

Butler County Fiscal Court Agrees to Purchase of New Car for the Jail



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Butler County Clerk Sherry Johnson presents check to Fiscal Court.

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Butler County Fiscal Court held its regular meeting on March 10, 2025.

The first issue was the jail purchasing another car. After submitting three bids, the Fiscal Court approved the purchase of a 2025 Honda Accord from Gary Force Honda for \$28,500. This will be covered by an insurance claim on the previous car. The cage and some of the lights from the previous car were saved. The price to place decals, a radio, and some more lights will be approximately \$2,795.

The Fiscal Court accepted the new Jail budget of \$1,483,312. This will be an increase of about \$34,000, as reported in the last Fiscal Court report.

In the New Business, the issue of repairing the plumbing for the Jail was addressed. The total is \$7,415. The Fiscal Court said they understood it was necessary but they did not know where the money was going to come from. The repairs were tabled until they could go over the budgets to find where the money would come from and the budget be amended. \$15,000 has been spent this year to date for service call repairs.

Butler County Clerk, Sherry Johnson submitted her final settlement of Excess Fees in the amount of, \$330,878.71 to the



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Richard Browning speaks about Hershel House.

Fiscal Court pending final audit. Johnson then submitted quotes for new flooring for her department. The Fiscal Court decided to table this until they could get a better idea of the quality of flooring and thickness plus warranties. Clerk Johnson then stated the poll pads and portable pads purchased were the first electronic type to be US Election Assistance Commission certified, a fact that the Clerk's office was proud of, by being able to bring to Butler County reliable election equipment.

In appropriations applications for the next year's budget 4-H asked for a donation of \$1,050 to help send 4-H kids to camp. Butler County Arts Guild Secretary Anna Greinetz, asked for a donation of \$2,000 for workshops throughout the year and the Chalk Art event. Richard Browning asked for a donation of \$2,000 to continue classes at Hershel House in Woodbury. Some of the classes will include broom making, knife

works, and long rifle building. This donation will also help with the upkeep and building of a library.

Fiscal Court then went into a closed session. After the session was opened back up Judge Flenner stated there was no action on the litigation.

The Fiscal Court did agree to hire Kenzie Bryant for the 911 dispatch at \$14 an hour with a raise to \$14.50 upon completion of the academy and a two-year contract.

Fiscal Court approved the following: radio license renewal for Sheriff and Fire departments, transfer of \$20,000 to E-911 from the General Fund, transfer of \$35,000 to the Jail Fund from the General Fund, and to pay all bills and transfers.

In the Judges updates Judge Flenner stated County Cleanup Days will be April 3rd, 4th, and 5th, with a 4 tire limit. Judge Flenner then addressed the issue of the corn stalks at the parks to be cleaned up. Judge Exec. Flenner said after careful consideration the best solution is to rent a commercial manure spreader for \$500 a day. The materials can be redistributed on the fields and is more cost-effective than the 340 tandem truck loads it would require, at \$150,000.

The Fiscal Court was then adjourned.

Public Comment Meeting Planned for Lost City Renewables LLC, Case Number 2024-00406

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 17, 2025) – The Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (Siting Board) will provide an opportunity for the public to receive information regarding the process for the case and provide comments regarding the proposed Lost City Renewable LLC, which will be an

up to 250-megawatt alternating current (MWac) photovoltaic electricity generation facility. The project is to be located in Muhlenberg County approximately 0.4 miles east of Penrod and 1.25 miles northeast of Dunmor.

The Siting Board will hold a public comment hearing in

this matter on March 27, 2025, at 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time, at the Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court Room, 100 South Main Street, Greenville, Kentucky 42345. The purpose of the meeting is to have a local opportunity for public comment. A recording of the hearing will be uploaded later on the Commission's website.

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beginning, socially disadvantaged or a military veteran.

DMC payments are calculated using updated feed and

premium hay costs, making the program more reflective of actual dairy producer expenses.

These updated feed

calculations use 100% premium alfalfa hay. For more information on DMC, visit the DMC webpage or contact your local USDA Service Center.

Out & About

Out & About is a free listing of local events in Butler County. Submissions are welcome. To submit information, call 270-526-4151 or email banner@jpinews.com by 2 p.m. Fridays. Scheduling changes do occur, so when in doubt, contact them before heading out.

Stockman's Association Annual Meeting

Mark down the Stockman's Association Annual Meeting on your calendar for Thursday, March 27 at the Extension Office, 102 Parkway Lane in Morgantown. Hearing screenings and tetanus shots offered starting at 5 p.m. and our business meeting will start at 6 p.m. A meal is provided. This event is no charge. Any questions call 270-526-3767.

Dance and mingling with GravelTown

A dance and mingling with GravelTown will be held at the Education Complex on March 28. The evening of dance and mingling begins at from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 per person, and light concessions will be available (no open containers allowed). For more information, contact Pam Pendley at 270-662-9261.

Patriotic Dog Show - In honor of K-9 Veteran's Day

The Granville Allen VFW Auxiliary Post 5837 will be hosting a Patriotic Doggy Fashion Show March 29 from 12 pm to 4 pm at the Charles Black City Park. Joeline Gengler from Vice and Virtue Dog Training LLC will be our special guest. She will be putting on a special dog training demonstration that you and your pet will not want to miss. Anyone who brings a donation for the Butler County Animal Shelter will receive a hot dog meal. To enter your dog in the show call (757) 753-4996. Entry fee is only \$10 and all proceeds go to our local animal shelter.

2025 Morgantown Spring Fling

The Morgantown Spring Fling Event hosted by the Morgantown-Butler County Chamber of Commerce is on Saturday, April 26, 10AM – 2PM at the Morgantown City Park. Carnival rides will be set up. Contact the chamber office for more information at 112 S. Main St, Morgantown, 270-526-6827 or via email at morgantownbutlercochamber@gmail.com.

Butler County Extension District Board

The following meeting dates that have been scheduled for the Butler County Extension District Board for 2025, April 1st, August 5th, and October

14th. All meetings will be at the Butler County Extension Office at 5:30 p.m.

Annual City/County Cleanup

Join the City of Morgantown for the annual City/County Cleanup on April 3-4 (7am-5pm) and April 5 (7am-12pm) at 462 Boat Factory Road, Morgantown. They will have teams on hand to assist with unloading. You can bring up to 4 tires – no roofing shingles, paint, or hazardous chemicals.

4th Annual Cabin Fever Car Show

4th Annual "Cabin Fever Car Show," hosted by the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department. The event takes place on April 26, at the Rochester Ball Park, 636 Russellville Street, in Rochester. It features cars, trucks, jeeps, and motorcycles, with trophies awarded in various categories, including "Fireman's Choice" and "People's Choice." The event runs from 10 AM to 2 PM, includes a 50/50 pot, food by King's BBQ & Burgers, and invites vendors. Vehicle entry costs \$10.

Butler County History Tour

Butler County History Tour, focusing on the "North Side" of Butler County. The event will take place on Saturday, May 17, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and features Author Roger G. Givens as a special guest. Funding is provided by Kentucky Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), with a disclaimer that the views expressed do not necessarily represent those of the funding organizations.

Summer Social Set for May 31 at Charles Black City Park

Morgantown residents are invited to The Summer Social on Saturday, May 31, at Charles Black City Park from 12 PM to 8 PM. This all-day event promises fun for all ages with live music, free food, food trucks, bounce houses, tournaments, a farmers market, and the Miss Morgantown Pageant. Organizers encourage the community to save the date as a full schedule of events will be announced soon. Whether you're looking to enjoy great food, shop local, or participate in exciting activities, The Summer Social is set to be a must-attend event!

Chalk Art Festival

Join the 9th Annual West Ohio Street Chalk Art Festival on September 6th, from 10 AM to 2 PM at 115 W. Ohio Street, Morgantown, KY. Hosted by the Butler County Arts Guild, this vibrant community event is calling for artists and participants. For more information, contact 270-999-0834. Be a part of the fun.

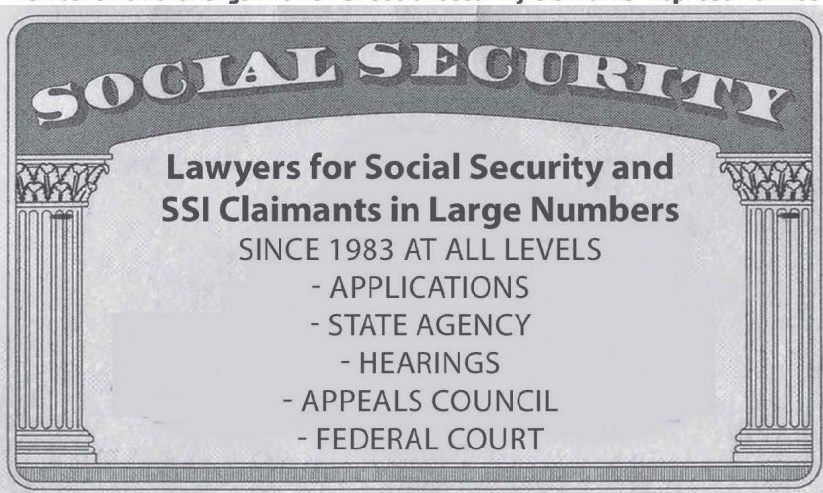
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