

The Barren County Fiscal Court met yesterday in the Barren County Government Center. The Court approved the 2013-2014 annual budget and took care of other duties.

The first order of business, which was not on the agenda, was a re-vote on an issue brought up at the court's last meeting. Last meeting the court voted down a resolution to ask for an Attorney General's opinion on whether or not not for profit entities, such as T.J. Samson should pay property taxes. As a provider of charitable care T.J. Samson, nor any of the dozens of other not for profit hospitals in Kentucky have ever paid property taxes. Several magistrates changed their vote from the last meeting. On a motion by magistrate Gary Gillon seconded by magistrate Tommy Matthews, the issue was revoted on.

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The final vote was 7 yesses and 2 no's to ask the attorney general to render his opinion on the matter. Judge Executive Davie Greer and Magistrate John Benningfield cast the two "no" votes.

Magistrate Gary Gillon was one who changed his vote:

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As a part of the regular meeting,

Barren County Jailer Matt Mutter gave a report to the Fiscal Court. In his report, he said there could be a great reduction in jail labor available to the county.

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Despite the current number of inmates, Mutter suggested that re-offenders would raise the inmate count to levels seen in previous years. Magistrate Chris Steward did not sound as confident in the rise.

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Mutter noted that the most recent jail inspection showed full compliance with state policies.

The Court also heard once again from a disgruntled Danny McMurtrey. McMurtrey has suggested that the Barren County Detention Center was built, in part, on his property. The Fiscal Court suggested that he see his argument in another court but McMurtrey did not leave without making his thoughts known:

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The Court also approved an interlocal agreement with the city of Glasgow that allows the Building and Electrical Inspector to conduct inspections more efficiently.