

**Lewis County Fiscal Court
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2022**

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEWIS COUNTY FISCAL COURT, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY WITH THE HONORABLE CRAIG STANFIELD PRESIDING AND WITH THE FOLLOWING MAGISTRATES IN ATTENDANCE:
ESQ. TERRI THOMAS, ESQ. DAVID IERY AND ESQ. WOODY UNDERWOOD, ESQ. CHUCK SWEARINGEN.

Johnny Bivens, Lewis County Sheriff, called the meeting to order.

Woody Underwood offered a prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Judge Executive Craig Stanfield.

The roll was called with all members were present.

On a motion made by Terri Thomas duly seconded by Chuck Swearingen with all members voting yes to approve the minutes of the **June 13, 2022**, Regular Fiscal Court Meeting.

On a motion made by David Iery duly seconded by Terri Thomas with all members voting yes to approve the minutes of the **June 23, 2022**, Special Fiscal Court Meeting.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Terri Thomas with all members voting yes to amend and approve the minutes of the **June 30, 2022**, Special Fiscal Court Meeting.

RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC

Colton McCane addressed the court about Ambulance Service District Board explaining the cost of the equipment and how much it would cost to run our own ambulance service. Debbie Boling addressed the Court about her husband Dudley death still waiting for answers for the mistake that were made asking Fiscal Court to pass the Ambulance Service District Board ordinance for a new ambulance service. Debbie has started a petition sheet for the betterment of Lewis County citizens. David Lancaster addressed the court about his concerns with the Ambulance Service that Lewis County have now with Portsmouth. Terri Thomas addressed the public that she is doing what is the best interest for the County.

On a motion made by Craig Stanfield with no seconded by the court the motion dies for **Ordinance #22-03 Ambulance Service District Board**.

Hannah has an ambulance service in Aberdeen Ohio she has been trying to get certificate for Kentucky which has been a problem. Debbie Boling asked Woody Underwood to explain

himself for not passing this Ambulance Service District Board Ordinance. Woody explain to Debbie that he thought there is still some confusion just because they wouldn't pass this ordinance does not mean that they are not in favor or that the county doesn't have other options. Woody, explain he has looked at some options he would explain later. Woody said that he would like to have all the fax before he decides. David Lancaster stated that we got to have this tax money out so we can collect it before looking at other options. Colton McCane said that the tax board would hold the ambulance service accountable for their actions. Chuck Swearingen said that he had reach out to other county judges and citizens of Lewis County that he was not going to second this motion. Woody Underwood asked Dennis Brown if he is still able to track Portsmouth ambulance runs and he said yes. Woody also said that he would not second this motion. Woody asked Hannah if she would be able to get a total of runs, he explained he would like to see numbers.

OLD BUSINESS

Received no bids on Audio/Visual Equipment.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Terri Thomas with all members voting yes to approve a housing agreement with **Rowan County Detention Center** to house adult prisoners if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Tammy Madison addressed the court that she would ask to be hired as the Animal Control Director. She would set standards. Tammy explained if hired as the director she would report budget and financial statements and where the money is being spent. Tammy statement that she would like \$100 per week this cost will be for gas. Tammy said that she would like for all employees that work at the animal shelter to be trained. She feels like that there is lack of training from all areas. Tammy said that she would like to see all animal control officers be vaccinated for rabies. Tammy went on to explain euthanasia was not being done when needed. Dogs were be adopted out that were not spay or neuter. Chuck Swearingen said that he would like to see Tammy present a letter to Fiscal Court before deciding. Rusty Dyer the animal control officer addressed Tammy and said that he has no complains or no issues. He begged the volunteer to put the dog down before going to the vet. Rusty also explains to Tammy that the budget uses of funds fiscal court must approve every year. Every purchase that is made must get through the Judge executive office. That the animal control officer can not get whatever they want. Tammy said management control.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Chuck Swearingen with all members voting yes to approve **2021-2022 Annual Treasurer's Settlement**.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by David Iery with all members voting yes to approve advertising the financial pages of the audit in lieu of the full settlement.

On a motion made by Chuck Swearingen duly seconded by Terri Thomas will all members voting yes to approve the reappointment of **Myrtie "Pud" Carpenter** to the **Firebrick Fire Department Tax Board**. Term expire 6/30/2026.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Terri Thomas with all members voting yes to hire **Joseph Blankenship** as a seasonal employee at the Lewis County Solid Waste- Litter Abatement for trash pickup. At an hourly rate of \$12.00 an hour.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by David Iery with all members voting yes to approve **TSHD** as the architect for the **Camp Dix Fire Department Project**.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Chuck Swearingen with all members voting yes to hire **Brenda Stevens** as the Custodian for the Courthouse. At an hourly rate of \$8.00 an hour and no more than 24 hours per work.

Kevin Burton has agreed to put up the fence at the Garrison playground.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Johnny Bivens, Lewis County Deputy Sheriff presented the monthly Sheriff's Report.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Terri Thomas with all members voting yes to approve the **Jail Quarterly Activity Report**.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded Terri Thomas with all members voting yes to approve the **Monthly Treasurer's Report** as submitted by Penny Lee, Lewis County Treasurer. See Finance Book #11.

David Goodwin, Lewis County Road Supervisor submitted the monthly Road Department Report.

Rusty Dyer, Lewis County Animal Control Officer submitted the monthly Animal Control Report. Rusty addressed the court about new doors on the dog cages. Court asked Rusty to get money amounts for the doors.

Dennis Brown, Emergency Management Director submitted a written monthly report.

Rusty Dyer, Solid Waste Coordinator submitted a written monthly report.

Pam Jordan, Coordinator submitted the Lewis County E911 Report.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Chuck Swearingen with all members voting yes to approve the **claims**, for all fund as presented. See Finance Book #11.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Terri Thomas with all members voting yes to approve the **transfers**. See Finance Book #11.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Terri Thomas with all members voting yes pursuant KRS 61.810 section (1) subsection (B) to go into closed session to discuss real estate.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by David Iery with all members voting yes to return to open session. **No Action Taking on Real Estate.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular fiscal court meeting will be held on August 8, 2022, at 2:00p.m.

On a motion made by Chuck Swearingen duly seconded by Woody Underwood with all members voting yes to adjourn.



Craig Stanfield Lewis County Judge Executive