

# County Officials Present Monthly Reports

By Dennis Brown

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

Sheriff Johnny Bivens filed his department activities from May 11, 2026 through June 8, 2026.

• Citations	13
• Subpoenas Served	17
• Domestic Related Calls	12
• Civil Summons Served	29
• Arrests	18
• Cases Open For Investigation	6
• Accident Investigations	11
• Criminal Summons	6
• Prisoners Transp. to Secure Facility	0 miles
• Juveniles Transported	0 miles
• DVOs and EPOs	6
• Court Security Hours	526 hours
• Prescription Deliveries	0
• Auto Inspections	78
• Funeral Escorts	6
• Concealed Carry Permits	12
• Miscellaneous	31
• Taxes Collected:	
Property	\$0.00
Franchise	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
Stolen property recovered: SO-26-048	2006
Chevrolet Impala	\$3,500.
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 May:

• Sheriff	489
• Vanceburg PD	102
• EMS	149

• Coroner	3
• Air Evac	3
• Lewis County FD	9
• Garrison FD	4
• Vanceburg FD	9
• Black Oak FD	9
• Firebrick FD	2
• Lewis County 2 FD	15
• Tollesboro FD	4
• Camp Dix FD	2
• EMA	2
Total Calls	801

911 Wrecker Log May:

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

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

Goodwin said 852.81 tons of gravel and stone and 21.85 tons of hot patch had been hauled by the county.

Roadways Mowed/Brush/Trees: Rock Run, Black Lick, Quicks Run, Monteith, Brackman, Pool Br., Poplar Flats, Manley Hl., Crooked Creek, St. Engle, Pine Grove Ch., Highfield, Gerike, Craycraft, Osborne, Lions Club Ln., Garrad, H. Voiers, Simmons, Ribolt, Happy Hl., Evans, South Bane, Creamery Pike, King, A. Thomas, Lower Kinney, McDowell, Holly, Horseshoe Bend, Bigden, and Mud Lick.

Pipe Installed/Repaired: Craycraft, Quicks Run, Rock Run, Burnt Logan, and Manley Hl.

Roadways Graveled/Repaired: Browns Run, Hamilton, Dry Hl., Long Br., Craycraft, Bill Chain, Straight Fork, Little Holly, and Manley Hl.

Blacktop/Gravel Patching: Evans, Greenlawn, Pool Br., and Brackman.

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.
- The Road Department hauled a load of cardboard for us.
- Hauled a load of scrap iron to Lancaster's.
- Pickers have picked 23.5 miles of roadway and have collected 212 bag of trash. I have inspected the work the pickers have done and they're doing a good job.

Animal Control Officer Missy Kennard reported 33 picked up; 1 dropped off; 25 rescued; 8 reclaimed; \$110 donation; 2 adoptions (\$150), 6 E-911 calls; 98 office calls received. Cash total: \$480.00; Check: \$610.00; Total: \$1,090.00. Fleming County Fiscal Court was billed \$1,660.00. Eighteen 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 10 times in May to notify residents of weather advisories, frost advisories, flood advisories, and dense fog. The alert system allows notifications to

our residents through text, 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. 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). In discussion to join an adjacent county on this project.
- 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. (May 7)
- Attended a PIO Zoom session on weather for PIOs. (May 13)
- Attended a Next Generation 911 Meeting. (May 12)
- Made repairs at 911/EM following power surge. (May 26-27)
- Working on Verizon EMAG messaging for first responders.
- Surveyed damage from storms/flooding. (May 25-27)
- Assisted Red Cross with

assistance to family following house fires.

- Completed security in-service training in Morehead. (May 18-22)
- Maintaining EM office hours Mon. - Fri.
- Working to complete required Access Control List for CJIS.
- Working with Comprehend officials for more thorough implementation of 988 services in Lewis County.
- Participated in Red Cross training session for client intake. (May 14)
- Site visit with Riffel's Camp and Float to work on Emergency Plan. (May 27)
- Working with other counties in the region with communications plans for mutual aid.
- 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.
- Visited Kentucky EOC in Frankfort for assistance in LEPC requirements. (May 8)
- Participated in Kentucky Qualification System - PIO certification training.
- Completing application process for CKEM.
- 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 Summer and

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 May had a beginning balance of \$2,840,996.04 and an ending balance of \$2,675,651.53. Receipts for the month totaled \$271,406.48 while disbursements totaled \$436,750.99. The next regular meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court will be at 3:00 p.m. July 13, 2026.

**Please notify us of your new address when you move so there will be no disruption in your newspaper delivery.**

**THE LEWIS COUNTY HERALD**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 200.00-2026**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY, ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the above caption and Ordinance is titled as set forth above and has been reviewed by the undersigned, who is an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

*[Signature]*  
HON. R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS  
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Adopted on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2026 by the Common Council of the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky.

ATTEST:  
*[Signature]*  
MAYOR, CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY

*[Signature]*  
Tara Rebert  
CITY CLERK - TREASURER

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WHEREAS, an Annual Budget proposal has been prepared and delivered to the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such Budget Proposal and made any necessary modifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, is hereby AMENDED as follows:

See attached exhibit "A"

SECTION 2: That all ordinances in conflict herewith are specifically hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict only.

SECTION 3: That each section and each sentence of this ordinance is enacted separately and the invalidity and/or unconstitutionality of any particular sentence and/or section shall not affect the validity and/or constitutionality of any other sentence and/or section.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

ATTEST:  
*[Signature]*  
MAYOR, CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY

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Tara Rebert  
CITY CLERK - TREASURER

FIRST READING: May 4<sup>th</sup> 2026  
SECOND READING: June 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

*[Signature]*  
PREPARED BY:  
CITY ATTORNEY, R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS

**BUDGET SUMMARY  
FISCAL YEAR: 2026-2027**

RESOURCES AVAILABLE	GENERAL FUND	HYDRO FUND
Estimated Revenues:		
General	\$2,720,402.84	\$604,227.15
Hydro CD		
Total Estimated Revenues:	\$2,720,402.84	\$604,227.15
Resources available for appropriation	\$2,720,402.84	\$604,227.15
Appropriations:		
General Government	652,204.53	604,227.15
Police	585,605.54	
Fire	64,453.00	
Streets	292,222.08	
Community Development	1,120,020.00	
Contingency	5,897.69	
Total Appropriations:	2,720,402.84	604,227.15
Excess of resources over/under appropriation	0.00	0.00
Estimated balance end of fiscal year	0.00	0.00

City of Vanceburg Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget		
	General Fund	Hydro Fund
Resources Available:		
Balance Forward:		
Estimated Revenues:		
400 Property Taxes	\$45,000.00	\$604,227.15
401 Payroll Taxes	\$400,000.00	
401.1 Net Profit Taxes	\$37,000.00	
402 Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$14,000.00	
403 Bank Franchise Tax	\$31,500.00	
404 Public Service Tax	\$13,000.00	
405 Municipal Road Aid (MRA)	\$34,000.00	
406 Interest Income	\$1,000.00	
407 Pilot	\$8,700.00	
408 KLEFPF	\$32,000.00	
409 Telecommunication Tax	\$5,200.00	
410 Occupational Licenses	\$7,000.00	
411 ABC Licenses	\$4,350.00	
415 Alcohol Sales Fee	\$65,000.00	
466 Restoration Account	\$167,000.00	
416 ATV Registration Decals	\$0.00	
418 Sale of Property	\$0.00	
420 Base Court Revenue	\$6,300.00	
421 Arrest Fees	\$500.00	
422 Restitution	\$700.00	
429 Insurance Premium Tax	\$188,000.00	
430 EPS Return on Equity	\$450,240.00	
433 Miscellaneous Income	\$3,000.00	
434 Peoples Self Help Housing	\$17,768.00	
440 Operating Transfers-In	\$10,000.00	
443 Omitted Tangible Property Tax	\$500.00	
445 Reimbursement/Nuisance Labor	\$1,200.00	
446 Insurance Claims Reimbursement	\$5,000.00	
452 Property Liens	\$3,000.00	
457 Festival Donations	\$5,000.00	
459 Donations	\$100.00	
460 State Fire Aid	\$15,000.00	
461 I-9	\$500.00	
470 Mineral Severance - LGEAF	\$2,100.00	
481 Community Center Rental	\$4,500.00	
482 CyberSecurity Grant	\$0.00	
484 Opioid Funds	\$12,744.84	
486 Veteran Banners	\$3,000.00	
487 School Resource Officer	\$32,000.00	
488 Trailer Rental/Extra Pickups	\$4,500.00	
489 Electric Plant Bd. Well Project	\$900,000.00	
490 Electric Plant Bd. Hydrant Project	\$190,000.00	
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Excess Resources, Under/Over Approp.:		

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Fire:	64,453.00
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Excess Resources, Under/Over Approp.:	

**GENERAL GOVT.**

Object of Expenditure	Code	Total Budget
Salaries-GG	500	119,000.00
Repairs & Maint.	501	4,000.00
Professional Fees	503	55,000.00
Office Supplies	504	4,000.00
Legal Advertising	506	3,000.00
Payroll Taxes	507	8,700.00
Property/Liability/W. Comp.	508	90,000.00
Supplies & Equip.	509	200.00
Fuel	510	3,000.00
Dues. - Subscript	511	7,000.00
Comm. & Postage	512	7,000.00
Misc.	513	2,000.00
Travel / Training	514	1,000.00
Donations	516	77,000.00
Employee Benefits	518	77,000.00
Operating Transfers Out	520	5,000.00
Lien Fees	521	1,000.00
Reimb. City Taxes	530	700.00
Utilities	531	75,000.00
Cyber Security	534	2,344.16
Opioid	536	12,744.84
City Building Modifications	537	0.00
City Restoration	538	160,815.63
Cleaning Services	538	4,800.00
Health Savings Account	551	3,000.00
Community Ctr. Reimb.	552	1,500.00

TOTAL	\$	652,204.53
#507 - P/R Taxes	includes FICA and Unemployment	
#508 - Insurance	Liability (\$41. y/Property/Worker's Comp.	
#518 - Employee Benefits	includes Retirement, Health, Cancer and Accident	

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Object of Expenditure	Code	Total Budget
Salaries	600	363,000.00
Repairs - Maintenance	601	8,000.00
Professional Fees	603	1,500.00
Office Supplies	604	1,000.00
Uniforms	606	5,000.00
Payroll Taxes	607	23,675.50
Insurance - Bonds	608	102.00
Equipment & Supplies	609	15,000.00
Gasoline - Fuel	610	24,000.00
Dues - Subscriptions	611	500.00
Comm. & Postage	612	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	613	4,500.00
Travel - Lodging	614	2,000.00
E911 Dispatch Services	615	1,875.00
Equipment	617	15,640.00
Employee Benefits	618	65,000.00
K-9	626	1,000.00
Cruiser Qtrly Payment	627	54,213.00
Purchase for Evidence	640	2,000.00
Health Savings Account	650	2,600.04
TOTAL		585,605.54

**STREET DEPT.**

Object of Expenditure	Code	Total Budget
Salaries	700	112,840.00
Repairs - Maintenance	701	15,000.00
Resurfacing	702	50,000.00
Professional Fees	703	1,000.00
Payroll Taxes	707	8,182.00
Supplies	709	12,000.00
Gasoline - Fuel	710	9,000.00
Landfill Fees	712	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	713	1,000.00
Equipment	717	10,000.00
Employee Benefits	718	55,000.00
Decorations	740	8,000.00
Maintenance Bldg.	741	3,000.00
Health Savings Account	753	5,200.08
TOTAL		292,222.08

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Object of Expenditure	Code	Total Budget
Salaries	800	1,920.00
Materials	802	0.00
Supplies/Equipment	809	1,000.00
Communications/Postage	812	100.00
Veteran Banners	885	3,000.00
Festival	884	20,000.00
EPB Well Project	887	900,000.00
Salt Lick Tank Project	888	0.00
EPB Hydrant Project	892	190,000.00
Scott Park	896	1,000.00
Veteran's Park	897	2,000.00
Boat Dock	898	1,000.00
TOTAL		1,120,020.00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Object of Expenditure	Code	Total Budget
Repairs - Maintenance	901	7,000.00