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was supposed to have been \$1,000...all I had in my notes...So it’s a difference of \$10 a month. I just have to redo it, and you all have to approve.”

The corrected salary of \$1,000 was approved after the motion by Miller and the second by Bragg.

Tax Rate
Next, the court acknowledged the Metcalfe County Extension Service tax rate for 2025. Judge Wilson remarked that it hadn’t changed, to which Miller replied, “...the personal property has but, can’t do nothing about it.”

The Real Property rate is 0.104 (10.4¢ per \$100). The Personal Property rate is 0.1530 (15.3¢ per \$100), and for the Motor Vehicle and Watercraft, the rate remained at 3.0 per \$100 assessed value for 2026.

Emergency Agreement
The Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement was explained by Treasurer Edwards, “This is something Adam (Bennett) brought to me. He couldn’t be here today. Basically, what it is, it just has to formally go through fiscal court, and the judge has to sign it. It’s for when there are disasters in different places...it’s like some neighboring county had a disaster, like London and Texas County did that one time, and we have resources, then we can assist.”

The motion to accept the agreement was made by Bragg, seconded by Miller, and approved.

Financials
The July 2025 financial statement was approved quickly after motions by Crain and Hawkins.

Looking at the budget transfer, Miller asked, “What is this \$100,000 for?

Edwards answered, “It’s for the trucks, the vehicles that we purchased... But the \$50,000 was coming out straight without a loan. The \$100,000 is the loan...But I had to show in the budget lines.”

The Interfund Transfers were odd, so Edwards explained. “It’s a little complicated, but each year we get truck license fees. Normally, it is deposited straight into the road fund from the state. This year, instead of them sending it straight to the road fund, they sent it to the general fund...So I went to the bank yesterday, they transferred it for me into the road fund so we can show that we’ve

METCALFE COUNTY FISCAL COURT		
ORDER NO.25-0522-1		
RE: APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES		
WHEREAS, pursuant to KRS 67.710 (7), KRS 67.711 and KRS 64.530, the Metcalfe County Judge/Executive, with the approval of the Fiscal Court, does appoint the following individual(s) to hold the position(s) indicated below with compensation incorporated into the Fiscal year 2025/2025 Budget and as set in Order No. 25-0522, effective July 1, 2025:		
METCALFE COUNTY FISCAL COURT		
Position	Rate of Pay	Appropriation Code
Deputy Judge Executive	\$1,000.00	01-5001-103
Office Assistant	\$45,598.67	01-5001-105
Occupational Tax Administrator	<u>\$28,441.03</u>	01-5001-167
	\$75,039.70	
Secretary/Grant Coordinator	\$14,976.00	01-5001-165
County Treasurer	<u>\$34,944.00</u>	01-5040-102
	\$49,920.00	
Finance Officer	\$30,000.00	01-5001-104
Payroll/Personnel/Insurance Clerk	<u>\$18,214.40</u>	01-5001-133
	\$48,214.40	
Alcohol Beverage Control Admin	\$4,010.20	01-5050-106
County Attorney Secretary	\$6,664.26	01-5001-366
Fiscal Court Clerk	\$4010.20	01-5010-101
Iworq Coordinator	\$5,304.29	01-5001-131
Circuit Clerk Law Library	\$900.00	01-5060-101
Domestic Violence Intake Asst	\$125.00 per visit	04-5341-105
Emergency Management Director	\$29,605.20	08-5135-107
Deputy Coroner	\$8,072.88	04-5020-103
Transportation Officer	\$1,000/mo.	03-5101-399
Deputy Transportation Officer	\$1,000/mo.	03-5101-399
Deputy Transportation Officer	\$1,000/mo.	03-5101-399
Animal Control Officer	\$12,579.84	01-5205-172
METCALFE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT		
Position	Rate of Pay	Appropriation Code
Road Supervisor	\$25.75 per hour	02-6103-102
Asst. Road Supervisor	\$21.67 per hour	02-6105-143
Office Assistant/Mapping Agent	\$21.13 per hour	02-6103-105
Road Dept. Employees	\$21.13 per hour	02-6105-143
Road Dept/Parks & Grounds	\$21.75 per hour	02-6105-143
Solid Waste/Road Dept. Employee	\$21.75 per hour	02-6105-143
Solid Waste Coordinator	\$21.50 per hour	01-6105-366

received it.”

“So, what I’m doing now that we’ve shown that it has been received into the road fund. I’m transferring the full amount back to the general for those road fund cost allocations...So it’s just a formal thing, and the auditors wanted to see...”

The budget and interfund transfers were approved with no further discussion.

In claims, the payment of \$8,610.07 to the City of Edmonton was questioned. Edwards explained that it was the county’s half of the 911 wages, Social Security, and Medicare.

The Herald-News reporter asked what the \$750 to Hicks Mortuary Transportation was for, and Judge Wilson replied that it was where the coroner had ordered body bags.

The Road Supervisor and the Solid Waste Coordinator provided reports to the court.

Other Business
Judge Wilson asked if anyone had any other business to discuss, and the Herald-News reporter replied, “Yes.”

“This is just a thought. I showed it to Ronnie (Miller) a little while ago. The City of Glasgow did these rules...They did some ordinances concerning animal abuse. And of course, the county can do it too, but they were really good. And one I would like to see that’s not on this list that I sent you is licenses for anyone who is going to breed animals must have a license and be registered...Any kind of animal they’re going to breed, like cats, dogs, any kind of pet type animal.”

“And they (Glasgow) said that they could no longer set up like in a flea market, any kind of market, or on the street or in a parking lot and sell animals...and we need to see about some kind of TNR, because the cats around here, the population has gotten crazy. I’ve had a lot of people ask me about that.”

Miller asked what the TNR is, the reporter replied, “Trap, neuter, release. They notch their ear so that you can identify them.”

The reporter continued, “...animal abusers, once they’re convicted of animal abuse, they are no

longer allowed to own an animal, a pet. And if they say they’re raided and they find animals that are being abused, they are responsible for paying for all the costs to take care of those animals, not the taxpayers...”

Bragg then stated, “...it’d be they just go to jail, and then we’d be paying their jail bills right, their food, and their health care. I mean, because we can’t ever get the money back once they go to jail, that’s right, gone for life, even though they are responsible for it...”

Then Judge Wilson said, “I like that idea of some sort of upgraded ordinance, you know, and you just have to get a copy of maybe what they did and amend it to fit, make it a good idea...That would be a good thing for the board (shelter board) to do. Go over it, project it, and make it where it would fit here, and then present it to the court after that...”

The motion was then made to adjourn.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28th, at 9 a.m. in the Fiscal Court room.

Board Votes to
Keep Tax Rates at
Current Level



▲ PHOTO | METCALFE COUNTY SCHOOLS
Metcalfe County Schools nurse and vaccine coordinator, Mrs. Hannah Wilson, was selected as the Employee of the Month for August. Mrs. Wilson is a valued member of our Healthy Kids Clinic and a proud MCHS alumna. Thank you for all that you do for our students and staff! Pictured with Mrs. Wilson is Board Chairman Daniel Glass.

By **Torrie Osbon**
Communications Director

The Metcalfe County Board of Education unanimously voted at its August meeting to keep tax rates at the current level.

The real estate tax will remain at 52.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value, while the motor vehicle tax will stay the same at 56.6.

Superintendent Josh Hurt. “In doing so, the Board has shown its desire to keep tax rates relatively low and steady.”

Also at the board meeting, Chief Information Officer Randy Lee presented the district’s Internet Safety Policy to the public, which can be viewed online at www.metcalfeschools.com.

Of the 171 school districts across the state, Metcalfe County ranks in the bottom quarter for property tax rates. Last year, five districts topped 100 cents, with the highest at 111.8.

“I am happy to see that the Board acted to maintain our tax rates at the current level across the board,” said

The Board also voted to create a lead teaching position for a new alternative school, which the Board approved opening for the 2025-2026 school year during its July meeting.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm

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CITY OF EDMONTON

EXECUTIVE ORDER #2025-005

OPEN BURN BAN

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that due to excessive dryness and fire hazard conditions, pursuant to Kentucky Statute, I do hereby issue a "NO OUTSIDE BURN ORDER" city-wide, effective immediately, banning all open burning in all areas of Edmonton.

This order includes the lighting of fireworks and burning of any materials outdoors.

A lack of rain in the past few weeks has produced very dry conditions which poses a risk of damage from wildfires, caused by open burning and fireworks.

Exceptions for use of fireworks in the City of Edmonton during this emergency ban, will be permitted for fireworks presentations supervised by pyrotechnical professionals, or may otherwise be permitted by Edmonton Government.

It is hereby ordered that this ban be effective immediately; and will be lifted by order, after sufficient rainfall to abate hazardous conditions.

Kentucky Revised Statutes provides for penalties for violations of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

This 15th day of August, 2025

Doug Smith
Mayor, City of Edmonton

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