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2 years on condition of no other offenses a court costs and to follow Emergency Protection Order / Domestic Violence Order. To pay by September 10, 2026.

Borden Osadchyi, (1) no/expired registration plates; (2) failure to produce insurance card; (3) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st; (4) improper display of registration plates; (5) operating on suspended/revoked operators license; (6) failure to surrender revoked operators license; (7) failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. Failed to appear - recalled. Plea of not guilty - Pre-trial Conference on October 6, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Mickey C. Rhodus, (1) disregarding traffic control device traffic light - Traffic School Program - continue to September 8, 2025 at 9 a.m.; (2) failure to wear seatbelts - dismissed on proof; (3) failure to produce insurance card - dismissed on proof.

Jonathan Roark, (1) alcohol intoxication in a public place - 1st & 2nd offense; (2) disorderly conduct, 1st degree - County Attorney amended to 2nd degree; (3) resisting arrest; (4) criminal trespassing - 3rd degree. Plea of not guilty - Pre-trial Conference on September 11, 2025 at 1 p.m. Appoint Public Defender.

Christopher Russell, (1) fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (motor vehicle); (2) disregard signal of office direct traffic/flee co; (3) reckless driving; (4) wanton endangerment - 1st degree - police officer; (5) wanton endangerment - 1st degree; (6) improper passing; (7) speeding 26 mph over/greater; (8) disregarding traffic control device, traffic light. Waive formal arraignment - plea of not guilty - Preliminary Haring on September 8, 2025 at 10 a.m. Time waived.

Brandon Rutland, (1) no/expired KY registration receipt - County Attorney dismissed as merged; (2) no/expired registration plates - County Attorney dismissed as merged; (3) license to be in possession - \$25 fine and court costs; (4) rim or frame obscuring lettering or decal on plate - County Attorney dismissed as merged; (5) operating on suspended/revoked operators license - County Attorney dismissed as merged; (6) failure to produce insurance card - County Attorney dismissed as merged. To pay by September 10, 2026. Recalled failure to appear.

Joseph Benton Stratton, (1) failure to wear seatbelts - plea of guilty - \$25 fine; (2) failure to produce insurance card - dismissed on proof with prejudice; (3) no/expired KY registration receipt - dismissed on proof with prejudice. To pay by September 10, 2026.

Joshua Clinton Walker, (1) driving on DUI suspended license - 2nd offense; (2) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st; (3) no/expired registration plates. Waive formal arraignment - plea of not guilty - Pre-trial Conference on August 25, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Donal Ray West, (1) no/expired registration plates - County Attorney dismissed on proof with prejudice; (2) no/expired KY registration receipt - County Attorney dismissed on proof with prejudice; (3) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st - plea of not guilty - Pre-trial Conference on August 25, 2025 at 9 a.m.; (4) failure to produce insurance card - County Attorney dismissed on proof with prejudice; (5) failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation - County Attorney dismissed on proof with prejudice.

Jared Worthington, (10) failure to wear seatbelts; (2) failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st; (3) failure to produce insurance card; (4) license to be in possession. Plea of not guilty - Pre-trial Conference on August 28, 2025 at 1 p.m.

Joshua Lewis Young, (1) no/expired registration plates - dismissed on proof with prejudice; (2) no/expired KY registration receipt - dismissed on proof with prejudice; (3) failure to wear seatbelts - plea of not guilty - Pre-trial Conference / Court Trial on September 11, 2025 at 2 p.m.

Jerry Anderson, (1) alcohol intoxication in a public place 1st & 2nd offense; (20) burglary, 2nd degree - C county Attorney amended to Criminal Trespassing 2nd degree; (3) criminal mischief - 2nd degree. Pre-trial Conference on September 11, 2025 at 1 p.m.

Clay Earl, (1) criminal mischief 2nd degree - restitution/repair; (2A) wants endangerment - 1st degree. Agreed order continued to August 25, 2025 at 10 a.m.

Jeffery Todd Glasscock, operating on suspended/revoked operators license. County Attorney amended to no licenses in possession. Plea of guilty - Credit time served.

Donald Herring, (1) assault 4th degree minor injury - to have no violence on contact for dismissal; (1A) assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury - to have no future offenses. Status Hearing on September 12, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Christopher City Roundtree, (1) speeding 25 mph over the speed limit; (2) no operators/moped license. First time violation. Plea of guilty to both counts. Credit time served.

Takia Laquan Salyers, (10) failure to or improper signal; (2) possession of a control substance, 1st degree, 1st offense - cocaine; (3) possession of marijuana; (4) resisting arrest. Preliminary Hearing continued to September 8, 2025 at 10 a.m.

Joseph Schroeder, (1) alcohol intoxication in a public place - 1st & 2nd offense; (2) false report which generates an emergency response - County Attorney amended. Pre-trial Conference on August 28, 2025 at 1 p.m.

## Solar Project From Front

remain in place unchanged.

Elleman told attendees the court had consulted with state leaders, including Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell and House Speaker David Meade, to understand the statewide posture on utility-scale solar. He also said outside legal counsel advised against alterations to the county's rules.

"Our legal counsel at [the Kentucky Association of Counties] has advised us to keep our current ordinance as is without any amendments," he said, adding that decommissioning obligations remain a concern because "the decommissioning process could make landowners and counties responsible for cleaning," an issue he described as common across the Bluegrass.

Elleman further asserted that, "at the federal level, leadership has halted all tax dollars and funding for solar companies and there's a push to stop large-scale solar projects on farmlands across the United States."

With no motion offered from the magistrates, he concluded that Garrard County's ordinance "will stay in place unchanged as written in December of 2023."

Monday's outcome caps a volatile summer of debate over a proposed Clearway Energy project that has been described as a 180 megawatt operation across roughly 2,500 leased acres in southern Garrard County.

Company representatives argued the 2023 ordinance—particularly its prohibition on prime farmland and soils of agricultural significance—removed more than 90% of buildable

acreage and amounted to a de facto ban on utility-scale solar. The court briefly advanced an amendment in June, relying on language drafted by the company's attorneys, before rescinding that action in July after officials acknowledged an Open Meetings Act violation and pledged to restart deliberations with proper notice.

Financial structure and public revenue were pivotal to the discussion throughout the summer. Clearway promoted a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement tied to an Industrial Revenue Bond, pointing to an offer calculated at \$3,000 per megawatt that the company said would generate about \$354,000 annually for the first 20 years, then about \$177,000 annually thereafter at a reduced rate. Elleman questioned how those dollars would actually be distributed among taxing entities and what portion would accrue to the county's general fund, comparing those figures with potential conventional commercial tax revenue on the same land. Those unresolved questions, along with the decommissioning issue, were central to Monday's decision to leave the ordinance unchanged.

Land-use conflicts also weighed heavily. Opponents of the project argued that converting 2,500 acres—about 1.75% of the county's land base—into fenced arrays would remove productive ground from agriculture for 30–35 years, alter rural viewsheds, and affect wildlife corridors near the Dix River watershed. Project supporters emphasized property rights, setbacks, vegetative screening, and the ability to return land to farming after decommissioning, while asking the court to honor lease agreements many land-

owners signed years before the 2023 ordinance.

Infrastructure planning around the long-discussed U.S. 27 bypass added another layer. Clearway told officials it would avoid the final bypass alignment and proposed embedding a 300-foot setback from the planned right-of-way in any amended ordinance. Economic development leaders warned that sitting conflicts could complicate right-of-way acquisition and jeopardize recruitment efforts if not explicitly addressed. With the ordinance unchanged, the county retains its current protections without the additional bypass-specific language the company proposed.

For Clearway and participating landowners, the lack of a vote leaves the project constrained by the 2023 restrictions; company officials had previously said they needed clarity by early September to determine next steps on expiring timelines and existing leases.

"We obviously respect the court and we hope that they'll continue to be thoughtful about this going forward," Barry Matchett, Head of External Affairs for the Midwest and Gulf at Clearway Energy, said. "I was really interested in learning more about what the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) had briefed the magistrates on because it was pretty clear that they had given magistrates some information to think about. So, I think our next step is to ask if we can get a similar briefing from KACo or from the magistrates to just understand the concerns and see if we can address them. We've just got to keep at it and see. It's a big investment that we'd like to make in the county and the magistrates

are being careful and thoughtful about it... I would like to continue to keep working with the court and with Judge Ellman on answering their questions. I think it's too good of a project to just leave behind."

For opponents of the project, Monday's outcome maintains farmland protections they argued were essential to the county's long-term identity and economy.

"I feel like we did our due diligence and went through the process and spoke to the people that we needed to speak to," Elleman said. "Ultimately the court came to the decision last night going off of KACo's advice and meeting with them and talking to the state officials. I can't speak for the magistrates on this, but looking at the national level, what the federal government is doing, it seems to be that everything is going away from solar."

Public meetings over the past two months drew standing-room-only crowds, sharp exchanges, and repeated calls for transparency following the earlier Open Meetings Act acknowledgement and rescission. By taking no action Monday, magistrates effectively closed this chapter of the debate while leaving open the possibility of future proposals.

"I think it's time for us to put this behind us and move on to the stuff that we've put on the back burners," Elleman said. "Instead of moving forward, we've been dealing with solar. So I think this is an opportunity for us to move forward and put this behind us now."

For now, utility-scale solar development remains governed by the 2023 rules, and the question of if—and where—it fits in Garrard County is unchanged.



## Changes Abound

Changes occur every single day. Some in small ways as we lose a minute of sunlight a day as the days begin to shorten. As leaves of some trees begin to slowly spin down to earth and as the sounds of late summer bugs lulls us to sleep. Monarch butterflies are making changes as well as they are in the last stage of searching for Milkweed as the 4th or 5th generation prepares to make the long trip to their winter habitat in Mexico. I have seen many adult Monarchs on our farm and in my gardens as they nectar on the many late summer blooms that are holding on. Those of us in Garrard County have seen very little rain in the last month or so while others have been inundated with heavy rain. When this happens, changes occur in the plant, animal and insect world. They are searching for water sources (ponds, streams, bird baths) that normally would be running abundantly. They also need a steady supply of blooms for nectar as the days get hotter and dryer. Look around your yard and garden and see if there is something that you can add to help our outdoor friends. Keep your birdbaths clean and add fresh water daily. Check your bird

feeders and make sure that any seed has not become moldy and the feeders are clean. The beautiful Goldfinches are having a 'field day' in my yard as I keep Thistle seed in 3 hanging feeders year-round. Hummingbirds are as busy as can be now, darting from feeder to feeder. Make sure you change this sugar water several times a week as it can create mold very quickly and make these small, active birds sick. Try to space their feeders a good distance apart as they are very territorial little birds. If you are watering your garden as I am, make sure to soak the area thoroughly to a depth of several inches. If you have late blooming perennials (fall asters, chrysanthemums and the like) make sure to stake them so they won't be blown down. Keep

any seed pods clipped off annual flowers. Otherwise, they will stop blooming. Add a handful of fertilizer around your peony clumps and work it lightly into the soil to aid with your blooms next spring. Now is a good time to sow your lettuce seed for a fall garden and keep the soil damp until they are up and growing. If this hot weather persists continue to keep an eye on all your plants, shrubs and trees. Years ago, I attended a Rain Barrel Workshop and surprisingly enough I drilled the holes correctly creating a great way to save and reuse rain water. I went home with a great barrel and used it for several years. However, we did have to shorten the downspout and attach the rain barrel (per in-

structions) to it. I attached a short piece of hose to the bottom connector and voila I was then able to fill my buckets. Now fast forward to today. I no longer haul water bucket by bucket as that is exhausting. But I have created a mobile water vessel by using my old rain barrel and trusty golf cart. I place the barrel on the bed (of the golf cart), tie it down and fill it up. I can then drive to any plants that are far away from any water source, turn the faucet on and give each plant a good soaking before moving on to the next plant. If you happen to have an unused rain barrel give this a go. It's a great way to 'play in the rain'. Happy Gardening!

*What's Growing On -  
Joanna Kirby*



### Pleasant Grove Christian Church

762 Hwy. 34 • Lancaster

will host a

## HYMN SING

**Sunday, August 31st**  
beginning at 6 p.m.

## MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025 AT 10 A.M. GARRARD COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER 54 STANFORD STREET

In order to comply with judgments and orders of the Garrard Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner of the Garrard Circuit Court will sell the properties identified below in the Garrard County Justice Center, District Courtroom, 54 Stanford Street, Lancaster, Kentucky. The properties will be sold to raise funds to satisfy the amounts of judgments set forth below plus interest and other costs. The sale of said properties are subject to the following terms and conditions:

The winning bidder must pay a minimum of ten (10%) percent of the purchase price by check drawn on a recognizable bank (preferably local) at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price is due in 30 days. **If the purchaser elects to pay less than the full purchase price, then the purchaser will be required to post bond and furnish acceptable surety thereon.** Said bond shall be for the unpaid balance of the purchase price and bear interest at the rate set forth in the judgment from the date of sale until paid.

The purchaser is responsible for all taxes levied against said property for the current tax year and all subsequent years. The sale of the real estate is subject to all zoning and building regulations, restrictions, ordinances, easements, covenants, and rights-of-way, of record, or otherwise. All properties are sold "as is", and possession shall pass to the purchaser upon delivery of deed. Risk of loss passes to the purchaser upon execution of bond of sale or payment of the purchase price whichever should occur first.

A right of redemption may exist in favor of any party.

Possession of the real property will be given to the purchaser upon confirmation of the report of sale by the Garrard Circuit Court, delivery of a Commissioner's Deed to the purchaser and full payment of the purchase price plus interest as herein before described.

**IF WINNING BIDDER IS NOT ABLE TO DELIVER DEPOSIT AND SIGN BOND WITH SURETY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SALE, PROPERTY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY RE-SOLD.**

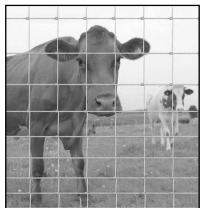
**PROPERTIES ARE IDENTIFIED HEREIN BY PARCEL/MAP ID AND ADDRESS ONLY. COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS ARE FOUND IN THE COURT FILE. IF THE MAP/ID ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT IN ANY WAY FROM THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION, THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION CONTROLS.**

Johnny O. Bolton, Master Commissioner  
Garrard Circuit Court  
(859) 792-8844

### PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD:

**SALE NO. 1:** Case No: **23-CI-00257: MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP vs STE-FANIE GALBREATH, ET AL.;** Judgment Date: **June 23, 2025;** Judgment Amount: **\$14,741.27;** Property Address/Description: **117 COTTAGE AVE;** Parcel ID: **L4-16-014**

**SALE NO. 2:** Case No: **24-CI-00323: NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVING vs UNKNOWN HEIRS/DEWISEES/LEGATEES/BENEFICIARIES OF RANDALL LAINHART AKA RANDALL LAINHART (DECEASED), ET AL.;** Judgment Date: **August 4, 2025;** Judgment Amount: **\$37,476.31;** Property Address/Description: **623 NARROW GAP ROAD;** Parcel ID: **65-109**



## Garrard County Fence Recycling Drop-off Event

Friday, September 5  
9:00 – 2:00

Garrard County Fairgrounds  
494 Camp Dick Road N, Lancaster

Open to all  
neighboring  
counties

Free  
event

**Items that will be accepted**

All types of rolled metal fencing, including barbed wire and woven wire  
Panel fencing like cattle or hog panels  
Metal posts  
Metal cable without insulation or coating

**Items that will not be accepted**

Metal posts/fencing with material attached like concrete, rope, plastic  
Sheet metal or other metal unrelated to fencing  
Wood or plastic posts

**"You bring de-fence, we take off-fence"**  
Mechanical equipment and personnel will be available on-site to help offload material from your truck or trailer

This recycling event is brought to you by the Garrard County Conservation District and Garrard County Extension Office. Following this event will be AG Safety Day beginning at 5:30, put on by the County Extension Office, Farm Bureau, and Cattleman's Association. Questions? Call the Conservation Office at (859) 792-2620