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ficials and the community they serve.

I pledge to work toward creating an inclusive environment where all voices are respected and considered. I will advocate for policies that promote equality and fairness, and oppose any measures that undermine transparency or restrict public participation.

Our city council meetings should be a forum for open dialogue and

**SCORES**

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school districts in these areas, will enable our students to achieve even higher levels in the years to come."

The percentage of students who performed at proficient or distinguished levels maintained or rose with the 2024 assessment data in several areas, in-

constructive debate, where decisions are made in the best interest of the entire community.

Together, we can build a stronger Vanceburg that reflects the values of fairness, transparency, and equality.

There has never been a greater need or time to protect our constitutional rights.

Our First Amendment and Second Amendment rights are being completely disregarded by our

cluding reading and mathematics across all assessed grade levels. The rate of students performing at proficient or distinguished levels in writing on-demand and combined writing rose at the middle and high school levels, while elementary school students maintained the same numbers as last year

own city government.

All of our constitutional rights hinge on these first two amendments. Without them, the rest can not stand.

This is how far the current leadership of the City of Vanceburg is willing to go to infringe on our rights and how far I am willing to go to protect them.

Thank you in advance for your vote.

Because your voice should be heard.

following an increase from 2022.

KDE has been working on literacy initiatives to help Kentucky students, including the Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) professional development through the Kentucky Reading Academies.

**EMERGENCY**

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Sparks expressed appreciation to those assisting during and after the weather event.

"I want to thank all emergency workers, first-responders, road department workers, utility workers, and volunteers for an outstanding job in responding to the many calls resulting from this weather incident," he said. "Special thanks to those who have checked on and assisted neighbors in their communities."

No major personal property damage or injuries have been reported in the county as a result of the storm.

A flood warning was issued for extreme northeast Lewis County on the afternoon of September 27 that was in the path of a band of heavy rain which resulted in flooding for Greenup County

as well as Scioto County, Ohio.

CBS News reported early Monday that Helene had left at least 227 people dead. Many remain unaccounted for.

The AP reports that Helene is the deadliest hurricane to hit the mainland US since Katrina in 2005.

About half the victims

were in North Carolina, while dozens more were killed in Georgia and South Carolina.

Helene knocked out power to several million customers in its path. More than 300,000 still had no electricity early Monday, according to utility tracker Find Energy.

**City of Vanceburg collecting items for hurricane victims****Herald Report**

The City of Vanceburg is collecting donations of items which will be taken to eastern Tennessee for distribution.

Items may be dropped off at the Vanceburg Fire Station located at 417 Clarksburg Road. The final day donations will be accepted is Thursday (October 10). Please call before dropping off any items to make sure some-

one is at the station. The number is 606-541-6362.

Items requested include canned foods, snacks, small propane tanks, all sizes of batteries, can openers, adult and kids diapers, wipes, tarps, gloves, trash bags, personal care products, cleaning supplies, bottled water, and gift cards.

For more information, call Greta May at 606-796-3044.

**Judge Executive's Report**

By George Sparks

**September 2024**

Meetings and Trainings attended:

Lewis County Schools Superintendent Dr Michael Milton, Woody Underwood, David Goodwin and I met to discuss an updated inclement weather plan.

Held a public hearing to open bids for the Camp Dix Fire Department/Community Center project with TSHG Architects Kirk R. Donges, BTADD Kristie Dodge, and Sierra O'Cull. No contractors submitted bids at the meeting. We will re-open the window for bids to be submitted for the project.

Served on a search committee for BTADD to interview candidates for Executive Director position.

Presided over the September Lewis County Fiscal Court meeting. The court

- Approved Resolution #24-22 Rural Secondary Flex Program/ Agreement.

- Acknowledged receipts of 2024 taxing district rates.

- Appointed Lori O'Keefe to the Lewis County Broadband committee.

- Approved me to hire a part time person for janitorial work.

- Approved a \$500 dollar donation to the BT Fire School in Maysville.

- Approved a dollar an hour raises for Road Department employees who increased their CDL's to the next level.

A monthly report was presented by all departments and approved. The next regular court meeting will be October 14.

Hospice of Hope zoom meeting and full Board of Directors meeting in person. Congratulations to Hospice of Hope's Executive Director Anthony Trovato on his recent retirement, and congratulations to Derek Flaughter for his appointment as the new Executive Director.

E-911 staff meeting. We discussed updating the 911 Center Policies and Procedures, staffing, call volume, and budgets.

Ohio River Way Summit in Maysville. I along with Ben and Leslie Collier, Mayor Blankenship, and members of the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce. We had the opportunity to discuss Kentucky Ohio River Regional Recreational Authority, and a few other topics related to Lewis County with Heather French Henery who is serving now as Executive Director of ORW.

Attended the BTADD executive and full board meeting. During the executive board meeting a candidate for executive director was introduced and interviewed. We were given updates from the program directors and interim Executive Director Steven Culp. The Nominating Committee presented their recommendations, and I was honored to be elected to serve as the next Chairperson. The Executive Director position was discussed with the full

board and Kevin Cornette was recommended by the executive board.

Kentucky County Judge Executive Association fall retreat was held in Paducah Kentucky. During the meeting we toured the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Kentucky Dam Lock and several other tours and training sessions. Thanks to the Association Executive Director Todd Ruckel and his staff for a well-planned conference.

Charter Spectrum Zoom with Benjamin U'Sellis gave an update on broadband infrastructure in Lewis County. During the meeting Ben explained the three phases of the broadband projects. The first phase is walk out and design. Deciding what path and poles will be used. This is the most time-consuming phase. Phase two submitting permits to pole owners. Example electric and telephone companies. Phase three building the infrastructure. Three is the fastest phase. The KY Better Internet Program in Lewis County is in phase one and should be coming to completion in a few months. The Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, RDOF, is in phase two in some areas and three in others.

Comprehend Inc. Board of Directors. I attended with board members Dennis Brown and Bill Tom Stone. During the meeting we heard an overview of the Life Connections Program which is a great Comprehend Program here in Lewis County. We discussed several topics and CEO Melissa Greenwell gave the board an update before the meeting adjourned.

Presided over the Licking Valley Community Action Program monthly Board of Directors meeting. Guest Florence Tandy presented training on policies and organizational standards. Program reports were given by Sidney Gray before the meeting was adjourned.

Buffalo Trace Water Management Council quarterly meeting was held at BTADD. The meeting was led by Robertson CJE Valerie Grigson. During this meeting we discussed new projects and project amendments. The Constitution, Bylaws and Policies were reviewed, and updates were approved. BT Infrastructure Planner Cindy Ring updated the Council on the county meetings in each BT County. She plans to come meet with us to discuss Water and Wastewater infrastructure projects. Our next meeting is in December at which all projects will be rated.

On 9/26/24 we submitted the paperwork to lift the Burn Ban in Lewis County to Department of Forestry and KYEM.

Lewis County Shooting Sports Muzzle Blast Event at Red Gate Farm. This was a great event and well attended. Thanks to Kenny Ruckel and the Shooting Sports Team.

Lewis County Emergency

Planning Committee held a meeting. Sheriff Johnny Bivens was elected as Chairperson, David Stafford Co-chair, Secretary Dennis Brown, and Treasurer Penny Lee. During the meeting we reapproved the bylaws without changes, reviewed EHS plans that have been approved by KERC Ky. Emergency Response Commission. We discussed having a tabletop exercise on 11/7/2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fiscal Court Room. The exercise will be a severe weather event and we will include all emergency responders.

Disaster and Emergency Service Quarterly meeting. We discussed Law Enforcement, Fire/Rescue, 911 Dispatch, EMS, Emergency Management, Towing/Recovery, and Road Safety.

Governor Andy Beshear's Weather Update on 9/27/24 on his YouTube Channel and WKKS Radio along with EM Director Dennis Brown.

Lewis County Road FLEX Funds have been approved to do improvements on nine different roads. They are Sand Branch, Old Trace, Poplar Flat, Fuller, River Addition, Lower Kinney, Holly, and Trinity. The total of the work is \$152,573.63. Eaton Asphalt Paving ICO/ Brown County Construction Co. will be doing the work.

Worked with Emergency Management Director Dennis Brown and several other agencies during the severe weather on the 27th and through the weekend. Lewis County had 55mph wind gusts and 5-8 inches of rain. Over 4,500 homes and businesses were without power. Storms like this remind us just how important preparedness plans and emergency kits can be. Thankfully there were no deaths reported in Lewis County directly related to Hurricane Helene. Road crews are out cleaning up debris and cutting broken tree limbs hanging in roadway. On Monday morning there were approximately 350 homes and or businesses without power, Fleming Mason is making great progress getting those repairs completed. Thanks to all Utility Workers Road Crews and First Responders for their outstanding work these past several days.

Visited by Colby Hall, Executive Director of SOAR (Shaping Our Appalachian Region); Erin Winkler, Remote Work Employer Coordinator; Latasha Friend, EKY Remote Manager; Kimberly Albright, Operations Manager; Ben Collier, President Local 248 Pipefitters and HVAC; Jason Slome, Executive Director Morehead Rowan County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development. We all came together to discuss economic and industrial development, Community Development, Work Force Development, Remote Work Force. They all believe as I do that Lewis

County has great potential and a bright future. We brainstormed and discussed many ideas of things we can do now and some that may take years but will bring opportunities to improve the quality of life for the good citizens of Lewis County. I appreciate all their efforts to come visit and look for ways to help our commu-

nities.

If you have thoughts and ideas you would like to share, please do.

My email is george.sparks@lewiscountky.gov. Office 606-796-2722, cell 606-541-7774.

**NOTICE**

The Lewis County Board of Elections will be inspecting election equipment Wednesday, October 9th @ 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd floor of the courthouse.

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**NOTICE: 2024 CAIP COST-SHARE REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES FOR PRODUCERS**

**Approved producers shall submit the PRODUCER REPORT OF CERTIFICATION form completing the sections for the program/investments being cost-shared before reimbursement funds are paid.**

**Participation in CAIP requires a minimum of (1) educational component prior to the disbursement of funds. Lewis County Extension Agent, Kennedy Perkins, must approve all educational components by signing an individual producer's CERTIFICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT FORM. Contact information for Kennedy Perkins: 606-796-2732, office location address is 284 2nd Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179.**

**The producers shall supply dated receipts indicating buyer and seller information, along with a description of the item(s) purchased. NO CASH PURCHASES ARE ALLOWED FOR REIMBURSEMENT! Proof of payment by cancelled check, copy of a relevant credit/debit card statement, financing paperwork or other payment excluding cash. Please supply photos of purchased equipment, fencing, and proper paperwork for large and small animal purchases.**

**CAIP COST-SHARE REIMBURSEMENT SCHEDULED PAYMENT DATES:**

**September 3 and 17, 2024,  
October 1, and 15, 2024  
November 5, and 19, 2024  
December 3, 2024.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**

**Lewis County Conservation District**

**Secretary, Angie Patton, 606-796-3866 ext. 3 or by email at angela.patton@ky.nacdn.net, 38 W KY 8 Suite D, Vanceburg, KY 41179.**

<https://www.kyagr.com/agpolicy/2024-Program-Guidelines-and-Applications.html>

96-37-99,  
41-44-46C**ABSOLUTE AUCTION****SAT., OCT. 12, 2024, 10:30 AM;****(REAL ESTATE 12:30 PM)****8006 KY 57, VANCEBURG (NORTH OF TOLLESBORO)****LEWIS CO., KY****HOME ON PRIME HUNTING ACREAGE!****17.25 ACRES MORE OR LESS****(Note: PVA Estimates Acreage to consist of 19+ acres).**

I have been authorized by Vicki Fraley, Terri Fisher, Cherie and Kenneth L. Rieman, Darlene and Mike Moran, and Ricky and Carla Truesdell, the owners of the property and the children/heirs of Joyce Truesdell, to sell her home located at 8006 KY 57, Vanceburg, Lewis Co., KY at Absolute Public Auction.



The property is located about 4 miles north of Tollesboro on the west side of KY 57 and consists of a 3 bdrm., 1 bath 1 1/2 story frame home and garage situated on approximately 17.25 acres (the Lewis County Property Valuation Administration estimates the acreage to consist of 19.13 acres) more or less. The acreage consists of mostly woodlands with homesite, has rather significant road frontage (considering the parcel size) on KY 57, and is served with public water and electricity. The topography and woodlands offer great habitat for deer and turkey hunting and the location is well known for producing trophy whitetail deer!

Auction also to include personal property! Items include tools, riding mower, antique child's tricycle, table and chairs, bedroom suite, dresser with mirror, china cabinets, church pew, bench, Denim Days figures, milkglass, Camels and other cigarette collectibles, Stetson hat (nib), MUCH MORE!!!

**FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, PHOTOS, ETC., SEE OUR ONLINE ADS AT**

**[www.auctionzip.com/auctioneer/castanfield](http://www.auctionzip.com/auctioneer/castanfield)**

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