



# District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft**  
**Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison**  
**February 24, 2026**

Anthony Wayne Davis. Arraignment. (1)Failure to illuminate head lamps. (2)No tail lamps. (3)Rear license not illuminated. (4)No rear view mirror. (5)Reckless driving. (6)Failure to or improper signal. (7)OPER MV U/INFL ALC, 3rd (AGG CIR). Appoint PD. PNG. Set for 3/10.

John D. Everman. Arraignment. Wanton endangerment 1st degree. Appoint PD. PNG. Set for 3/3.

Glenna Jean Gilliam. Arraignment. (1)Tampering with physical evidence. (2)Drug paraphernalia-buy/possess. (3)Trafficking controlled substance, 1st offense. (4)TICS, 1st offense (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives). (5) Importing carfentanil, fentanyl, or fentanyl derivatives. (6)Trafficking in controlled substance 1st offense - (heroin). (7)Poss cont substance, 2nd degree. (8)Poss cont substance - drug unspecified. (9)Poss cont substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methampheta-

mine). PNG. \$25,000 cash bond. Set for 3/3.

Lester Caseman. Arraignment. Flagrant non support. Motion to dismiss. Dismissed.

Christopher Cooper. Diversion Complete. Dismiss. Joshua Gilliam. Status hearing. Flagrant non support. Set for 5/5.

Crystal Lowe. Arraignment. (1)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (2)No/expired registration plates. (3)Failure to produce insurance card. FTA. Notify Frankfort.

Joseph A. Martin. Arraignment. (1)Speeding 10 MPH over limit. (2)Failure to produce insurance card. (3)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Dismiss. Showed proof.

Aaron H. Peeno. Arraignment. Speeding 10 MPH over limit. Divert 6 months.

Harold Potter. Show cause. Set for 8/25.

Harold Potter III. Show cause. Set for 8/25.

Harold D. Potter. Show cause. (1)Speeding 26 MPH over/greater. (2)No operators/moped license. (3)Reckless driving. Set for 3/10.

Jeremy M. Riley. Ar-

raignment. Assault 4th degree domestic violence. Amend to allow contact for counseling. Set for 4/21.

Tamera L. Riley. Arraignment. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. Amend to allow contact for counseling. Set for 4/21.

James Roe. Arraignment. (1)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. (2)Failure to produce insurance card. (3)No/expired registration plates. (4)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (5)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. PNG. Set for 4/21.

Preston James Saia. Arraignment. (1)Speeding 5 MPH over limit. (2)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3)No expired registration plates. FTA. Notify Frankfort.

Katelyn Irene Thurman. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Jonathan Yates. Diversion completion. Redocket.

Jackson Levi Young. Arraignment. (1)Failure to produce insurance card. (2)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3)No/expired registration plates. (4)Improper display

of registration plates. FTA. Notify Frankfort.

Cheryl Butler. Show cause. Set for 8/25.

Erica M. Clark. Show cause. FTA. Issue BW.

Dustin E. Cottingham. Show cause. Set for 4/28.

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David Evans. Show cause. FTA. Notify Frankfort. Issue BW.

Richard D. Fetters. Show cause. Reset show cause.

Trey A. Flinders. Show cause. Set for 8/25.

Trey Allen Flinders. Show cause. Set for 8/25.

Bradley R. Heater. Show cause. FTA. Issue BW.

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Bradley Russell Heater. Show cause. FTA. Issue BW.

Dawn Hudson. Show cause. FTA. Issue BW.

Russell Martin. Show cause. Set for 8/25

Russell S. Martin. Show cause. Set for 8/25.

Russell Stuart Martin. Show cause. Set for 8/25.

John Phillip Mealing JR. Show cause. FTA. Issue BW.

Paul A. Wright. Show cause. Set for 8/25.

Jonathan P. Applegate. Pretrial conference. Menacing. Set for 3/6.

David Blankenship. Preliminary hearing. Court finds probable cause bound over.

Christopher J. Cooper. Pretrial conference. (1)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. (2)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3)Failure to produce insurance card. (4)License plate not legible. (5)Failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance. (6)Disregarding traffic control device, traffic light. Merge charge 2, 3, 4, 6. \$650 fine.

Ricky D. Flinders. Pretrial conference. (1)Criminal trespassing-3rd degree. (2)TBUT or DISP all others \$500 < \$1000. Reset for 5/19.

Phillip D. Hampton. Pretrial conference. (1)Disorderly conduct, 1st degree. (2)Alcohol intoxication in a

public place-1st & 2nd. (3)Resisting arrest. Set for 5/21.

Amanda Lykins Parks. Pretrial conference. Public intoxication. Set for 5/12.

Bobbi Powell. Preliminary hearing. POSS CONT SUB, 1st degree, 1st offense. Amend bond to \$5,000 signature (Gonna Powell). No drugs, no alcohol, no further violations of the law, testing.

Todd Adkins. Motion hour. \$250 fine. Revoke. If new case will consider forfeiture.

William Carver. Revocation hearing. Set for 4/28.

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Darla Gore. Revocation hearing. Set for 3/10.

Trent Gore. Revocation hearing. Set for 3/25.

Brittany Moore. Revocation hearing. Set for 6/16.

Faith Walje. Motion hour. \$250 fine. Revoke. If new case will consider forfeiture.

# County Officials Present Monthly Reports

By Dennis Brown

Lewis County officials presented their monthly reports during the January meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court.

Sheriff Johnny Bivens filed his department activities from January 12, 2026 through February 9, 2026.

- Citations 12
- Subpoenas Served 0
- Domestic Related Calls 18
- Civil Summons Served 40
- Arrests 12
- Cases Open For Investigation 7
- Accident Investigations 10
- Criminal Summons 11
- Prisoners Transp. to Secure Facility 275 miles
- Juveniles Transported 0 miles
- DVOs and EPOs 4
- Court Security Hours 549.5 hours
- Prescription Deliveries 0
- Auto Inspections 46
- Funeral Escorts 8
- Concealed Carry Permits 15
- Miscellaneous 54
- Taxes Collected:
  - Property \$184,349.15
  - Franchise \$0.00
  - Total \$184,349.15

Stolen property recovered: SO-26-008 Trailer \$3,500.00

Total recovered \$3,500.00

911 Coordinator Pam Jordan submitted a monthly report for the Lewis County E-911 Dispatch Center.

The center received the following calls for service in January:

- Sheriff 212
- Vanceburg PD 62
- EMS 159
- Coroner 2
- Air Evac 0
- Lewis County FD 12
- Garrison FD 12
- Vanceburg FD 10
- Black Oak FD 4
- Firebrick FD 7
- Lewis County 2 FD 4
- Tollesboro FD 11
- Camp Dix FD 3
- EMA 1

Total Calls 499  
911 Wrecker Log January:

- Mullin's 2
- McCann's 3
- W KY 8 1
- Ginn's 3
- G&H 2
- Thayer's 3
- Clark's 3
- Crawford's 0
- Bradford's 1

Director of Lewis County Ambulance Service District, Michael Byble, gave his report.

Total Dispatched EMS calls by Lewis County E-911: 165

Total Dispatched EMS calls to LCEMS: 159

Total ePCR populated by LCEMS: 161

Total Transported patients by LCEMS: 108

Total Patients who went POV: 0

Hospitals: SOMC 73, UK-St. Claire 7, UK-KDMC 0, Meadowview 27, Fleming County 1, to landing scene 0.

Average Response Time: 15:07, 33% were below 8:00 minutes.

Runs By District: Vanceburg 34, Tollesboro 27, Black Oak 16, Firebrick 5, Lewis County 35, Camp Dix 6, and Garrison 28, and out of county 0.

Road Supervisor David Goodwin submitted his road maintenance report for the month.

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Goodwin said 1,082.30 tons of gravel and stone and 409 tons of salt had been hauled by the county.

Roadways Graveled/Repaired: May HL, South Bane, May HL Spur, Stevens Ridge, Mulligan HL, Edington Br, Old Trace, Hackworth HL, Swearingen, Jordan, Thurman Ln., Red Brush, Thorp Ridge, North Fork, Ghost HL, Bowman Spring, and Sargent Br.

Blacktop/Gravel Patch-

ing: Jordan Ln., Thorp Ridge, and North Fork.

Pipe Installed/Repaired: Mulligan.

Solid Waste Coordinator Roger Lewis gave his report:

- Performed all regular coordinator duties.
- Sent out letters, received several phone calls and completed several site visits concerning complaints and nuisances.

- Still taking in recycled material.
- We are still picking up cardboard from most of businesses in Vanceburg and in the county.

- Pickers finished the year 2025 with 571 miles of road picked and 5,801 bags of trash.
- Went to Laurel and got scrap aluminum out of the creek.

- Went to Dummitt Ridge to clean up a dump site.

Animal Control Officer reported 20 picked up; 4 dropped off; 45 rescued; 5 reclaimed (\$120); 1 quarantined; 13 E-911 Calls; 82 office calls received. Fleming County Fiscal Court was billed \$2,720. Twenty-seven dogs remained at the shelter at the end of the month.

Emergency Management Director Dennis Brown gave his report. The Lewis County Alert System continued to gain followers. It was activated 13 times in January to notify residents of weather advisories, winter storm, extreme cold, snow emergencies, closings and black ice. The alert system allows notifications to our residents through texts, email, voice (telephone), Twitter, and the Smart 911 App. Targeted alerts can notify small groups (specific county offices/groups/employees). Lewis County Alerts has more than 5,600 subscribers.

- Worked with Vanceburg Fire on the smoke alarm partnership with Red Cross to provide units to area residents.

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idents. Will continue working with all departments making this program available countywide.

- Pursuing grant for locator/tracker devices for residents who may wander (Alzheimer's/dementia).
- Pursuing grant funding for water rescue kits/medic kits for first responders.
- Completed necessary paperwork with KYEM as required.
- Participated in continuing education for EMA.
- Participated in continuing training for Red Cross Volunteer position.
- Planning CERT/preparedness trainings for local school/student groups.
- Participated in county-wide test of outdoor sirens. (January 8)
- Attended a PIO Zoom session on social media. (January 21)
- Working with Solacom/AK Associates with Hardware Refresh. Completed January 20-21. UPS Equipment installation was completed in October.
- Completed Crisis Communications Plan for County EOP. (January 6)
- Meeting with Verizon to complete setup for dispatch to text for first responders. (January 8)
- Attended Team Kentucky Update for Recovery Ready Community Certification. (January 20)
- Assisted Red Cross with assistance to family following house fire. (January 10)
- Preparing for new siren activation links in conjunction with switch from analog to digital on countywide channel.
- Maintaining EM office hours Mon - Fri.

- Coordinated management of Winter Storm response in the county beginning on January 22.
- Assisted with implementation of Emergency Declarations at state, county, and city level beginning on January 23.
- Working with agencies on coordination of winter storm response efforts, including opening of warming center; urgent deliveries; medical responses; public notifications; snow removal; EOC partial activation; multi-agency response; safety of citizens and first responders; weather monitoring. Refer to AAR for details.
- Working with Comprehensive officials for more thorough implementation of 988 services in Lewis County.
- Working to complete required Access Control List for CJIS.
- Working with Tollesboro Fire to improve communication link between Dispatch and Tollesboro Fire's radio repeater and outdoor warning siren. (Siren tech also involved in project)
- Working with Christian Appalachian Project to restore Operation Sharing Program in the county.
- Participated in Kentucky Qualification System - PIO certification training.
- Participated in Broadband Improvement review discussions with providers and local officials to finalize county plan.
- Preparing for conversion to NG911 for enhanced dispatch capabilities.
- Created newspaper, radio, and social media PSA distribution for severe weather and winter preparedness.

- Working with AK and Windstream to restore 911 telephone service multiple times.
- Assisted LCSO with traffic control and scene photography for various incidents.
- Telephone conference with Area Director Jason York to discuss training and reporting practices.

County Treasurer Penny Lee reported the total of all county funds for the month of January had a beginning balance of \$3,597,319.70 and an ending balance of \$3,025,849.92. Receipts for the month totaled \$449,306.31 while disbursements totaled \$1,020,776.09. The next regular meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court will be at 3:00 p.m. March 9, 2026.

**Notice Of Appointment**

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Shari Lee Cook, whose address was 1936 Simmons Road, Tollesboro, KY 41189, and Ronald Cook whose address is 1936 Simmons Road, Tollesboro, KY 41189, was appointed Administrator.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to Ronald Cook, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Ronald Cook.

**Teresa Callahan, Clerk**  
**Lewis Circuit & District Courts**