



# District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft  
Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison  
County Attorney  
March 4, 2025**

William Coburn. Other Hearing. Def FTA 6-25-24 for sch. Def left rehab. Appoint PD. Set for hearing 3-11, 10:00.  
William J. Coburn. Other Hearing. Def FTA 6-25-24 for sch. Def left rehab. Appoint PD. Set for Revocation Hearing 3-11, 10:00.  
Leslie Eldridge. Other Hearing. Def FTA 9-24-24 for OH for FTA on 4-30-24 for sch for missing PC on 3-19-24. Harassing communications. Reset. Need transport order.  
Gerald Butler. Arraignment. (1) Fleeing/evading police, 1st degree. FTA eligible. (2) No/expired registration plates. (3) No operators/moped license. FTA eligible. (4) Failure to or improper signal. FTA eligible. (5) Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/ security, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (6)

Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. Defendant waives time. PH 3-18, 10:00.  
William Carver. Arraignment. Criminal mischief, 1st degree. Appoint PD. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). PH 3-11, 10:00.  
Aaron Cooper. Diversion Completion. Dismissed/Diverted. Waive bond/filing fee.  
Theodore Ray Rigdon. Arraignment. (1) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METH-BLK. (2) Driving on DUI suspended license, 1st offense. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. FTA. BW.  
Micah Chane Smith. Arraignment. (1) Speeding 25 MPH over limit. FTA eligible. (2) Possession of marijuana. (3) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. FTA. BW.  
Elizabeth Ann Yuraitis. Show Cause Hearing. Careless driving. FTA eligible. FTA. NF.  
Lola Chen. Motion Hour. Motion to revoke probation. 3-11, 10:00.

Lola D. Chen. Revocation Hearing. (1) Operate motor vehicle under influence controlled substance (189A.010 (1D), 3rd. FTA eligible. (2) Leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance. FTA eligible. (3) Endangering the welfare of a minor. 3-11, 10:00.  
Christopher J. Cooper. Status Hearing. See if rehab is completed. Waive costs.  
Daniel S. Cooper. Status Hearing. Was on for motion to revoke probation. Reset 3-18.  
Joshua Blake Earehart. Pretrial Conference. (1) Speeding 26 MPH over/greater. FTA eligible. Pled Guilty (PG). (2) Possession of marijuana. PG. (3) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Merge.  
Samantha A. Harper. Pretrial Conference. (1) Speeding 15 MPH over limit. FTA eligible. (2) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. FTA. NF. SC.  
Dennis Jamison. Pretrial Conference. Def did not comply with SB90 charges redocketed. FTA.

BW.  
Cody Marshal Johnson. Pretrial Conference. (1) Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. (2) Disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. (3) Public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol). FTA. BW.  
Lynn Johnson. Pretrial Conference. Knowingly report child abuse falsely. Reset 3-18.  
Lynn M. Johnson. Pretrial Conference. Possession of marijuana. 3-18.  
Burl E. Lawson. Motion Hour. Motion to redocket. Summons. (1) Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. (2) Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. Reset 3-18.  
Burl E. Lawson. Pretrial Conference. Summons. (1) Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. (2) Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. 3-18.  
Chelsy Lawson. Pretrial Conference. Harassing communica-

tions. 4-8.  
Jennifer Roseline Lawson. Preliminary Hearing. Assault, 1st degree, domestic violence. 3-18.  
Tina Monteith. Pretrial Conference. Harassing communications. 4-8.  
Paul Nolen. Pretrial Conference. Summons. (1) Possession of marijuana. (2) Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. (3) Resisting arrest. (4) Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. Show Cause 3-18, 10:00.  
Fred Pollard. Preliminary Hearing. (1A) Torture of a dog or cat. (2) Torture of a dog or cat. Defendant waives time. 3-11, 10:00.  
Francis Pope. Pretrial Conference. (1) Improperly on the left side of road. FTA eligible. (2) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. FTA. NF. SC.  
Ronald Lee Porter. Pretrial Conference. (1) Speeding 16 MPH over limit. FTA eligible. (2) Failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (3) Failure to pro-

duce insurance card. (4) Failure to or improper signal. FTA eligible. Reset 3-18.  
Jennifer Lynn Quattlebaum. Pretrial Conference. (3) Failure to produce insurance card. FTA. NF. SC.  
Raymond None Shields. Pretrial Conference. (3) Failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. FTA. NF. SC.  
Marvin Teegarden Jr. Pretrial Conference. (1) Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. (2) Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. 3-18, 10:00.  
Jeremy Wilson. Diversion Completion. Reset.  
Jeremy D. Wilson. Preliminary Hearing. Criminal abuse, 1st degree, child 12 or under. Court finds probable cause. Same bond.

All information contained in the "Court News" is directly taken from the dockets of the Lewis County Circuit and District Court.

## Property Transfers



Danny Duncan to Mary Bethel Laber. Parcel along KY Rt. #10. \$40,000.  
Michael Thomas and Audra Thomas to George Gilliam and Melissa Gilliam. Three acres Holly Branch Rd. \$4,000.  
Jay Cushard and Dawn Cushard to Zared Taeshon Lewis. Lot #21 A.D.R. Subdivision, Evans Rd., Tollesboro. \$90,000.  
Dustin Thoroughman, Amy Thoroughman, Leoma Rigdon, and Billy Rigdon to Kirk Bradford Pfeffer and Patricia Sue Pfeffer. 0.56 acre Indian Creek. \$20,000.  
Brittany Fisher to Kristen D. Clark and David Blankenship. 0.563 acre KY Hwy. 8. \$5,000.  
Eli Schlabach and Dora Schlabach to Menno Schlabach and Lizzie Schlabach. 0.38 acre, 381 Paint Lick Branch Rd. \$117,000.  
William A. Rigdon Jr. and Lisa W. Rigdon to Timothy Keith Hamm and Amber Brooke Hamm. Four tracts Mud Lick. No monetary consideration.  
Roger Dale Clark Sr., Eric Todd Clark, and Kimberly Clark to Roger Dale Clark Sr., Roger Dale Clark Jr., and Eric Todd Clark. Two parcels near Briery Creek. Love and affection.  
Bobby Cooper and Betty Cooper to Robert Keith Cooper and Paula Cooper. Two parcels along Buck Lick/East Fork. \$10,00.  
Penny L. Scott, Penny L. Barnes, Rodney Scott, US Bank National Association, and Clayton G. Lykins Jr.

Master Commissioner to US Bank National Association. 0.42 acre Lewis County. \$29,000.  
Charles Edward Scott, Barbara Sue Lunsford, Bruce Allen Scott, and Shaye Lynn Scott to Mitch D. Hobbs. 10 acres Rock Run Rd. \$22,000.  
Charles Applegate to Charles Thomas Applegate. Parcel along Buck Lick. Love and affection.  
Greenup Properties LLC to Michael Cody Fuller and Meghan Lynn Veach. 73.68 acres Zion Ridge. \$72,600.  
Dennis Ray Thomas to Ted Howard, Nicholas Howard, and Aaron Howard. 30.454 acres near Tollesboro. \$334,944.  
Charles T. Applegate to Charles Thomas Applegate. Three tracts East Fork. Love and affection.  
Samuel White and Sandy White to Rebecca J. Bocook and Gregg Bocook. 1.900 acres Old Trace Creek Rd. \$10,000.  
The Estate of Larry Dale Evans and Sheryl Bond to Gary Lane Ruark. 1.148 acres KY 59. \$93,000.  
Devon N. Sweet and Felicia Sweet to Brandon Fannin and Brandie Cameron. 6/10 acre Browns Run Br. \$11,000.  
Gregory R. Barron to Gregory R. Barron Revocable Trust and Gregory R. Barron. 80 acres Vanceburg. \$1,00.  
Leander Hochstetler, Mary Ann Hochstetler, Jacob Schmucker, and Rosella Schmucker to Taiden B. Chambers. Parcel KY 10.

\$220,000.  
Mark T. Jordan and Pamela Sue Jordan to Shannon Carver. Two tracts near Briery Creek. \$25,000.  
City of Vanceburg to Jeremy Wilburn and Charlene Wilburn. Fractional lot Fairlane Dr. City of Vanceburg. \$80,000.  
William A. Rigdon Jr. and Lisa W. Rigdon to Joshua Cody Rigdon and Brandy Gail Rigdon. 109 acres North Fork of Licking River. No monetary consideration.  
Samuel Troy Burriss to Samuel Troy Burriss and Cortney Dunaway. Three acres along Town Branch Creek.

Love and affection.  
David Jordan, Jacqueline R. Jordan, William Ralph Jordan, and Violet Jordan to Samuel Troy Burriss. Three tracts Town Branch, Vanceburg. \$7,000.  
The City of Vanceburg to Kaden Directional Drilling LLC. 0.6988 acres KY 59 near Applegate Sub. \$20,000.

## Marriage

Matthew Jarrod Zornes, 36, to Haleigh Barbara Mack, 27, both of Tollesboro.

## Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Carol W. Smith, whose address was 16706 E KY 8, Quincy, KY 41166, and Kimberly Smith, whose address is 16706 E KY 8, Quincy, KY 41166, was appointed Executrix on March 4, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Kimberly Smith, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Kimberly Smith.

**Teresa Callahan, Clerk  
Lewis Circuit & District  
Courts**

## Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Eddie Dean Riggs, whose address was 5791 KY 59, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Judy Ellen Swim, whose address is 5791 KY 59, Vanceburg, KY 41179, was appointed Executrix on March 4, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Judy Ellen Swim, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Judy Ellen Swim.

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# Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



**The importance of reining in administrative overreach**  
Kentucky's constitution is abundantly clear that the authority to make laws for the Commonwealth is vested in the state legislature. It was important to its writers that the duly-elected members of the Kentucky House and Senate make the state's laws, determine the duties and services of the government, provide for their execution, and levy taxes and appropriate funds. The legislature is elected to set public policy for the state, and we are held accountable for our actions by voters at each and every election.  
However, over the years and through the administrations of multiple governors, countless policies have been implemented by unelected individuals who work for state agencies and programs. These policies are referred to as administrative regulations and often hold the power of law but lack the democratic safeguards of transparency, debate, and public input that are built into the legislative process. Lawmakers elected by the people, not government employees, should be responsible for making laws because they are elected by the people and directly accountable to their constituents. When unelected agencies impose regulations with the force of law, they bypass the checks and balances that prevent overreach and unintended consequences.  
Kentucky taxpayers bear the financial burden of costly admin-

istrative regulations that are implemented without sufficient legislative oversight. This session, House Bill 6 (HB 6) and Senate Bill 23 (SB 23) represent critical efforts to rein in the unchecked power of administrative agencies, ensuring that regulatory decisions are made with accountability and transparency. They are both aimed at protecting Kentuckians from excessive costs and unnecessary burdens, while promoting economic growth and restoring the constitutional balance of power between the legislative and executive branches. SB 23 passed into law earlier this session and HB 6, dubbed the Kentucky Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, cleared the House on February 28.  
The problem with unchecked administrative regulations: Administrative regulations are necessary for implementing laws. However, they can often lead to unintended consequences when agencies are allowed to create rules without proper scrutiny. In many cases, these regulations impose overly burdensome requirements on individuals and heavy costs on taxpayers and businesses, while discouraging investment. Without clear checks and balances, administrative agencies have the power to establish costly mandates that do not undergo the same process as traditional legislation. Essentially, they are able to make laws without lawmaking.

HB 6 and SB 23 directly address this issue by requiring increased oversight of administrative regulations. These bills ensure that new regulations undergo thorough review to determine their economic impact, necessity, and alignment with legislative intent. By doing so, they prevent agencies from enacting rules that result in excessive costs without legislative accountability.  
Protecting Kentucky taxpayers: One of the most pressing reasons to support HB 6 and SB 23 is the financial impact that unchecked regulations have on Kentuckians. Many regulations increase the cost of goods and services, drive up operational expenses for small businesses, and lead to higher prices for consumers. When agencies implement costly mandates without legislative approval, taxpayers ultimately foot the bill.  
For example, regulatory overreach in areas such as energy, healthcare, and business licensing can lead to increased costs that burden working families. These unnecessary expenses place an additional strain on the economy, making it harder for businesses to thrive and for residents to afford essential services. By implementing stronger legislative oversight, HB 6 and SB 23 ensure that new regulations are justified, fiscally responsible, and truly serve the public interest.  
Restoring legislative authority: Administrative agencies have ex-

panded their authority beyond their original purpose, enacting regulations that function as laws. Elected officials understand the needs of their communities and can weigh the economic and social impact of new policies before enacting them. Government employees, on the other hand, may create rules based on narrow political agendas rather than broad public interest. HB 6 and SB 23 reaffirm the role of the Kentucky General Assembly in lawmaking by requiring agencies to seek legislative approval for regulations that impose significant economic burdens. This shift restores the constitutional principle of separation of powers, ensuring that the creation of laws remains within the purview of the elected legislative body rather than being delegated to administrative agencies.  
All three branches of our government have clear and distinct duties and authority. The people of Kentucky expect us to work together, but also to hold each other accountable as we strive to serve them. Both HB 6 and SB 23 are important to ensuring that happens.  
As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

## Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Virgil A. Cole, whose address was 4114 Lower Kinney Rd., Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Marty B. Cole, whose address is 3898 Lower Kinney Rd., Vanceburg, KY 41179, was appointed Executor on March 4, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Marty B. Cole, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Marty B. Cole.

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## Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Charles O. Mackey, whose address was 767 Pine Grove Church Rd., Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Joyce C. Mackey, whose address is 767 Pine Grove Church Rd., Vanceburg, KY 41179, was appointed Executrix on March 4, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Joyce C. Mackey, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Joyce C. Mackey.

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ORDINANCE NO. 230.01B-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 230.01 TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS SHALL RESIDE WITHIN LEWIS COUNTY FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THEIR APPOINTMENT AND SHALL RESIDE WITHIN THE COUNTY THROUGHOUT THE TERM OF THEIR OFFICE, AND OTHER MATTERS.

### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above caption and Ordinance is titled as set forth above and has been reviewed by the undersigned, who is an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

*R. Stephen McGinnis*  
HON. R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS  
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ADOPTED ON THE 3rd day of March, 2024 by the Common Council of the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky.

*David M. Hays*  
MAYOR, CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:  
*Anna M. G...  
CITY CLERK-TREASURER*

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NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky as follows:

SECTION 1: That Ordinance No. 230.01 shall be amended as follows:

Board of Ethics Created.

The Board of Ethics shall consist of three (3) members who shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the approval of the city council. The initial members of the Board of Ethics shall be appointed within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this ordinance. No member of the Board of Ethics shall hold any elected or appointed office, whether paid or unpaid, or any position of employment with the city or any city agency. The members shall serve for a term of three (3) years; except that with respect to the members initially appointed, one (1) member shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, one (1) member shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; and one (1) member shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for term of three (3) years. No more than two (2) of the members shall be of the same political party. Each member of the Board of Ethics shall have been a resident of the city of Lewis County for at least one (1) year prior to the date of the appointment and shall reside in the city of Lewis County throughout the term in office. The members of the Board of Ethics shall be chosen by virtue of their known and consistent reputation for integrity and their knowledge of local government affairs. The members may be re-appointed for any number of consecutive terms.

SECTION 2: That all Ordinances in conflict herewith are specifically hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict only.

SECTION 3: That each section and each sentence of this Ordinance is enacted separately in the invalidity and/or unconstitutionality of any one particular sentence and/or section shall not affect the validity and/or constitutionality of any other sentence and/or section.

SECTION 4: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

*David M. Hays*  
MAYOR, CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:  
*Anna M. G...  
CITY CLERK*

FIRST READING: 2/3/25

SECOND READING: 3/3/25

*R. Stephen McGinnis*

PREPARED BY:  
CITY ATTORNEY, R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS