

Deputy Benjamin Durling Joins Sheriff's Department

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 Staff Reporter

Allen County Fiscal Court held their regular meeting Tuesday, Aug. 12, 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 July 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 \$63,000 to the Jail Fund. Also approved in transfer of appropriations was \$33,801.06 from Allen County Alcohol Beverage Commission to the General Fund. These funds can only be used in administrative costs and law enforcement involving alcohol related incidents.

Recognition was extended to Rob Herrington, Alcohol Businesses Representative, concerning their view of disparity in Scottsville City two percent and Allen County five percent alcohol tax for business operations. Herrington expressed a disadvantage and requested a Fiscal Court review of income as soon as possible for an adjustment aligned with city businesses. Judge-Executive Harper related the expense in the county is greater than the city due to differences in area coverage and overhead cost within county administration of ABC funds. The 2024-2025 fiscal year is the first year for ABC and the funds are now available and a review will be upcoming for any future adjustments.

Jailer Tim Meador report included \$34,728.54 billing to the State of Kentucky for 32 state inmates housed in July. Eleven ankle monitor clients paid \$2,800 during July. The current population census amounted to 79 total inmates with 29 state and 50 county.

Sheriff Brandon Ford reported the department received 716 calls for service in July including 11

alcohol, 33 accidents, 21 alarm call, 16 domestic violence, 15 motorist assist, 135 traffic stops, 30 welfare checks and served 36 warrants as well as 19 subpoenas. The department also served 84 civil summons and three juvenile summons. Sheriff Ford was asked how many Special Purpose Vehicle Inspections were being received? Sheriff Ford replied only one or two per week were being received.

A memorandum of Understanding between Southern-Kentucky Drug Task Force (SCKDTF) and Allen County Police Department passed magistrates' votes last month. Jacky Ray Hunt, director SCKDTF, for benefit review, related Simpson County has a partnership established and with the same district judicial system, understanding the partnership would be very advantageous upon prosecution of violators in both counties. The SCKDTF is an approved High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program facilitator. HIDTA, created by Congress with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, provides assistance to federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the United States. With I-65, a major trafficking corridor, Scottsville has opportunities for easy distribution within the region. A partnership will bring access of federal resources for the local department such as the ability of HIDTA to decode cell phone transactions connecting dealers supplying local distributors. This ability is a pro-active action to drug prevention into communities as opposed to confiscation of drugs after they are introduced in an area. The access of federal testing lab in London, Ky., can also assist in faster analyst of substances. Magistrates approved Judge-Executive Harper to sign agreement papers for partnership with SCKDTF.

Sheriff Ford shared

Deputy Benjamin Durling has been welcomed to the department and magistrates approved the hiring procedure. Deputy Ben Durling is a five-year veteran officer of Warren County Sheriff Department and retired veteran of United States Marine Corps.

The Animal Shelter reported daily average housing of dogs at 38 and cats at 16. Seven dogs and 42 cats were euthanized in July and 22 dogs were released to the Warren County Humane Society along with 10 cats. The department conducted 27 city runs and 57 county runs in July.

Kentucky Kids on the Block Regina Pedigo, special projects coordinator, along with Sara Kitchens, administrative and grants assistant, outline the Allen County 2025-2026 program updates to magistrates. These includes healthy habits, mental health, substance use prevention, tobacco-vaping prevention and bullies prevention programs for Allen County-Scottsville Primary and Intermediate Centers. Funding with the Laura Dugas Allen County Fund has covered the cost of eight programs and a request of \$3,090 for the remaining six program presentations were given to magistrates for consideration.

According to sources, 16 2024-2025 programs served 2,834 Allen County students with educational content on topics involving interactions relating to students inside of educational facilities as well as within society and family relations. Kids on the Block's mission is to provide ongoing education and prevention through puppetry for children and the community at large. The core message in each program is to teach children acceptance of differences in themselves and in others. The troupe uses life size puppets and performs 15 topics in the style of Bunraku puppetry. The puppeteers travel the state performing in schools, boys and girls clubs, and other

community centers. In 2024, 33,440 children in 32 Kentucky counties viewed 324 programs. The puppets bring children to a teachable moment by reflecting their hopes, fears, likes, and dislikes. Magistrates has assisted in funding in the past and approved \$3,090 for 2025-2026 year.

Road Department chip and seal projects have been started on Adams, Ridgetop, Baldock, Fannie Tom Gaines, Reels, Wilkerson and Leroy Taylor roadways. A resolution authorizing Judge-Executive Harper to sign paper work for state flex funds were approved.

Scott Dobler, director of the new Allen County Geographic Information System, (GIS) reviewed magistrates of the instigated work order system for the county. Magistrates can input and observe a service map organization with time line and completion information. GIS is a technology that integrates computer hardware and software to capture, store, analyze, manage, and display geographic data. Essentially, it connects location information with descriptive data, allowing users to visualize, analyze, and understand spatial relationships. The GIS is based on Magistrate Districts with ability to submit work orders on site as well as track time tables for completion of projects. The information is archived and benefits an area experience of natural disaster occurrence with past photos as well. Dobler related the importance of photos when inputting information so photos of completed projects can also be archived for future reference.

The Transfer Report given by Derek Isenberg highlighted a new bailer was installed and being utilized along with the older bailer. Two bids for a vehicle to move recycling bins for the transfer station was

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 Joining the Allen County Sheriff's Department is Benjamin Durling (middle), an experienced officer and veteran of the U S Marine Corps. Sheriff Brandon Ford (left) and Chief Deputy Danny Wilson (right) joined Durling after swearing in ceremony.

Community Events

Heat Wave Hustle Market

Saturday, Aug. 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Washington Center, 110 South Court Street, Scottsville, come and enjoy loaded pancakes and tasty concessions.

Shop from a variety of small local businesses and craft vendors.

Come and support your community and celebrate the end of summer in style!

For more information, please contact Tiffany at (270) 222-7779.

Class of 1975

AC-SHS Class of 1975 Reunion is Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025. A high school tour is at 4 p.m. (meet at east side door).

The reunion will be at the Lyric Theater, 118 East Main at 5:30 p.m., social; 6:30 p.m. class Photo, followed by a buffet dinner.

Cost: \$25 per person, Send by September 6, make check payable to: AC-S Class of 1975 and

mail to Jimmy Blankenship, 425 Jenner Road, Adolphus, Ky. 42120,

or Venmo: <https://venmo.com/u/Jimmy-Blankenship-3>

For more information, call (270) 202-8002.



Revival Services
 Maple Grove General Baptist Church, 1600 Maple Grove Church Road, Adolphus, is having revival services Monday-Saturday, August 17-24 at 7 p.m.
 Bro. Billy Freeman Jr. is the evangelist.

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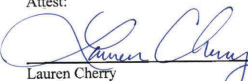
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THE CITY OF SCOTTSVILLE ADV ALOREM TAX ORDINANCE FOR 2025
Ordinance #898-25

- In accordance with the provisions of KRS 92.280, there is hereby levied an ad valorem tax on all property having a situs for taxation within the City of Scottsville, except as herein after recited in this Ordinance.
- A tax of .214 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation is hereby imposed on manufacturers finished goods inventory.
- The provisions of KRS 132.010 (7), (8), (9), and (10), KRS 132.450 and KRS 132.454 are hereby adopted and real property meeting the requirements of the aforesaid statutes shall be valued for tax purposes at its agricultural or horticultural value. In accordance with the council's discretion per KRS 82.805, any real property qualifying for agricultural or horticultural value use valuation shall be taxed at a rate of \$.214 of assessed valuation.
- There is hereby levied a tax of \$.214 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation of all other property, franchises, corporations, firms, partnerships, etc., subject to taxation under the Constitution and Statutes of Kentucky.
- The taxes imposed by this Ordinance shall be paid to the City Treasurer for the credit of the City General Revenue Fund to be utilized for the payment of the City's current, incidental, and general expenses.
- A 2% discount shall be allowed for payment of the above taxes by December 15, 2025; a penalty of 6% shall be added to delinquent taxes after January 31, 2026; a penalty of 19% shall be added to delinquent taxes after March 31, 2026.

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Attest:

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