Lewis County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting June 9, 2025

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEWIS COUNTY FISCAL COURT, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY WITH THE HONORABLE GEORGE SPARKS PRESIDING AND WITH THE FOLLOWING MAGISTRATES IN ATTENDANCE: ESQ. JOHNNY OSBORNE, ESQ. JOEY McCANN AND ESQ. WOODY UNDERWOOD, ESQ. MARK HORSLEY.

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

Ben Collier offered a prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Judge Executive George Sparks.

The roll was called with all members were present.

On a motion made by Mark Horsley duly seconded by Johnny Osborne with all members voting yes to approve the minutes of **May 12, 2025**, Regular Fiscal Court Meeting.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Joey McCann with all members voting yes to approve the minutes of May 19, 2025, Special Fiscal Court Meeting.

### RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC

Danny Palmer submitted a monthly report for Lewis County Ambulance Service. Judge Bobby Hall and Jaime Bloss approached fiscal court about joining Greenup County for tourism. Jaime Bloss is Greenup County tourism director. Judge Bobby Hall asked the fiscal court about contributing \$10,000 to pay toward benefits for Jaime Bloss salary. Jonathan Ruggles thanked the fiscal court for helping with 1806 Adventures. Jonathan Ruggles approached fiscal court asking for help with Briery Creek Road that leads to 1806 Adventures. Jonathan said the way the road is now you must travel through the creek. Jonathan said he would like for Briery Creek Road not to have to travel through the creek go beside the road which exceeds the easement. Judge George Spark asked Jonathan Ruggles to get a plan together and present it to the fiscal court. Chuck Swearingen approached fiscal court asking Jaime Bloss if there is grant money out there for road projects and Chuck also mentioned about entertainment taxes on Airbnb.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The CRA and LGEA Use Hearing were held with no response from the public.

On a motion made by Mark Horsley duly seconded by Woody Underwood with all members voting yes to approve Expenditure Approve for loss revenue with **LATCF Funds**.

On a motion made by Mark Horsley duly seconded by Joey McCann with all members voting yes to approve Lewis County Fiscal Court Personnel Policy with no changes.

On a motion made by Johnny Osborne duly seconded by Joey McCann with all members voting yes to approve Lewis County Fiscal Court Administrative Code with no changes.

On a motion made by Mark Horsley duly seconded by Woody Underwood with all members voting yes to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and adopt the 2025-2026 Lewis County Fiscal Court Annual Budget along with salary schedule and pre-approved expense. Ordinance # 24-02.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Joey McCann with all members voting yes to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #25-03 of Street-Legal Special Purpose Vehicle.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Joey McCann with all members voting yes to accept the **2024 Sheriff's Tax Settlement.** 

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Judge Executive George Sparks with all members voting yes to approve HSA and PPO plans for **Health Insurance Renewal 2025-2026 with no cost to employees.** 

On a motion made by Judge Executive George Sparks duly seconded by Joey McCann with all members voting yes to approve the transfer from **Road to County for cost allocation** of \$234,000.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Mark Horsley with all members voting yes to appoint **Renee McCann to the Lewis County Public Library Board**. Term to expire June 30, 2029.

On a motion made by Johnny Osborne duly seconded by Joey McCann with all members voting yes to appoint **Alex Halsey to the Lewis County Public Library Board**. Term to expire July 1, 2026.

On a motion made by Mark Horsley duly seconded by Woody Underwood with all members voting yes to appoint **Adriann Cooper to the Lewis County Public Library Board**. Term to expire June 30, 2027.

On a motion made by Johnny Osborne duly seconded by Judge Executive George Sparks with all members voting yes to purchasing a New Case 521G Wheel Loader from Wilson Equipment at state contract price for the Road Department. Price \$185,317.00 and surplus the old loader.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

On a motion made by Mark Horsley duly seconded Johnny Osborne with all members voting yes to approve the **Monthly Treasurer's Report** as submitted by Penny Lee, Lewis County Treasurer. See Finance Book #14.

**David Goodwin**, Lewis County Road Supervisor submitted the monthly Road Department Report and Magistrate

Missy Kennard, Lewis County Animal Control Officer submitted the monthly Animal Control Report.

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

Roger Lewis, Lewis County Solid Waste Coordinator, submitted a written monthly report.

Pam Jordan submitted the Lewis County E911 Report.

On a motion made by Woody Underwood duly seconded by Joey McCann with all members voting yes to approve the **claims**, for all funds as presented. See Finance Book #14.

On a motion made by Mark Horsley duly seconded by Johnny Osborne with all members voting yes to approve the **transfers**. See Finance Book #14.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular fiscal court meeting will be held on July 14, 2025, at 3:00p.m.

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

George Sparks Lewis County Judge Executive