

Families and friends

Furnaces are still on in southern Ohio

By ROSE BALLARD

Hello again everyone. How is everything going for you? It is still winter in this little corner of the world. I have to laugh as I see posts on Facebook that someone had to turn their heat on. I haven't ever shut my furnace off. As it looks, I may have to order propane. I thought I had enough to last, and extra to start off for next year. Well, at least this area has been spared tornadoes. While I have Facebook in my thoughts, for those of you who use it, when memories come up my heart breaks as over the years so many friends have taken their last journey. I haven't been able to remove Ann Calihan's name and telephone number from my cell phone and I still have her house key on my key ring.

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**AUCTION**

**On Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

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**Ermine at 10:00 A.M.**

**Whitesburg at 10:30 A.M.**

**Garner Road at 11:00 A.M.**

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INVITATION TO LEASE

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Responses must be in writing and submitted in a sealed envelope with PR # 8541 clearly marked on the front. Please send responses to Ellen M. Rich, Facilities Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1001 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601-9320. (FAX responses will not be accepted.) Each proposal should include the type, location, and availability date of the property. Also furnish an exterior photo, and floor plan showing the interior layout of the existing building to include walls, doors, windows, and columns.

Proposals must be submitted on an AOC-FAC-12 Lease Proposal form, which may be downloaded from the Kentucky Court of Justice website at: <https://kycourts.gov/AOC/Finance-and-Administration/Pages/Real-Property.aspx>.

All proposals must be received before 1:00 PM EST, Friday June 13, 2025. All bids received will be opened and publicly read at the AOC offices at that time in Conference Room A.

A representative of the AOC will make an appointment to inspect all proposed lease space that meets the requirements stated above. A determination will not be made until a visual inspection of all proposed properties has been made. Property must be approved by the Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction, Division of Building Codes Enforcement, and must meet OSHA and the Americans with Disabilities Act specifications, as well as existing applicable building codes. For additional information, contact Ellen M. Rich at (270) 384-0854 ext. 10149.

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There's nothing for the people to do on the lower end of the county unless you go to Hazard.

From what I understand, a couple of years ago, money was supposed to be given to fix the roof, and a couple of rooms. So what happened?

I know I'm not the only one who misses Campbells Branch Community Center! Wednesday, I had to drop my car off at Jeff Wilder Honda. My daughter Kay Gray met me there, as Kay was taking me to Antique Vintage Mall. Oh, I love going there.

It is so large, with so many different aisles. Finally I had to admit to Kay, I was hurting as we had walked so much, yet I wasn't ready to call it quits. Well I finally gave in, as I informed Kay that I thought every bone in my body was aching, except my toes.

We had a good laugh; however, I think it was the truth. With health issues, I don't get out as much as I used to.

My son Keith Ballard and I were sitting on the back deck, for some reason, I looked out, at the field past our backyard, there were several real high polk plants.

Not realizing Keith had no idea what I was meaning, I said I had forgotten about the polk plants, and now they were too big.

Keith asked what was I meaning, and I tried explaining. Keith is one who looks everything up on his cell phone.

He typed in polk, which brought up a person. I laughed, saying put in polk plant.

It brought up everything, including polk having purple berries.

You might say we had an interesting conversation, even though Keith didn't remember me frying it

Hello Mike and Marcia Caudill, since it won't be long until Carcassonne Community Center square dance, I hope you have a great crowd.

Hello Buddy, Bernice, Chuck, Mike, and Blaze Grubb.

Hello Nina Craft, thanks for your card.

Nina Craft I received your card on my birthday. It was so special. Your handwriting is so beautiful.

Before I throw this computer out the door as it is messing up. Until next.

Rose Ballard

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REAL ESTATE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2nd Reading of the Letcher County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026 is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 10:00 am.

| BUDGET SUMMARY                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                  |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| “AN ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations. Be it ordained by the Letcher County Fiscal Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:                                                                                         |                                                  |              |
| WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Letcher County Fiscal Court on the 19 day of May, 2025, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on Friday, May 30, 2025.                |                                                  |              |
| SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2026 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.”                                                                                                 |                                                  |              |
| 5000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | General Fund                                     |              |
| 5100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL GOVERNMENT                               | 1,149,583.00 |
| 5200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY               | 244,000.00   |
| 5300                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION                    | 1,195,604.00 |
| 5400                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | SOCIAL SERVICES                                  | 25,200.00    |
| 7000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | DEBT SERVICE                                     | 290,000.00   |
| 8000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | CAPITAL PROJECTS                                 | 80,000.00    |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 860,500.00   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total General Fund                               | 3,844,887.00 |
| 5000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Road Fund                                        |              |
| 5200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL GOVERNMENT                               | 31,450.00    |
| 6100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION                    | 26,100.00    |
| 7000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ROADS                                            | 2,428,450.00 |
| 8000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | DEBT SERVICE                                     | 225,000.00   |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 525,500.00   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Road Fund                                  | 3,236,500.00 |
| 5100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Jail Fund                                        |              |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY               | 636,200.00   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 196,600.00   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Jail Fund                                  | 832,800.00   |
| 5000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | LGEA Fund                                        |              |
| 5100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL GOVERNMENT                               | 56,500.00    |
| 5200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY               | 175,200.00   |
| 5300                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION                    | 61,500.00    |
| 5400                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | SOCIAL SERVICES                                  | 5,000.00     |
| 6100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | RECREATION AND CULTURE                           | 419,200.00   |
| 6200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ROADS                                            | 151,000.00   |
| 7000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | AIRPORTS                                         | 1,000.00     |
| 8000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | DEBT SERVICE                                     | 512,000.00   |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | CAPITAL PROJECTS                                 | 1,000.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 122,100.00   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total LGEA Fund                                  | 1,504,500.00 |
| 5200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | EKSAFE Fund Fund                                 |              |
| 6100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION                    | 200,000.00   |
| 7000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ROADS                                            | 249,900.00   |
| 8000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | DEBT SERVICE                                     | 100.00       |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | CAPITAL PROJECTS                                 | 50,000.00    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 1,000.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total EKSAFE Fund Fund                           | 501,000.00   |
| 5100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Forestry Fund                                    |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY               | 2,146.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Forestry Fund                              | 2,146.00     |
| 5200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Flood Loan Fund Fund                             |              |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION                    | 5,000.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 500.00       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Flood Loan Fund Fund                       | 5,500.00     |
| 8000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Marlowe Water and Wastewater Project Fund        |              |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | CAPITAL PROJECTS                                 | 4,000.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 1,000.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Marlowe Water and Wastewater Project Fund  | 5,000.00     |
| 5000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Alcohol Beverage Control Fund                    |              |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL GOVERNMENT                               | 50,000.00    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 1,000.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Alcohol Beverage Control Fund              | 51,000.00    |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Horse Trail Fund                                 |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 40,000.00    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Horse Trail Fund                           | 40,000.00    |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Tourism Martin Van Bates Fund Fund               |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 7,380.75     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Tourism Martin Van Bates Fund Fund         | 7,380.75     |
| 5400                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Police Memorial Fund Fund                        |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | RECREATION AND CULTURE                           | 2,705.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Police Memorial Fund Fund                  | 2,705.00     |
| 6100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Grant Account Fund                               |              |
| 8000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ROADS                                            | 24,000.00    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | CAPITAL PROJECTS                                 | 80,000.00    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Grant Account Fund                         | 104,000.00   |
| 5000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Clerk Storage Fees Fund Fund                     |              |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL GOVERNMENT                               | 15,000.00    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 100.00       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Clerk Storage Fees Fund Fund               | 15,100.00    |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Disaster Relief Fund Fund                        |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 12,230.00    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Disaster Relief Fund Fund                  | 12,230.00    |
| 5000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | American Rescue Plan Act Fund Fund               |              |
| 5100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL GOVERNMENT                               | 1,000.00     |
| 5400                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY               | 2,000.00     |
| 8000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | RECREATION AND CULTURE                           | 25,000.00    |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | CAPITAL PROJECTS                                 | 5,000.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 67,500.00    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total American Rescue Plan Act Fund Fund         | 100,500.00   |
| 6100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Former City of Blackey Fund Fund                 |              |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ROADS                                            | 1,000.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 52,870.00    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Former City of Blackey Fund Fund           | 53,870.00    |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund       |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 100,300.00   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund | 100,300.00   |
| 5000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | National Opioids Settlement Fund                 |              |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL GOVERNMENT                               | 200,000.00   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 150,500.00   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total National Opioids Settlement Fund           | 350,500.00   |
| 5000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4663 HMGP Buyout Fund                            |              |
| 5200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL GOVERNMENT                               | 5,000.00     |
| 9000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION                    | 195,300.00   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ADMINISTRATION                                   | 5,400.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total 4663 HMGP Buyout Fund                      | 205,700.00   |
| “SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in a local newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.                                                                                                      |                                                  |              |
| SECTION THREE. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.”                                                                                                                                                        |                                                  |              |
| NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                  |              |
| All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours. |                                                  |              |