

COMMUNITY

Nicholas County Fiscal Court accepts letter of resignation from EMS Director Steve Asbury

APPROVES NATHAN HALL AS NEW EMS DIRECTOR AND EMMA NELSON AS EMS ASST. DIRECTOR

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Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court, along with Judge-Exec. Steve Hamilton and County Attorney Dawn Letcher, met on Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, at 9:00am, at the Nicholas County Courthouse for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which was broadcast in two parts on the Carlisle Mercury Facebook page.

Judge-Exec. Hamilton called the meeting to order with a prayer from Mrs. Letcher, the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call with all magistrates present, approval of the minutes from the previous month's meeting and special-called meeting, acknowledgment of the monthly departmental reports, and approved of the monthly bills.

The court approved the County Clerk's claim for printing tax bills, the Sheriff's 2025 official tax receipt, acknowledged that the Fall Clean-Up is scheduled for Oct. 10th and 11th, approved the use of the Armory gym for Nicholas County Little League, and approved the Mathers Fund request by the Nicholas County Livestock Show Association for \$250.00 each for 14 qualified students.

The court approved the adoption and authorization for Judge-Exec. Hamilton to execute the agreement for Nicholas County FY 2026 80/20 bridge replacement

project on Short Stoney Creek Road. There were two bridge replacement projects scheduled for 2026, and one has been completed, with the Short Stoney Creek bridge ready to be submitted.

The court approved a Walnut Grove subdivision plat, submitted by Fred Logan. The plat consists of 7 lots, between 1.5 to 6 acres. County Attorney Dawn Letcher said that there are no immediate plans for construction as yet, but that this approval is the first step in the process. She also mentioned that criteria for water for the plat had been met as well.

The court approved the reappointment of Casey Anderson to the Carlisle – Nicholas County Economic Development Board, from May 2025 thru 2028.

The court approved the use of the Armory gym for Drug Support Group recovery support meetings, for Drug Court participants only. The meetings will take place on Friday evenings, from 6 to 7pm, and the gym will be cleaned after each meeting, as well. More information when the meetings are set to begin will be forthcoming.

The court approved the bid from H.G. Mays Corporation for \$76,881.50 for resurfacing on Collier Pike. There were 2 bids submitted for the project. The court also approved a MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) flex fund resolution for Collier Pike, as well.

The court approved

two motions regarding opiod litigation, which would include submittal to agree to the Purdue Pharma Plan and to authorize County Attorney Letcher to sign the Sackler participation form. The court has received approximately \$149,900.00 in opiod funds, which can only be used for very specific purposes.

The court approved the Fair Grounds usage request for a KPA Truck/Tractor Pull, scheduled for Oct. 11, 2025. The Nicholas County EMS and Fire Department will be on hand for the event.

The court acknowledged the district tax rates for the Nicholas County Health Department, which stays the same as last year; Nicholas County School, which has gone down from last year; and Nicholas County Soil Conservation, which also stays the same as last year.

Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Shane Adams reports to the court that the Sheriff's Office has a new Deputy Sheriff, Barry Sparks.

The court approved an encroachment permit from BlueGrass Engineering, submitted by Paul Reynolds, for the Phase 13 improvement project on Concord Road, for water main and drilling work scheduled for Spring 2026.

Nicholas County EMS Director Steve Asbury reports to the court that the EMS Service had a total of 85 runs for the month of August, which includes 60 runs for

Nicholas County and 25 runs for Robertson County. He also said that one of the ambulances had new tires installed, and the overhead door and HVAC at the EMS building had undergone maintenance. The court approved moving Paramedic Dylan Hunt from part-time to full-time.

Road Department Supervisor Pat Dunn reports to the court that shouldering work on Locust Grove Road is finishing up, the department is on its 4th round of mowing, the dump truck had been fixed, the brush cutter and John Deere tractor were undergoing maintenance, and that he was confident that 4 employees at the Road Dept. were going to pass their CDL test. The court also discussed installing a stop sign at the intersection of Hickory Ridge and Lake Road, and County Attorney Dawn Letcher said that they would be

scheduling an engineering study in the future for that intersection.

Before going into closed session, the court approved the Treasurer's Report and Treasurer's Transfers.

The court went into an over 3-hour closed session and resumed with no action taken, while in that extended closed session.

When the meeting resumed, the court approved an order that the Nicholas County Sheriff would be taking over prisoner transports, as Nicholas County Jailer Robert Sosby will serve as a bailiff for Nicholas County Circuit and District Courts.

The court approved to promote Emma Nelson as Assistant Director at the Nicholas County EMS, effective immediately; acknowledged the letter of resignation from Nicholas County EMS Director Steve Asbury, read aloud by County

Attorney Dawn Letcher, effective Sept. 30, 2025, in which he will remain with the EMS service in a part-time capacity; and approved the hiring of Nathan Hall, from Powell County, as the new Nicholas County EMS Director.

The court approved a resolution for lease financing with KACo (Kentucky Association of Counties), as well.

Before adjournment, Judge-Exec. Steve Hamilton spoke about the shouldering on Locust Grove Road which was being completed; said that hiring was going well at the nursing home and that a ribbon-cutting/open-house/grand-opening at the facility would be coming up hopefully sometime in October; and spoke about the upcoming Saturday in Carlisle event, scheduled for Oct. 27, 2025.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned.



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