





The Leslie County Sheriff's Office will be conducting Traffic Safety Checkpoints and Moving Patrols throughout Leslie County at the approved checkpoint areas in the month of September, 2025. Personnel conducting Traffic Safety Checkpoints will be doing so with the intent of improving highway safety by focusing on speeding, seatbelt and child restraint usage, impaired driving, motor vehicle equipment safety and lawful registration and licensing of vehicles and drivers. Officers will also be observing for distracted drivers, especially those who are texting. Any violations of law or other public safety issues that arise will be addressed. The ultimate goal of these enforcement efforts is to increase the safety of the citizens within Leslie County. If you have any questions please call 606-672-2200.



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Fiscal Court Meeting Held

The regular meeting of the Leslie County Fiscal Court was held on Wednesday August 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Leslie County Extension Building. The meeting was called to order by Judge Executive William Lewis. Roll Call by Deputy County Clerk Kristy Mitchell showed all Magistrates present except Roscoe Asher.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the previous special meeting. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate John Newell and seconded by Magistrate Dusty Baker. Roll Call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Accounts Payable. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate Russell Brock and seconded by Magistrate John Newell. Roll call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 4. Approv-Treasurers Month-Settlement. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate Russell Brock and seconded by Magistrate Dusty Baker. Roll call was unanimous. Agenda Item 5. Approval of Leslie County Sheriff's 2024 Gas Settlement, 2024 Oil Settlement, 2024 Franchise Tax Settlement and 2024 Property Tax Settlement. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate Russell Brock and seconded by Magistrate Dusty Baker. Roll call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 6. Approval of the second reading of Amended Ordinance for the Leslie County Police Force. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate John Newell and seconded by Magistrate Dusty Baker. Roll call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 7. Approval of excess fees from Leslie County Clerk for CY24 in the amount of \$1,874.25. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate Russell Brock and seconded by Magistrate Dusty Baker. Roll call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 8. Approval of Grandview Drive and Leeco Loop to be named and accepted into the County Road System. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate cont to page 2

Buckhorn Dam Meeting Held



Left to right: Matt Sparks, Sharon Huff, Renee Muncy, William Tener, Casey Trias, Elbert Estep, Andrea Begley, Carlos Cameron, John Newell. Photo by Gabriella Ostrander.

BY: RENEE MUNCY On Wednesday, August 20, 2025 a meeting was held at the Leslie County Extension Office to discuss the backwater holding by the Buckhorn Dam which results in extensive flooding of Northern Leslie County. Mrs. Andrea Begley, Deputy District Director for Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, brought several of Congressman Rogers' high ranking staff to Hyden, including Mr. Carlos Cameron, the District Director for the 5th District. Mr. Cameron is a life long resident of Jackson County. Mr. William Tener is from Congressman Rogers' Washington D.C. office and serves as Legislative Director. Mr. Casey Trias is the Congressional

Fellow from Congressman Rogers' Washington D.C. office and has many years of past experience in military operations and legislative strategy.

local backwater The fighters at the discussion were Mr. John Newell, Elbert Estep, Matt Sparks, Sharon Huff, and Renee Muncy. During the three hour discussion many subjects were covered including the Middle Fork River and its tributaries; floods occurring before Buckhorn Dam and after; the impact of living in a backwater reservoir of Buckhorn Lake; the political history of water projects such as locks and dams; the significance of Confluence as a point of entry into Leslie County from the train station at Krypton, Ky.; the USACE (Army Corp of Engineers) dwindling presence in Leslie County during backwater holding; and of course many, many other points of concern.

Congressman Rogers' staff was extremely paknowledgeable, tient, and most importantly appeared to listen to the points that were being made to try to bring change to Northern Leslie County. No solutions were offered during this session but the backwater fighters remain optimistic that changes will be made.

Many Thanks to Deputy Director Andrea Begley for her hard work in keeping the Northern Leslie County backwater discussion ongoing presently and in the future.

Hunting seasons opening soon for more than a dozen game species

Cooler have many people thinking about shorter days, crisp, cool mornings and changing leaves all signs of fall and the hunting opportunities it brings across Kentucky. Before going afield, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources encourages hunters to reference the 2025-2026 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, available online and at vendors, to update themselves on new season dates and regulations. New regulations are in effect for deer, bear, dove and waterfowl hunting, in addition to changes on some public lands.

Kentucky's archery deer season opens Sept. 6, 2025, with crossbow season opening two weeks later, on Sept. 20. Both seasons close Jan. 19, 2026. New for 2025 is an extended youth-only modern gun season. Ex-

panded to nine days from is two, the season runs Oct. for 11-19, 2025. The most popular fall hunting opportunity is the modern the

gun season, Nov. 8-23,

2025. "The vast majority of our deer harvest comes from the modern gun season," said Joe McDermott, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's deer program coordinator. "With the additional youth opportunity, we are looking for more antlerless deer to be harvested, especially in Zone 1 counties. We've added a special season for our Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Surveillance Zone counties as well."

The "special season"

is Sept. 27-28, 2025, for antlerless deer only and is open only in the fourteen counties in the CWD Surveillance Zone. Henderson, Union and Webster counties are new additions to the zone for 2025 to go along with Ballard, Breckinridge, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hardin, Hickman, Marshall, McCracken and Meade. Modern guns are allowed during the special season, but only antlerless deer may be taken, regardless equipment used. Hunters in the CWD Surveillance Zone are advised to review the hunting and trapping guide

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