

Constable From Front

replacement. The conversation focused not only on Dixon’s departure but also on the evolving role of constables in Kentucky, the legal restrictions they now face, and the potential liabilities for the county.

Constable Resignation and Appointment Process

John Dixon, who had served as the elected constable for District 3, officially resigned from his position on December 31, 2024. According to Judge Elleman, Dixon cited personal reasons for his resignation, stating that it was time for him to retire and relax. Dixon also provided a recommendation for his replacement, suggesting Donny Stevens, a longtime community member and business owner.

Elleman explained that it is his responsibility as Judge-Executive to appoint a replacement who will serve until the next election cycle. The filing period for the next election opens in November 2025, with a primary election in May 2026 and the general election scheduled for November 2026. The appointee would hold the position until a new constable is elected and sworn in.

Candidate for Appointment: Donny Stevens

Stevens, the candidate recommended by Dixon, is a veteran of the U.S. Army and owns Last Stop Pizza, a local business. He has been an active resident of District 3 for the past 12 years and is involved in his church, where he serves in multiple

leadership roles. Elleman noted that Stevens remains engaged in the community, making business deliveries himself and staying active in local affairs.

While Elleman expressed confidence in Stevens’ character and willingness to serve, he also acknowledged broader concerns about the role of constables in Garrard County, given recent legislative changes that have significantly reduced their authority.

Limited Powers and Responsibilities of Constables

A major topic of discussion during the meeting was the diminished role of constables following recent amendments to Kentucky law. Previously, constables in Garrard County played a role in serving legal papers, assisting with law enforcement duties, and providing other community services. However, the Sheriff’s Office has since assumed many of those responsibilities, and new legal restrictions have placed significant limitations on what constables can do without formal law enforcement training.

One of the most notable changes is that constables now lack the authority to exercise police powers unless they complete state-mandated training. It was mentioned that only one current constable in the county, Casey Carpenter, remains eligible for certain law enforcement functions due to being “grandfathered in” under the old statutes. Others, including any new appointee, would not have those same privileges.

Officials also discussed whether constables could still use blue lights on their vehicles,

a topic of legal uncertainty. While some constables previously used marked vehicles with blue lights, there were questions about whether the new regulations prohibit this practice. Fiscal Court members debated whether constables would be allowed to obtain an ORI number, which is necessary for accessing law enforcement databases and radio communications. The consensus was that such privileges may no longer be granted without additional training.

Liability and County Risks

Another significant issue raised during the meeting was the liability risk associated with appointing a new constable. Fiscal Court members expressed concern that the county could face legal and financial consequences if an appointed constable attempted to perform law enforcement duties without proper authority.

For example, if a constable were to operate a vehicle with blue lights or intervene in a public incident without jurisdiction, the county could be held accountable for any resulting damages or legal violations. It was also noted that while Dixon had continued to serve legal papers, this practice had been officially discontinued, and any new appointee would not have that ability.

Judge Elleman acknowledged these concerns and suggested that further clarification was needed regarding what the new constable would legally be allowed to do. Some members questioned whether the position was necessary at all, considering that the election process for

a permanent replacement would begin in less than a year.

Next Steps and Final Considerations

The Fiscal Court ultimately did not make a final decision on the appointment but agreed that further research and discussion were necessary. Judge Elleman stated that he planned to meet with Donny Stevens to explain the limitations of the role in detail. He also indicated that he would seek additional clarification on Kentucky’s revised statutes regarding constable powers, particularly regarding vehicle markings, law enforcement equipment, and legal authority.

There was also discussion about the broader implications of maintaining constable positions in the county, given their now-limited function. While some officials saw value in having a willing public servant fill the role, others questioned whether appointing a constable under the new regulations would serve a meaningful purpose.

Elleman emphasized that, while he holds the authority to make the appointment without requiring Fiscal Court approval, he valued their input and wanted to ensure that any decision made was in the best interest of the county. The issue is expected to be revisited in a future meeting once further legal clarifications and discussions with Stevens have taken place.

For now, the District 3 constable position remains vacant, with the Fiscal Court weighing the potential benefits and risks of appointing a replacement.

Elleman can choose to leave the position vacant as well.

tion of Jessamine County and expressed confidence in the continued partnership between the counties.

Following the discussion, Magistrate Chris Davis made a motion to approve the revised jail budget, which was seconded by Magistrate Glendan Barker. The measure was then brought to a vote, with all present members of the fiscal court voting in favor.

The approval of the reduced jail budget reflects the county’s commitment to fiscal responsibility while maintaining essential services. Officials expressed confidence that the cost-saving adjustments will allow the county to continue operating its jail system effectively without compromising public safety.

Emergency Training From Front

among multiple agencies and jurisdictions.

The ICS 400 course is intended for individuals who may serve in a Command or General Staff position during major incidents or as part of a local or regional Incident Management Team. Participants engaged in extensive instruction on command structure, multiagency coordination, and decision-making under pressure. The curriculum emphasized the principles of Unified Command, ensuring that agencies can work together effectively during emergencies ranging from natural disasters to large public events.

Opioid Litigation From Front

the Attorney General’s office is in the process of finalizing and releasing the settlement terms, and county officials will share further details once they become available.

Garrard County has been actively engaged in legal efforts to hold pharmaceutical companies and distributors accountable for their role in the opioid epidemic. The county recently rejoined a broader lawsuit against opioid distributors, aiming to recover funds to address the crisis’s local impact. Officials hope that the financial compensation secured through litigation will support efforts in prevention, recovery, and law enforcement.

The opioid epidemic has had severe consequences for Garrard County, at times contributing to a rise in crime, including theft and child abuse, and placing additional strain on emergency services. The county’s ambulance and jail services have experienced

Following the instructional period, participants were required to pass a comprehensive written exam to demonstrate their understanding of the material and their ability to apply incident command principles in real-world scenarios. Organizers confirmed that all students successfully passed the exam, marking a significant achievement for the responders and the communities they serve.

This training is a critical component in strengthening emergency preparedness across Kentucky, equipping first responders with the knowledge and skills necessary to manage high-risk situations efficiently and collaboratively.

increased demand, further burdening local resources. In response, officials have implemented a multifaceted strategy that includes expanding law enforcement capabilities, training, and enhancing drug education programs for young people.

Beyond legal action, county officials are taking steps to stabilize the county’s financial position. Officials continue to explore additional financial recovery options, including litigation against opioid distributors to compensate for the increased costs associated with the crisis.

While specific settlement figures from the opioid litigation remain pending, Garrard County leaders remain committed to using any funds received to mitigate the epidemic’s effects and foster a safer, healthier community. Further discussions on these matters are expected at upcoming fiscal court meetings in the future.

CASA Donation From Front

request before the court, noting that the county donates \$5,000 annually to the organization. Elleman indicated that a formal request and budget details had been submitted for consideration. While the exact number of CASA employees was unclear, he emphasized that the organization relies heavily on volunteers to support children, particularly those involved in the foster care system.

The discussion included mention of CASA’s role in assisting at-risk youth and the positive impact the organization has on the community. Magistrate Bobby Preston motioned to approve the donation, with Magistrate Barker providing a second. The court then proceeded to a roll-call vote, resulting in approval of the funding request. The decision reinforces Garrard County’s continued support for CASA and its mission to advocate for children in need within the legal system.



Garrard Central Record

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HORSE AUCTION

SILENT HORSE AUCTION

There will be a Silent Auction for Horses held on 2/16/2025 at 4500 Poor Ridge Pike Lancaster KY 40444 from 7 AM to 10 AM. We are unaware of the ages of the horses or the breed of the horses. These horses have not been ridden for 2 or more years. We can only take cash and you will receive a bill of sell if a horse is purchased. You will have to bring a halter and lead rope with you. A long with a horse trailer will need to be brought as well to provide transportation.

(2-13-1tc)

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(9-12-tfc)

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EVERYTHING PRICED TO SELL.

(2-13-1tp)

FAMILY MINISTRY

GCCP/FAMILY MINISTRY CENTER is open for shopping on Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. We have clothing for the entire family, household good, and antiques, etc. We are closed the second week of every month. Call 792-3300 if you need anything.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY GARRARD DISTRICT COURT PROBATE NO. 25-P-00014 NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN RE: ESTATE OF JOE MARTIN PRICE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that by order of the Garrard District Court, Lancaster, Kentucky in probate number 25-P-00014 dated February 7, 2025, Edward Sanders Price was appointed Executor of the estate of Joe Martin Price.

All claims against the estate of Joe Martin Price, deceased, must be presented to Edward Sanders Price, 708 Bryants Camp, Lancaster, KY 40444, Executor of the Estate of Joe Martin Price or the Attorney Martin East, 400 South Main Suite 103, Nicholasville, KY 40356 within 6 months after February 7, 2025.

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/s/Dana Hensley, Circuit Clerk
Garrard District Court
Garrard Justice Center
54 Stanford Street
Lancaster, KY 40444
(2-13-1tc)

On February 3, 2025 Judge Bill Oliver approved the tendered settlement of the Estate of Gregory Alan Giles for advertising. The advertisement will be published and the settlement will come on for hearing for final acceptance on March 6, 2025.

(2-13-1tnc)

On February 10, 2025 Judge Booth approved the tendered settlement of the Estate of Mae Elaine Tarter for advertising. The advertisement will be published and the settlement will come on for hearing for final acceptance on March 13, 2025.

(2-13-1tnc)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY GARRARD DISTRICT COURT PROBATE NO. 25-P-00015 NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN RE: ESTATE OF B'SHA SEBASTIAN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that by order of the Garrard District Court, Lancaster, Kentucky in probate number 25-P-00015 dated February 7, 2025, Rustin Wood was appointed Administrator of the estate of B' Sha

Sebastian. All claims against the estate of B' Sha Sebastian, deceased, must be presented to Rustin Wood, 1667 Foxhaven Drive, Apt. # 9, Richmond, KY 40475, Administrator of the Estate of B' Sha Sebastian or the Attorney Johnny Bolton, P.O. Box 611, Lancaster, KY 40444 within 6 months after February 7, 2025.

/s/Dana Hensley, Circuit Clerk
Garrard District Court
Garrard Justice Center
54 Stanford Street
Lancaster, KY 40444
(2-13-1tc)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID MOWING AND TRIMMING FIRE DISTRICT NO. ONE

The Board of Trustees of Garrard County Fire District No. One will accept bids for mowing and trimming of all three (3) fire stations in their district for the 2025 mowing season. Bids must be in hand by March 1st at 4 p.m.; ***bid must be submitted on the bid form attached to the specifications.***

Bids will be opened at regular board meeting Thursday, March 6th at 7 p.m. ***Bidders must be present for their bid to be accepted.***

Mowing Specifications as well as any questions are available at www.gcfdone.org or by calling Chief Josh Bolton at 859-339-0200 or Asst. Chief Joe Naylor 859-339-3052.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Paula Hatfield, Secretary/Treasurer.

(2-13-3tc)

POSTED

We positively will not permit fixed hunting of any character, fishing, dogs or trespassing on our farms. Any violations will be prosecuted. \$2.00 per week or \$51 per year for posted list.

• Danny & Judy Browning's property at end of Conn's Lane.....	10-25	• Alan and Brenda Blakeman, 2 farms on Pollys Bend Road.....	2-24
• Carolyn Sparks property at 5252 Lexington Road.....	7-25	• Gary Tackett property on Backcreek Road.....	6-24
• Paul Black Farms, Hwy. 1355 (Sugar Creek Road).....	10-25	• Frank and Altheia Rice property located at 390 Leavell Ridge Road, 372 Leavell Ridge Road and the Rice Farm on Three Forks.....	9-24
• Paul And Suzanne Wells at 4129 White Lick Road, Paint Lick.....	10-25	• Grover Drew Farm, Carry Nation Road.....	10-24
• Ronald Parson, 2 Farms - 1678 Copper Creek Road & 3164 Copper Creek Road.....	11-24	• Janis Young Farm 330 acres in 2 adjoining tracts west of Montgomery Branch and north of Scotts Fork.....	11-24
• Tammy Fowler, 749 Nina Ridge Road.....	10-25	• The Barrel Farm (Across The Road LLC), 1685 Lexington Road.....	2-25
• Dale Marie Hellard - Barbara French & William Randall Causey Farms at 2178 Hamilton Valley Road, 2636 Hamilton Valley Road And 1454 Hamilton Valley Road.....	5-24	• The Brenda Farms, 4870 Harmons Lick Road & Hamilton Valley Road.....	10-25
• Mike and Pam Fathergill, 317 Lynnwood Drive.....	6-25	• Yockery property on Polly's Bend Road.....	10-25
• Chris and Joy Fathergill, 317 Richmond Street.....	6-25	• Noah Wagoner and Kelsey Perkins, 10997 Buckeye Road.....	11-25
• Mary Alice (Paul) Drew, 810 Carry Nation Road Property.....	6-25	• Mary and George Watkins Property at 2961 Gabbard Road.....	11-25
• Kathy Tuglie & Paula Tudor - Jim Clark Road.....	11-25		
• Deborah Kelly property at 472 Hobert Exles Road.....	5-24		
• David M. and Rose Walker, 1163 Wolf Trail Road.....	2-25		

Rates For Posted List - \$2 Per Week, First Property \$51 Per Year - \$10 Each Additional Property