

Court approves the purchase of two more solid waste trucks

The Lee County Fiscal Court met in session on Tuesday, May 13th at 5 p.m. in the Lee County Courthouse.

Judge Steve Mays called the meeting to order and Magistrate Dennis Pelfrey opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All Magistrates were in attendance.

It was noted for the record that the magistrates and County Judge had received bank balances/financial reports as of April 30, 2025 and a copy of claims and adjustments from the April 2025 meeting, and list of claims for May 2025.

It was also noted for the record that the staff will begin the bidding process FY 2025-26 for supplies, to include limestone, rock and gravel, asphalt, Diesel fuel, culverts and steel drilling. The notices will go out on May 15th and are due back by June 12th at noon. Bids will be opened in regular court meeting at 5 p.m.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved by a motion by Dean Noe and seconded by Rodney Ross.

A motion by Tim Brandenburg and seconded by Dennis Pelfrey was made to approve the FY 25-26 County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement and Resolution.

Dennis Pelfrey made a motion with Rodney Ross seconding to pay off the

current Mack Truck loan. A motion was made to rescind a motion to borrow money in the amount of \$475,000 from KACO.

A motion by Rodney Ross and seconded by Tim Brandenburg to approve the payoff of the current Mack Truck loan in the amount of \$406,658.00.

Approval of a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Budget Amendment #4 was made by Tim Brandenburg and seconded by Dean Noe.

Approval of the 1st Reading of Budget for FY 25-26 was made by a motion from Dean Noe and seconded by Dennis Pelfrey.

Rodney Ross made a motion to approve the purchase of two solid waste trucks from Municipal Equipment in the amount of \$376,000 to be paid from EKSAFE Project Account # 01-9100-548 and seconded by Dennis Pelfrey.

Tim Brandenburg made a motion with Dean Noe seconding to approve the purchase of ten dumpsters from the same account.

Tim Brandenburg made a motion with Rodney Ross seconding to approve AOC FY25-26 for reimbursement to Lee County Fiscal Court for \$112,209.00.

Approval of a Resolution for transference of maintenance and ownership of Old KY 11 Road segments in Lee County back to the County from

the State by a motion made by Dean Noe and seconded by Dennis Pelfrey.

A motion was made to pay four county employees (Kevin McIntosh, Jordan Horn, Caught (Jr.) Brandenburg and Bobby Fox) \$400 each to transport Mack Trucks to Alabama for auction. Rodney Ross made the motion with Tim Brandenburg seconding.

Judge Mays ask for approval of an appointment to the Library Board of Renita Fox. Ms. Fox will replace Geneva Duncil. Dennis Pelfrey made the motion with Tim Brandenburg seconding.

The Court approved a \$2.00 wage increase for Deputy Brooke Moore effective April 24, 2025 to be in consecutive with payroll. Deputy Brooke will be making \$20.00 +Klefpf @\$2.13. Rodney Ross made the motion with Tim Brandenburg seconding.

Dennis Pelfrey made a motion with Tim Brandenburg seconding to approve a grant application with KRADD for Lee County Search and Rescue/Fiscal Court to obtain funds for a side-by-side for emergency use and a Fiscal Court match of \$14,307.75.

Dennis Pelfrey made a motion with Dean Noe seconding to approve transfers as submitted.

Harmony

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Blues”.

Ms. Allen stepped off stage for a well deserved break, allowing Mr. Abrams to showcase his talent with Beethoven’s hauntingly beautiful “Pathétique”, Piano Sonata No. 8. Following this performance, he took the opportunity to address the devastation left by the tornadoes in Somerset and London the previous night. He encouraged those in attendance to consider making donations to the Red Cross in Laurel County, emphasizing the importance of community support in times of need.

Upon Ms. Allen returning to the stage, she delighted the audience with a couple of, what she referred to as, “juke joint”

specials, performing on her guitar and thrilling the crowd with her unique style and amazing vocals. As the concert drew to a close, the grand finale featured Gershwin’s “Summertime” from the musical, Porgy and Bess.

For those who missed this unforgettable pop-up performance, fear not!! Plans are already underway for their return visit, which promises to be another extraordinary event. Mark your calendars for September 12, 2025, when a full ensemble of the Louisville Orchestra and a special guest (to be announced soon), will grace Happy Top once more for a free concert as part of the In Harmony Tour. It will be an enchanting evening filled with outstanding musical performances under the stars—a night that is sure to be remembered for years to come. Follow Beat-

tyville/Lee County Tourism and the Louisville Orchestra on Facebook for updates.

General

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Chief’s Report, which is on track for signature by the end of this calendar year. Once signed, the recommended plan will be eligible for inclusion in a future Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) which would authorize the project. The recommended plan will increase life safety, reduce recurring flood damages, and support community resilience in Beattyville.

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Rogers meets with superintendents in Kentucky’s Fifth District to discuss Federal funding for education

SOMERSET, KY (May 14, 2025) – U.S. Rep. Harold “Hal” Rogers, Dean of the House, convened a meeting on Monday at the Center for Rural Development with superintendents from 19 school districts in southern and eastern Kentucky, as well as the Kentucky Association of School Administrators. The leaders from each school district shared their concerns with Congressman Rogers about federal funding for education, food and medical needs in schools across Kentucky’s Fifth Congressional District.

“Our schools’ superintendents face incredible challenges in meeting the needs of our students in Kentucky’s Appalachian region, including far more than education in the classroom,” said Congressman Rogers. “We discussed the best ways to help our students reach their full potential and the programs that are vital to their success.”

While the federal fund-

ing process for fiscal year 2026 is in the beginning stages, Congressman Rogers encouraged school administrators to remain in constant communication about needs in their schools.

The following superintendents attended the meeting with Congressman Rogers and Rhonda Caldwell, CEO of Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA): Dennis Messer, Barbourville Independent Schools Superintendent; Phillip Watts, Breathitt County Schools Superintendent; Vicki Jones, East Bernstadt Independent Schools Superintendent; Renee Smith, Jackson County Schools Superintendent; Wayne Sizemore, Jackson Independent Schools Superintendent; Greg Conn, Knott County Schools Superintendent; Jeremy Ledford, Knox County Schools Superintendent; Denise Griebel, Laurel County Schools Superintendent; Tharon Hurley, Laurel County Schools Deputy Superin-

tendent; Katie Webb, Lawrence County Schools Superintendent; Ray Shuler, Lee County Schools Superintendent; Chris Meadows, Magoffin County Schools Superintendent; Brian Crawford, McCreary County Schools Superintendent; Tim Spencer, Menifee County Schools Superintendent; Gary Cornett, Owsley County Schools Superintendent; Kent Campbell, Perry County Schools Superintendent; Patrick Richardson, Pulaski County Schools Superintendent; Carrie Ballinger, Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent; Brian Dishman, Wayne County Schools Superintendent; and John Siler, Whitley County Schools Superintendent.

For more information about Congressman Rogers’ work in Washington and at home in Kentucky, visit halrogers.house.gov and follow him on social media. More photos from the meeting are available on Congressman Rogers’ Facebook and Instagram pages.



Major General Jason Kelly (pictured at right) visited Beattyville last week to discuss flooding issues with local citizens.

Classic Car, truck & bike show

SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday Night Car Cruise

Beattyville KY

SATURDAY 5:00PM MAY 24TH

4TH SAT OF EACH MONTH MAY-SEPT

ATTN KIDS: BRING YOUR POWER WHEELS, BICYCLES & SCOOTERS AND JOIN THE LITTLE POSSUMS POWER WHEEL CLUB - SPONSORED BY BACKROADS OF APPALACHIA

LIVE MUSIC BY: TINA TAYLOR

Beattyville Town Square

204 Main Street

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