



# THREE FORKS TRADITION

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## County renews contracts

The Lee County Fiscal Court met in regular session on Thursday, August 13th at 5 p.m. in the courthouse. Judge Executive Steve Mays as well as Magistrates Dean Noe, Rodney Ross and Dennis Pelfrey were in attendance. Magistrate Tim Brandenburg was absent due to a work related issue.

Magistrate Dennis Pelfrey opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was noted for the record that the Magistrates and County Judge had received bank balances/ financial reports as of July 31, 2026 and a copy of the claims and adjustments from the July 2026 meeting and a list of claims for August.

Judge Mays asked the Court to be in prayer for former Magistrate Harvey Pelfrey as well as the families that had lost loved ones recently.

Road Foreman Kevin McIntosh and Economic Developer Scott Jackson were both absent. Solid Waste Director Mitch Cornelius reported that his department had collected

\$53,518 in fees plus a \$4,000 grant. He also reported that the Lee County Solid Waste had been helping the city while their garbage truck was broken down. EMS Director Blake Slone reported that the ambulance had made 114 billable runs for the month of July and 157 overall.

In agenda items, Dennis Pelfrey made a motion with Dean Noe seconding to approve the minutes of the June 2026 court meeting; July 2026 court meeting and the July 21st special meeting.

A motion was made by Dean Noe and seconded by Rodney Ross to approve the 25-26 Treasurers Annual Settlement.

Dean Noe made a motion with Dennis Pelfrey seconding to approve Budget Amendment #1.

A motion to approve the Federal Mileage rate of \$.725 effective 8/13/26 was made by Rodney Ross and seconded by Dennis Pelfrey.

Approval was given to renew the contract be-

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### Flash flooding in Campton...

The City of Campton was hit hard Sunday night as heavy rains flash flooded Swift Camp Creek. The above photo shows the parking lot and showroom of Mann Chevrolet (reports are that there was a lot of cleanup to do inside, but no damage to any vehicles), and the photo at right shows some of the damage to the Family Dollar parking lot and property. (Mann Chevy photo taken by Tara Spencer, Monday daytime picture by Jessica Smith).



## A Legacy of Faith and Service: Celebrating the Life of Bonnie Dunahoo

What would have been a celebration of her 78th birthday instead became a celebration of life for Bonnie Lou Reese Dunahoo, who died on August 6th at Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital in Irvine, five days short of her birthday.

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A well-known member of the community, Bonnie was active in civic and political endeavors but was better known for her friendly demeanor and her devotion to her family and her faith.

Married to her husband Charles Dunahoo, Jr. for more than 58 years, Bonnie and Charlie were partners in a number of business ventures over the years, including Dunahoo General Store, Dunahoo Shell and Wrecker Service, Dunahoo Water Hauling, and most recently Dunahoo Auto and Trailer Sales, located beside their home on new Highway 11.

Aside from her involvement in the family businesses, Bonnie held other positions, including roles with the Rose Brothers Department Store, the University of Kentucky Cooperative



Bonnie Dunahoo

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### \$1.275 million investment in Beattyville

The City of Beattyville is proud to announce \$1,275,396 in grant funding for upgrades to the City of Beattyville Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The funding was announced today as part of nearly \$30 million in infrastructure investments across nine counties in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

This significant investment will allow the City to make important upgrades to our wastewater treatment facility, strengthening essential infrastructure and helping ensure our system continues to serve the needs of Beattyville residents and businesses for years to come.

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