

Taser Gift And Grants For County Departments

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Staff Reporter

Allen County Fiscal Court held the regular meeting Tuesday, May 13, 2025 in the City-County Building Fiscal Court Room, 201 West Main Street with Judge-Executive Dennis Harper presiding and all magistrates present. Minutes of April 22, 2025 were approved with no corrections or amendments.

The bills list was presented and approved with a transfer of funds from the general account in the amount of \$10,000 to the Jail Fund. The proposed 2025-2026 \$18,524,960 budget received an approved first reading including five percent raise for all county employees.

A resolution of second reading was held for discontinuance of Dog Trot Circle within the county road system with an advertised public hearing presented.

The action stems from county maintenance of roadway from July 2013. Judge-Executive Harper recognized Robert Eatman, 83 Dog Trot Circle during the hearing. Eatman expressed his concern of closure of Dog Trot Road would limit access to his land interest of Dog Trot Circle and desires the county to continue the roadway within the county road system. Judge-Executive Harper recognized Robert Carver, 185 Dog Trot Circle during the hearing. Carver related he thought the passage of Dog Trot Circle would remain open and assessable for local travel in relation to his ownership of adjacent land interest. The second reading passed to discontinue the roadway in the county road system, yet the action is not a closure of Dog Trot Circle and only relates to maintenance by Allen County Road Department in the future. All documented easements with the

roadway would remain in effect.

Judge-Executive Harper recognized Allen County-Scottsville Industrial Development Authority director John Hobdy with a resolution approving granting of local incentives within the expansion of Halton Company in the Allen Springs Industrial Park. In April 2023 magistrates approved a letter of support with one half percent occupational tax forgiveness of new employment for 10 years upon completion of Halton facility expansion. The incentive was offered along with State incentives and since the expansion is complete the letter of support needs a committed resolution action to be effective. Magistrates approved a resolution.

Director Hobdy requested resolution in relation to Tennessee Valley Authority

(TVA) tax liability with Allen County. In 2018 Kentucky House Bill 114, which bolsters economic development efforts for 39 counties in western, south central, and parts of eastern Kentucky counties that purchase power from the Tennessee Valley Authority, or have TVA property, was signed into law by Gov. Matt Bevin. As a publicly-owned utility created by the federal government, the Tennessee Valley Authority is exempt from taxation, but instead makes payments to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. House Bill 114 adjusts the TVA in-lieu-of tax payment formula to ensure more dollars from the payments stay in the 39-county region for economic development needs. HB114 created a framework for distribution and oversight to ensure funds are used for job-attracting activities like land prep for industrial sites, infrastructure upgrades, or for matching federal, state, or grants. The 2018 law provided \$2 million to be divided between the 39 counties in Fiscal Year 2018-2019, then \$4 million to be divided between the counties in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and \$6 million beginning in 2020-2021 and each fiscal year after. In lieu of tax, TVA funds annually \$153,000 to Allen County in relation to economic development.

Hobdy related the funds for years 2024 and 2025 amounting \$307,692 is appropriate for water and sewer extension in Allen Springs Industrial Park for the developing Belmark, Inc., facility. Magistrates approved a resolution for TVA funds toward continuing utility development in Allen Springs Industrial Park.

Sheriff Brandon Ford related the department received 30 Taser 7 and holsters donation from Louisville Metro Police Department. Former Allen County-Scottsville native Matt Oliver of Metro Police Department contacted Sheriff Ford for interest as their department tasers were upgraded and Metro extended opportunity for smaller police agencies to receive their decommissioned tasers. The Taser 7 CQ features a 12-foot reach, contact stun, and can deliver a five-second cycle and is a significant upgrade for Allen County Sheriff and staff. Sheriff Ford expressed his gratitude for an estimated value of \$100,000 gift. Additional training will occur along with acquisition of charging station and cords relating to the tasers. Magistrates approved \$2,000 funding to acquire needed taser equipment compatibility for the department gift.

Jailer Tim Meador reported \$37,531.08 billing to the State of Kentucky for 36 inmates housed in



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L-R Allen County Sheriff Brandon Ford, Allen County native Matt Oliver-Louisville Metro Police Dept., Chief Deputy Danny Wilson display a valued gift of 30 Taser 7s presented for the local department as Metro updated taser equipment. The tasers are compatible with the departments new police body cameras and can assist in documentation of activity requiring taser use as well as safety procedures within incidents involving tasers.

April. Ten ankle monitor clients paid \$3,005 during April. Community service completed 17 weeks of litter abatement so far with collection of 1,076 bags amounting to 26,250 pounds and clean up of 13 dump sites. Jailer Meador reported the detention center census of 69 with 27 state and 42 county residents. Arrests most recent were from 29 probation violation for felony offense and 36 failure to appear in District and Circuits Courts.

Magistrates approved amendments to Jail Policy in relation of pregnant female restraints. Jailer Meador related the Allen County Jail website management JailTracker is experiencing difficulty with updates and unable to know when the solution will resolve the difficulty. Staff is reviewing acquiring another website management vendor.

Road Department reported mowing rights of way is progressing in Akersville area currently.

Magistrates approved Judge-Executive Harper to sign papers to participate in Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO) Salt Auction June 17 and 18. The auction offers fiscal courts a proven way to save 20-40 percent on road salt through reverse auctions. In a typical auction, prices go up as people compete to buy something. In a reverse auction, prices go down as sellers compete to offer the lowest price. This process creates a competitive environment that can result in cost savings. KACo, in partnership with Orbis Online, conducts the auction, setting up vendors and ensuring a smooth process—all at no cost to members. Counties submit their estimated salt needs in advance, and prequalified vendors bid in real time to offer the lowest price. The deadline to register for participation in the 2025 salt auction is June 3.

Road Department material bids were reviewed and awarded. Chip and seal bid of \$137,409 to Scottys Contracting and Stone. Roads considered for chip and seal are Fannie Tom Gaines

Road and Spur, Claudius Harris Road, Wilkerson Road, Baldock Lane, Ridge Top Road, Adams Lane and Leroy Taylor Road, pending approval of magistrate.

Emulsified asphalt awarded was \$2.45 gallon. Hot mix asphalt bid was 15 percent lower than last year and awarded to Scotty's Contracting and Stone along with aggregate bid. No fuel bids was received. Judge-Executive Harper reminded magistrates to begin recommendations of their paving list of their district road ways for a July 8, 2025 deadline.

Transfer Station Director Derek Isenberg reviewed two grant approvals received by Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. The Division of Waste Management offers three grant programs through the Kentucky Pride Fund that local government entities can use to develop integrated recycling/composting infrastructure and promote the proper disposal of hazardous household chemicals.

The \$35,000 Household Hazardous Waste grant will provide a collection day in Allen County for residents to bring hazardous waste not allowed at the Transfer Station for disposal. Items such as batteries, paint, e-scrap, oil and chemicals will be received at no cost to residents. The county will match about \$6,500 for the project. The date and complete list of items accepted will be announced later this year. This grant was one of 33 submitted approved grants totaling \$1,072,482 for 2025/2026 Kentucky grants.

A \$27,736 recycling grant, one of 28 awarded grants totaling \$3,871,758.88, will purchase a cardboard baler as the current aged baler is in need of repair often.

Allen County Animal Shelter reported April census at 35 dogs and 14 cats with three cats and five dogs euthanized along with 15 cats and 40 dogs transferred to Warren County Humane Society.

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Community Events

Free Car Seat Check

Sponsored by the Allen County Health Department, Maternal Child Health Program, a free car seat check will be held Friday, May 30, 2-5 p.m. at the Scottsville Baptist Church, 301 E. Main, Scottsville.

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will check car seats.

Car seats will be available for \$30 if the child is Medicaid eligible or receives WIC/SNAP benefits.

Registration is required to reserve a time slot. Please call (270) 237-4423, Ext.107 or 123 to register.

Diabetes Workshop

The Allen County Health Department will have a Living Well With Diabetes Workshop.

Sessions are 10 a.m. to noon on the following dates:

Friday, May 30: What is Diabetes, Goal Setting for Success, Managing High and Low Blood Sugars;

Friday June 6: Medications, Monitoring;

Friday, June 13: Healthy Eating, Being Active; and

Friday June 20: Reducing Risks of Long-Term Complications, Coping with Diabetes.

xRegistration is required by May 28. Sign-up for all sessions or those you are most interested in.

Contact Amy Meador at (270) 237-4423, Ext. 103 at the Allen County Health Department, 107 South Court Street, Scottsville.

Junk Car Races

The 2025 Allen County Fair will feature Junk Car Races on Friday, June 13, at 7 p.m.

Guaranteed purse is \$2,500, \$40 entry fee, payout is \$1,500, \$700 and \$300.

Admission is \$15, all drivers must pay gate fee. This includes unlimited rides at the Midway. Everyone entering the pit will have to purchase a \$5 pit pass.

Must remove all plastic, lights and air bags. Must have seat belts and helmets, no passengers, two-wheel drive only, no trucks, SUVs, vans or convertibles.

No rain checks or refunds. All announcements the day of the event supersede all others. For more information call Tyler Goodman, (270) 253-2467 or James Bowes, (270) 202-5885.

Demolition Derby

Demolition Derby is coming again to the 2025 Allen County Fair on Saturday, June 14.

Over \$5,000 in prize money. Entry fees are as follows: Motor

Swap Big Cars, \$6 entry fee with at payout of \$1,250, \$500 and \$200; Gut and Go Small Cars, \$50 entry fee with a payout of \$1,000, \$300, \$100; Gut and Go Small Cars kids 10-15 years old (must have an adult passenger), entry fee is \$40 plus added money payout 100 percent payback; MWFA \$50 entry fee, payout is \$1,000, \$300, \$100; Power Wheels, \$10 entry fee, trophies.

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Touch a Truck Comes to Scottsville

On Saturday, June 14, kids and adults from Allen County will get up close to many of the trucks and vehicles that keep our county going. White Plains Baptist Church, 329 Franklin Road in Scottsville, is hosting the inaugural Touch a Truck - Scottsville from 10 a.m. to noon.

This free event will feature a garbage truck, dump truck, crane, ladder fire truck, construction equipment, semi truck with trailer, tractor, semi truck wrecker, police and sheriff vehicles.

White Plains Baptist Church will also provide free hot dogs, chips, and drinks to those who attend. To find out more about Touch a Truck Scottsville, visit their website at whiteplains.church.

Allen County High School Reunion

Allen County High School Class of 1973 invites all alumni of Allen County High School up through 1975 for a school reunion at Barren River Lodge, 1149 State Park Road, Lucas, Ky., on June 28, 2025, beginning at 5 p.m.

A theme "Lost in the 50s Night" will celebrate 50 years since graduating high school. Evening activities will include a dinner menu and Flat Rock Band entertainment during the evening. Cost is \$45 for a reservation and can be mailed to Margaret Ann Vick, 225 Spears Road, Scottsville, Ky. 42164, as last minute reservations are being accepted until June 10, 2025. Classes are invited to bring memorabilia for display tables for their classes. More information can be received by contacting Dwight Morgan, (270) 312-2002.