

Road Fleet From Front

The county's current fleet consists of Ford trucks that were purchased in either 2016 or 2017, making them approximately seven years old. While they have relatively low mileage, with most in the range of 30,000 to 35,000 miles, the constant exposure to salt during winter road maintenance has led to extensive rust damage, particularly on the truck beds and undercarriages.

Elleman stated that the county had previously planned to replace these trucks under the prior administration. However, after taking office, the Fiscal Court voted to cancel a pending order for seven new trucks, saving the county roughly \$300,000. Now, with the trade-in value of the existing vehicles still at \$20,700 per truck, Elleman argued that the county was at an optimal point to replace them before further depreciation reduced their value.

One of the key elements

serves as a crucial reminder of the risks posed by severe weather in Kentucky. By participating in these exercises, local emergency agencies and schools work together to enhance response strategies, ensuring that residents—particularly students and educators—are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to stay safe during a real emergency.

Emergency management officials emphasize the importance of proactive preparation, urging residents to stay informed about weather alerts and have a safety plan in place. The drill aligns with broader state efforts to strengthen community resilience against severe storms, tornadoes, and other natural disasters.

of the discussion was how to finance the new truck purchases. Elleman reassured the court that the Road Department's fund was in good financial standing, allowing for a significant purchase without negatively impacting other infrastructure needs.

Officials debated whether to lease the trucks or purchase them outright. If leased, the trucks would cost approximately \$1,444 per month per vehicle. Elleman expressed a desire to maintain financial flexibility, emphasizing that the county should not deplete its reserves but also avoid unnecessary long-term debt. He pointed to the county's efforts in building up a healthy general fund balance since taking office, allowing for this type of purchase to be made responsibly.

The court also discussed whether to purchase fully equipped trucks—including blades, dump beds, and salt-boxes—or to buy the chassis

and outfit them separately. After reviewing price estimates, officials determined that the cost difference between purchasing fully equipped trucks and assembling them in-house was negligible.

Elleman noted that ordering pre-equipped trucks would provide additional benefits, such as ensuring that they arrive ready for use and are covered by warranties. If any issues arise, the dealer would be responsible for addressing them before the county takes delivery.

While the immediate proposal involved purchasing four 3500 trucks, Elleman and other court members also discussed the eventual replacement of the county's 5500-series trucks. Given their current condition, he suggested waiting another year and a half before considering replacements for those vehicles.

Elleman explained that taking this phased approach would allow the county to evaluate

how well the new 3500 models perform and determine whether they adequately meet the needs of the Road Department. If the 3500 models prove sufficient, the county may not need to invest in as many larger trucks in the future.

During the discussion, court members also addressed potential concerns about Dodge trucks, particularly in terms of reliability. Officials referenced issues reported by other jurisdictions, including transmission problems with Dodge models used for similar road maintenance operations.

Judge Elleman stated that while the trucks appeared to be well-built, the county would closely examine each component of the bid and remove any unnecessary features to minimize costs. He also noted that officials had reviewed specifications to ensure that the new trucks were equal to or better than the county's existing fleet.

After extensive discus-

sion, the Fiscal Court voted to approve the purchase of four 3500-series trucks for the Road Department. The motion passed with a majority vote.

Although the trucks are now approved for purchase, they are not expected to arrive until September or October due to manufacturing and supply chain delays. In the meantime, the county will continue budgeting for the acquisition while preparing for the transition to the new vehicles.

With this decision, Garrard County aims to ensure that its road maintenance operations remain efficient and well-equipped for future winters, while also maintaining fiscal responsibility. The court will revisit its broader vehicle replacement strategy in the coming months, evaluating the performance of the new trucks before making further commitments.

Tornado Drill From Front

all Garrard County schools were prepared for severe weather scenarios, reinforcing safety measures and emergency response protocols.

As part of this statewide initiative, students, staff, and faculty across the district practiced tornado safety procedures, including seeking designated shelter areas and following pre-established evacuation routes. The exercise was conducted in coordination with local emergency management teams, 911 dispatch services, and school officials, underscoring the importance of a community-wide approach to disaster preparedness.

The annual tornado drill

help young individuals resist peer pressure and avoid drug use. By offering access to free drug test kits, the program empowers youth to decline drugs by providing them with a concrete reason to say no. The initiative encourages young people to respond to peer pressure with the statement: "I can't use drugs, my parents drug test me!"

As sponsors of the program, the Lancaster Police Department and the Garrard County Sheriff's Office aim to support parents and guardians in their efforts to protect their children from substance abuse. By making drug test kits readily available, the program fosters open conversa-

Give Me A Reason From Front

tions between families about the risks associated with drug use and reinforces the importance of making healthy choices.

Operation UNITE, the organization behind GMAR, is dedicated to combating substance abuse through prevention, education, and treatment initiatives. The organization works across Kentucky to provide resources that help communities address the challenges of drug addiction.

For more information on the "Give Me a Reason" program or to obtain a test kit, residents can visit Operation UNITE's website or contact the Lancaster Police Department and the Garrard County Sheriff's Office directly.

NEW PROGRAM

Garrard County Backyard Conservation Cost-Share Program

What is the purpose of this program?

Natural resource conservation projects do not have to be large, complicated, or expensive – many can be done in your own back yard. This program is designed to encourage Garrard County residents to install conservation practices that address important issues like water conservation, improvement of wildlife habitat, recycling of organic waste, or gardening in a non-agricultural environment. Examples of backyard conservation projects include:

- Rainwater harvesting
- Pollinator/butterfly gardens
- Insect and bee hotels

- Bat houses, bird houses
- Tumbling composters
- Raised bed gardens

Projects are not limited to the list above – an interested applicant can propose another type of project as long as it would fulfill the requirement of being conservation-related.

Why is this called a cost-share program?

The Conservation District will reimburse the participant 75% of the actual project cost – up to a maximum of \$200 – upon completion of the project. A homeowner or business may submit only one application per year but would be eligible to re-apply for another project in future years if this program is continued.

Who is eligible to apply?

All residents, businesses, service organizations, schools, churches, etc. located within the boundaries of Garrard County are eligible to apply.

Are there any deadlines associated with this program?

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and no applications will be accepted after July 1, 2025 or after program funds are no longer available. If the application is approved by the Conservation Board, the Applicant will have until November 1, 2025 to complete the project and submit all documentation required for reimbursement.

How can I learn more about this cost-share program?


The Soil and Water Conservation District Office can provide applications and a brochure containing all the details about the program. The Office can also provide helpful resources regarding the six projects listed above.

NEW PROGRAM

Garrard County Soil and Water Conservation District Office

166 Precision Court, Lancaster; KY 40444

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Notice is hereby given that by order of the Garrard District Court, Lancaster, Kentucky in probate number 25-P-00026 dated March 6, 2025, Jannie L. Beer was appointed Executor of the estate of Burlene Blair.

LEGAL NOTICE

All claims against the estate of Burlene Blair, deceased, must be presented to Jannie L. Beer, 6025 Bates Creek Road, Nicholasville, KY 40356, Executor of the Estate of Burlene Blair or the Attorney Heather Warren, 108 West Maple Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356, within 6 months after March 6 2025. /s/Dana Hensley, Circuit Clerk Garrard District Court Garrard Justice Center 54 Stanford Street Lancaster, KY 40444 (3-13-11tc)

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Garrard County Fiscal Court adopted the Amended Building Code Ordinance during the regular Fiscal Court Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025. A copy of the Amended Building Code Ordinance containing full text is available for public inspection at the Garrard County Judge/Executive's Office during normal business hours. (3-13-11tc)

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.

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• Paul Black Farms, Hwy. 1355 (Sugar Creek Road).....10-25

• Paul And Suzanne Wells at 4129 White Lick Road, Paint Lick.....10-25

• Ronald Parson, 2 Farms - 1678 Copper Creek Road & 3164 Copper Creek Road.....11-24

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• 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

• Mike and Pam Fathergill, 111 Lynnwood Drive.....6-25

• Chris and Joy Fathergill, 317 Richmond Street.....6-25

• Mary Alice (Paul) Drew, 810 Carry Nation Road Property.....6-25

• Kathy Tuggle & Paula Tudor - Jim Clark Road.....11-25

• Deborah Kelly property at 472 Hobert Estes Road.....5-24

• David M. and Rose Walker, 1163 Wolf Trail Road.....2-26

• Alan and Brenda Blakeman, 2 farms on Pollys Bend Road.....2-24

• Gary Tackett property on Backcreek Road.....6-24

• Frank and Altheia Rice property located at 390 Leavell Ridge Road, 372 Leavell Ridge Road and the Rice Farm on Three Forks.....9-24

• Grover Drew Farm, Carry Nation Road.....3-26

• Janis Young Farm 330 acres in 2 adjoining tracts west of Montgomery Branch and north of Scotts Fork.....11-24

• The Barrel Farm (Across The Road LLC), 1685 Lexington Road.....2-25

• The Brenda Farms, 4870 Harmons Lick Road & Hamilton Valley Road.....10-25

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• Mary and George Walkins Property at 2961 Gabbard Road.....11-25

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