminous Resurfacing Flex Funds on District RS Recommendations? ☒ YES / ☐ NO

County Judge/Executive Signature of Fiscal Court Approval

Date

11 Apr 2024