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Operation of inspected side-by-side vehicles on County roads now legal...

Court approves Senate Bill 63

The Lee County Fiscal Court met in regular session on Thursday, April 10, 2025 in the Lee County Courthouse. All Magistrates along with Judge Steve Mays were in attendance.

Several items were on the agenda but the most important one was the Resolution approving Senate Bill 63 which permits the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on public roadways under certain conditions. The Fiscal Court recognizes the potential benefits of allowing street-legal special purpose vehicles, including enhanced transportation options, support for rural economies, and promotion of adventure tourism. Eric Hubbard of Back Roads Appalachia, Owsley County Judge Zeke Little and Rep. Tim Truett were in attendance to discuss the Bill and answer any questions. To operate on county roads side-by-sides would have to obtain a permit from the County Clerk's Office at a cost of \$10 after inspection by the Sheriff's Office (\$25). All vehicles must be equipped with all safety features required by Senate Bill 63, including but not limited to headlights, brake lights, mirrors, turn signals, windshields, roll bars, seat belts and appropriate tires. Also must be registered, insured and have passed necessary inspec-

tions. The Resolution will take effect immediately. Tim Brandenburg made the motion and Dean Noe seconded to approve the Resolution.

In other business, County has two garbage trucks out of commission; recent flooding damaged several roads; Coroner reported that there had been six natural deaths in Lee County to date and three overdose, methamphetamine/fentanyl related.

Tourism Directors Dedra Brandenburg reported that several kayak trips had been planned on North Fork and South Fork of Kentucky River and that the Vocational School was building more kiosk for information along the hiking trails.

Dean Noe made the motion with Dennis Pelfrey seconding to approve State recommendations for FY 25-26 Rural Secondary Roads. This will include 2,647 miles of KY 2016 and 1,477 miles of KY 1036.

Sheriff Joe Lucas 1st quarter 2025 Budget report was approved by a motion made by Dennis Pelfrey and seconded by Dean Noe.

Tim Brandenburg made the motion with Rodney Ross seconding to approve County Clerk Kim Noe's 1st quarter 2025 Budget Quarterly report.

Sheriff Joe Lucas sub-

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The LCMHS "Pride of the Mountains" Marching Band celebrated their stellar State Finalist run this season with an end-of-year banquet at Happ Top Saturday. Band members enjoyed a big dinner, awards, and celebrated the groups seniors. Photo by Jessica Treadway

City approves calendar of events for Main Street

The Beattyville City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 14th at City Hall. All council members were in attendance along with Mayor Scott Jackson. After roll call, opening prayer by Sam Cockerham and the Pledge of Allegiance, the following agenda items were discussed.

Paul Nesbitt with Nesbitt Engineering gave an update on his firm's work with the City which included the WPA building, funds for the Waste Water Plant, Hwy 587 utilities relocation, ARC Grant, FEMA and the \$233,000 grant for the Trailhead Overlook.

2nd Reading of a budget amendment was approved by a motion from Glenna Cummins and seconded by Mitch Cornelius.

A motion to approve the June 30, 2024 Audit was made by Charlotte Hogan and seconded by Sam Cockerham.

A motion was made by Sam Cockerham and seconded by Ronnie Stamper to purchase a Skid Steer for the purchase price of \$69,500 from Kubota of Campton.

A discussion was held on the use of money the Council will receive from the Opioid Settlement. Several things were discussed including

the Grandmothers helping Grandmothers at Resurrection Home, HUD, school system, etc. The item was tabled to the May Council meeting to give community groups time to prepare a statement of how they would use the money for drug prevention and use disorder.

A discussion was held on parking in front of the Courthouse and the problems people were having backing out into the street.

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

A roll call vote was held on a ARC Grant for Phase II Water plant. Council members Sam

Cockerham, Savannah Mays, Ronnie Stamper, Glenna Cummins, Charlotte Hogan, Mitch Cornelius along with Mayor Scott Jackson voted aye. A motion was made by Mitch Cornelius and seconded by Charlotte Hogan to approve the ARC Contract for the Phase II Water Plant.

Ronnie Stamper made a motion with Glenna Cummins seconding to approve a Resolution for Municipal Aid Co-op program.

A draw request for Bob Perkins on the Brownfield Grant was approved by a motion made by

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The LCMHS hosted "Adulting Day" last week for the junior and senior students. Groups of students went station to station with the intent of learning real life skills; everything from basic cooking to first aid, auto maintenance, and home repair. Here, Lee County Farm Bureau agent Bobby McKinney explains the ins and outs of auto insurance to juniors Raymond Morris and Carson Gabbard.



The Community Christian Church hosted "Blessed Redeemer", an Easter cantata program this past Friday evening. The choir performed several songs under the direction of Mr. Tony Barrett. Community Christian Church invites everyone to its Easter service this Sunday at 11 a.m.