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City Council makes no decision on Woolly Worm Stage

The Beattyville City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Scott Jackson along with Council members Sam Cockerham, Savannah Mays, Glenna Cummins, Charlotte Hogan and Mitch Cornelius in attendance. Councilman Ronnie Stamper was not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order with Sam Cockerham opening in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda Smith, representing the Lee County Woolly Worm Festival asked the Council for permission to block the city streets from 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2026 to midnight Sunday, October 25, 2026. Mitch Cornelius made a motion with Savannah Mays seconding to approve the closing. Ms. Smith then asked the Council for permission to place the entertainment stage across Main Street at the Presbyterian Church. She reported that she had

talked to the pastor at the Church, Vernon Goodman and the church supports whatever the Festival and the City Council decides to do. The question was asked about how would that affect the parade and Smith said they were looking into turning the parade on the street from Valero and going out to River Drive. Mayor Jackson said in talking to Police Chief Cody Sparks, they thought the big trucks would not be able to make the turn at the top of the hill. Other options were canceling the parade, canceling the Main Stage or trying to put the stage on the sidewalk opening unto Main Street. Mayor Jackson appointed a committee of Mitch Cornelius, Ferrell Wise and Ronnie Stamper to meet with the Festival and see what kind of solution they could come up with and report back to the Council.

In the absence of Paul Nesbitt, Gary Smyth ad-

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Fiscal Court sets tax rates

The Lee County Fiscal Court met in regular session on Thursday, September 10, 2026 in the Lee County Courthouse. Judge Executive Steve Mays along with Magistrates Dennis Pelfrey, Rodney Ross, Tim Brandenburg and Dean Noe were in attendance. After roll call Magistrate Pelfrey opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

First on the agenda were department head reports. Mitch Cornelius, Solid Waste Director reported that Solid Waste had collected \$53,884 for the month of August and that the Fall Clean Up was scheduled for September 25, and 26th. This years clean up will have some restrictions and some items may be turned away.

Road Foreman Kevin McIntosh was out of town.

Trish Cole with the

Lee County Ambulance Service reported that the ambulance service had made 104 runs with 98 being billable. There is one ambulance out of service but should be fixed up and running soon.

Economic Development Director Scott Jackson reported that the local cabin business was booming with more cabins being built in the County. He reported that he had talked to one land owner and he was planning on building over 40 cabins in the Shoemaker Ridge area.

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

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LCMHS Marching Band comes out strong during first competition

The LCMHS "Pride of the Mountains" Marching Band traveled to Madison Southern High School in Berea this past Saturday to compete in their first invitational band competition of the season. Under Director Tony Barrett, they took First Place in 1A competition against five other bands, and also won 1st Place Color Guard. However, there will be no time for the band to rest on the win, as they will practicing their "Lady in Red" show all week in preparation for this Saturday's competition in Danville. Photos by Jessica Smith. Good luck LCMHS Band!

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