

Thank You, Dispatchers; During Public Safety Telecommunications Week

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Scottsville City Council convened in the City-County Building, 201 West Main Street in the City Council Room, Monday, April 13, 2026 with Mayor David Burch presiding with council member Michael Wilson absent.

With the adoption of an agenda, March 23, 2026 minutes were approved with no correction noted.

Mayor Burch recognized Chief Police Danny Wilson program presentation at Scottsville Rotary Club weekly meeting on last Friday as well as last Saturday's rededication of Revolutionary War Soldiers plaque placement at the Allen County Judicial Center.

At the last Council meeting Resolution 141-26 was presented acknowledging the presence of telecommunication (non cable) facilities in city's rights-of-way and Council members approved the resolution. The resolution gave a step for an adoption of a future ordinance while a Utility Group is transitioning with Allen County's current business involvement in Allen County. The resolution is a framework of sorts for a non inclusive agreement for immediate franchise service as an ordinance can be drafted for business now as well as future growth. Legal council advised an adjustment to the resolution listing Windstream Connect as the utility group with no other changes in the resolution and council approved the addition of name.

Scottsville Police Department's March report by Chief Danny Wilson reported 971 calls for service. Calls included 18 alarm calls, 26 lock outs, 16 non-injury accidents, nine injury accidents, 12 domestic calls, 15 motorist assistance and seven alcohol calls with 311 extra patrols and 107 traffic stops.

Scottsville-Allen County Emergency Communications Center reported March Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Counts received for Scottsville Police Dept. (971), Allen County Sheriff Office (805), Allen County Emergency Medical Service (369), Fire Departments (40).

Scottsville Chief of Police Wilson, relates the agency has successfully migrated to Next Generation 911 (NG911) on March 19th. The previous Legacy Enhanced 911 systems (E-911) were reliant upon narrowband, circuit-switched networks that were designed specifically for landlines and voice-only communication. NG911 operates off of Cometech/Alleriums Emergency Services IP Network (ESinet) resulting in faster and easier call handling,

more accurate call routing, and integrated text-to-911. The NG911 is now able to receive text messages from the general public, if an occurrence of greater harm could be a factor in notification to the center as opposed to voice transmission.

Chief Wilson related in honoring Public Safety Telecommunications Week, March 13-18, the dispatchers are just as vulnerable to events received in CAD as law enforcement, first responders, coroner, or emergency medical technicians. Their personalities and hearts are affected in receiving CAD events: It being a parent with a non breathing child, traffic injury, or just the family cat in a tree. The circumstance memory can go home with an operator the same as responding agency individuals at an event scene.

City Superintendent Greg Cook reported 12 water leaks repaired in March, one fire hydrant replacement and two new street lights on the public square. It was noted Greystone construction has begun new homes on Veterans Memorial Highway with connection to city sewer and gas infrastructure. This expected future growth was included in planning the Allen Springs Industrial Park in years past.

Scottsville Transit received 788 passengers in March including 36 wheelchair assists for 22 days of service with 2,388 miles driven. As the bus grant (\$92,800) had been approved, an order was placed with a possible four to six month wait for delivery. The transit service remains free to passengers with 32 locations of service within city limits Monday through Friday. The new transit benches were placed at Food Lion and Dollar Market locations.

GIS Director Scott Dobler reported the activities within the department with the six valued intern students with ongoing mapping The completion of Allen County Emergency Services Map Book has been achieved with available on line and periodic updates will be added.

Scottsville Wastewater Treatment Plant reported 22,464,000 gallons treated in March. Pump checks performed at the plant were 465 along with 930 checks at pump stations. Eighty-two analytical tests were collected for a certified lab analysis and 1,471 process control tests performed. The monthly discharge and flow reports were filed with Kentucky State Department.

Scottsville Fire Department received 22 calls of service during March.

City Cemetery report included six burials in March and four lots sold. The mowing season has begun.

Two Road Department Seasonal Employees Hired

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Allen County Fiscal Court met Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 9 a.m. at City-County Building Fiscal Court Room, 201 West Main Street with Judge-Executive Dennis Harper presiding and Magistrate Todd Bransford absent.

March 24, 2026 minutes were approved with no corrections or additions noted.

Bills list was presented and approved along with a transfer of funds from the General Account to Jail Account of \$24,000 and Transfer Station, \$45,000. The proposed 2026-2027 budget will be submitted at the April 28 meeting with public hearing for Local Government Economic Development and County Road Aid. A budget workshop will be conducted May 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Kelly Harding, a broker for Kentucky Association of Counties, (KACo), reviewed county employee health insurance plan for the upcoming year. The

magistrates approved a 7.7 percent increase cost amounting to \$56,225.

Southcentral Kentucky Workforce Development Board Employment, Inc. (SKWDBE) President and CEO, John K Sowards presented a renewal five-year interlocking agreement involving Allen County. SKWDBE serves with the Department of Labor for Barren River Area Development District (BRADD) 10-county area with a 23-member board. All judge-executives of the 10 counties serve on the board and can receive federal and state funding; assisting in employment opportunities and placement. Each county has an interlocking agreement with SKWDBE to qualify for funding used in their county. Magistrates approved agreement presentation.

Allen County Sheriff's March Report was given by Sheriff Brandon Ford. Activity within the department included 13 alcohol,

29 accidents, 15 alarm calls, 18 domestic violence, 19 motorist assists, 26 welfare checks, 102 civil summons served, 22 subpoenas, 20 warrants served and 20 transports with a total of 805 calls for service.

Sheriff Ford reported at March 15 closure of Allen County Property Tax bill collection, less than one percent delinquent taxes was returned to Allen County Court Clerk for notification by Allen County Attorney of taxes due.

Allen County Jailer Tim Meador reported housing census at 36 state inmates and 40 county inmates. Nine ankle monitor clients paid \$4,725 in home incarceration with a billing to Commonwealth of Kentucky, \$43,291.50 for 40 state inmates in March. With 12 weeks of community service completed, 21,900 pounds of trash has been collected on rights-of-way along with 53 tires and 12 dump sites cleaned. A male crew is mowing and trimming county properties currently.

Road Department

reported continued brush removal on county rights-of-way is being conducted. Magistrates approved Allen Hambleton and Richard Madden as seasonal employee hiring with a need for one more employee for the current summer season. Magistrates were requested to begin the paving list needs and submit them to Judge-Executive Harper. Aggregate and asphalt bids will be advertised May 8, 2026.

Transfer Station Director Derek Isenberg will give a clean-up week report at the next meeting.

Animal Shelter Director Johnathan Carter reported March daily average housing of dogs at 27 and cats at 10 with eight dogs and five cat euthanasia. Released to Warren County Humane Society were 50 dogs with 26 city runs and 57 county runs.

Judge-Executive Harper, magistrates and Allen County Attorney held an executive session with no action taken upon returning to open meeting session.

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Taylor who had been in the hallway with Walker III, not asleep in her bed as had been originally reported. That was confirmed by AG Cameron and body cam footage of other officers who entered the apartment looking for drugs and money.

Mattingly had been shot in the leg and the bullet struck his femoral artery. He required a seven-hour surgery in order to save his life. When he learned that Taylor had died, he thought for several months after that he had been the one that killed her and that it bothered him. It turned out his shot wasn't the one responsible for her death.

In the months that followed, he stated that the chief of the LMPD and the mayor refused to come to the defense of the officers. They allowed misinformation to get out that they were serving a no-knock warrant, that they had the wrong house, that there were witnesses who could corroborate the police officers'

testimony but they were either silenced or changed their story.

Mattingly, at one point, stated that the FBI had collected a couple of phones from Taylor's apartment that have never been released to the public nor presented as evidence. When Mattingly asked why, he was told "it would ruin Breonna's reputation."

Furthermore, his major at the time, was a woman who had worked as an investigator with LMPD. She was demoted and threatened with termination if she didn't quit interfering into the FBI's investigation. According to Mattingly, "she was the only one who stood up for us in the department" and "her interference was simply asking them 'Why aren't you looking into these instances?'"

Meanwhile, Walker III was being treated as a hero. Mattingly had stated, "What kind

of man, if he thinks someone is breaking into his apartment, tells his girlfriend to come out into the hallway with him instead of going under the bed or hiding in the closet, doing what she needs to do to protect herself and calling for help?"

Eventually, Mattingly and most of the other officers involved would be cleared of any wrongdoing. One officer who was with them, who shot into the apartment from outside of it, was charged and did some time but his case is being appealed.

Still, that hasn't prevented threats against Mattingly, his wife or his children from taking place. He currently has an unlisted address.

For Mattingly and many others directly involved, the frustrating part was and is the villainization of law enforcement. While not speaking directly about what's going on with Immigration and

Customs Enforcement (ICE), he repeatedly stated that leaders who withhold evidence and allow speculation to run rampant risk seeing more lawlessness take place.

Maybe when only one side of a narrative is being told and even wanting to hear from the other side is shouted down, that narrative should be questioned more than simply taken at face value.

Mattingly's account, and the evidence that he showed, wasn't about him simply saying he was right. A young woman ended up dead and she shouldn't be. He even said if they hadn't waited as long as they did to enter the apartment, he believes Taylor would be alive today.

Instead, he wants people to hear all the evidence of what happened that night and make up their own mind.

It should be that way for many things in this world.

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was a better fighter. Kat turned on her with verbal and even physical abuse.

After many attempts to repair the friendship failed, I sensed God was using Kat to teach Darlene how to deal with toxic people. When Darlene stopped trying to fix the relationship and simply prayed for wisdom and protection, the situation changed. They never became close friends, but the attacks stopped. Darlene learned a valuable lesson about boundaries, prayer and trusting God in difficult relationships.

This brings us to a profound truth about the sovereignty of God. He balances the free choices of thousands, even millions, of people around us so that His perfect will for our lives ultimately prevails. Even when life feels chaotic, God is at work weaving every detail into His good plan. I have always found this summary of God's perfect will to be very helpful. "God's will is to help the most people, for the longest time, and to help them in the most complete way." This takes account of all of the free choices of all of the people God must deal with, and

yet in God's infinite wisdom, He is able to guide our lives to their point of fullest enlightenment. I also like this quote from A.W. Tozer, "The will of God is always best, even when it does not seem best to us."

Where have you seen God's kindness and sternness at work in your own life? How has a difficult person or situation taught you something important? Is there an area of your life you need to trust God's sovereignty right now? How does Romans 11:22, "Consider therefore the kindness and

sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness," change the way you view hard seasons?

We can trust God in everything. He is both kind and stern. He is sovereign over every detail of our lives. Even when we do not understand what He is doing, we can rest in the knowledge that His plans are good, His purposes are perfect, and His love never fails. (To learn more about Al Earley or read previous articles, see www.lagrangepres.org)