



# District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft  
Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison  
County Attorney  
April 8, 2025**

Cynthia Burdine. Arraignment. (1) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METHBLK. (2) Possession of marijuana. (3) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Appoint PD. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). 4-15, 10:00.

Michael L. Byar II. Other Hearing. Summons. Apply bond.

Dennis Jamison. Other Hearing. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury. Enhanceable. 4-15, 10:00.

Dennis Jamison. Arraignment. Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METHBLK. Appoint PD. PNG. 4-15, 10:00.

Amy Lee Ashworth. Status Hearing. Order signed.

Adam L. Bevins. Arraignment. Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Dismissed/Diverted.

Kenny R. Bevins. Arraignment. Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. County Attorney Alcohol Program.

Kimberly Bevins. Arraignment. Custodial interference. Reset to 5-17 by def request.

Helen M. Bloomfield. Arraignment. Public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol). Modify bond. Inpatient rehab, 90 days. PNG. PTC. Pretrial drug test. 7-22.

Judith Gerwin Bloomfield. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Waive fines and costs. 10-28.

Matthew Carver. Arraignment. (1) No/expired Ken-

tucky registration receipt. (2) No/expired registration plates. (3) Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. (4) Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 2nd or >. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (5) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (6) Improper registration plate. PNG. 5-6.

Matthew Brent Carver. Arraignment. (1) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (2) No/expired registration plates. (3) Improper registration plate. (4) Failure to produce insurance card. (5) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (6) Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. (7) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (8) Failure to surrender revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (9) Failure to wear seat belts. FTA eligible. PNG. 5-6.

Lola Dawn Chen. Arraignment. (1) Disregarding traffic control device, traffic light. FTA eligible. (2) Driving on DUI suspended license, 1st offense. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. PNG. PTC 4-22.

Daniel S. Cooper. Status Hearing. FTA. BW.

Taylor Duncan. Arraignment. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition auto \$1,000<\$10,000. FTA eligible. Amend unauthorized use of automobile, Class A. Assess to complete SB90. PNG. 4-15.

Kelsie Dawn Hicks Goble. Arraignment. (1) Speeding 10mph over limit. FTA eligible. (2) No/expired other state registration receipt or plates. (3) Residents not to use license of other states. FTA. NF.

Charles Hall. Arraignment. (1) Operating suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (2) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (3) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (4) Failure to produce insurance card. (5) Failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation. 6-24.

Donavin L. Hendricks. Arraignment. (1) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (2) No/expired registration plates. FTA. NF.

George Gabriel Patterson. Diversion Completion. Dismissed/Diverted.

Jarrod Pollitt. Diversion Completion. Dismissed/Diverted.

Kearstin Ray Sparks. Arraignment. Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. 4-15.

William A. Stone. Arraignment. Criminal trespassing, 3rd degree. Pled Guilty (PG). \$250 fine, c/d 2 years staying away from victim.

Jeremy Taylor. Diversion Completion. Drive Safe. Dismissed/Diverted.

Ira T. Williams. Arraignment. (1) Inadequate silencer (muffler). (2) No operators/moped license. FTA eligible. (3) Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A) 1st. FTA eligible. FTA. BW.

Mathew David Willis. Status Hearing. See if rehab is completed. Reset 4-29.

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Joseph N. Young. Other Hearing. Def posted bond in amount owed for FTA on 6-22-10, money due was \$263. Amend bond.

John C. Zornes. Arraignment. Summons. (1) License plate not legible. (2) No/expired registration plates. Show proof, dismiss.

Natonya A. Clark. Pretrial Conference. Assault, 4th degree, no visible injury. Reset 4-22, 10:00.

William Coburn. Status Hearing. See how doing in rehab. FTA. BW.

William J. Coburn. Status Hearing. See how doing in rehab. FTA. BW.

Nicholas Cushard. Pretrial Conference. (1) Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. (2) Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. Status in June. PT drug and alcohol tests.

John Everman. Preliminary Hearing. Criminal mischief, 1st degree. Amend criminal mischief 2nd. PG. CW waives restitution.

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John Everman. Preliminary Hearing. (1) Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol (189A.010(1B) 1st. FTA eligible. PG. (2) Fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (motor vehicle) FTA eligible. PG. (3) All terrain vehicle violations. PG. (4) Disorderly conduct, 1st degree. PG.

John Everman. Pretrial Conference. Harassment. No physical contact. 12 months diverted. No contact with CW.

Donald Dean Hampton. Pretrial Conference. (1) Speeding 26mph over/greater. FTA eligible. \$50 fine. (2) Reckless driving. FTA eligible. Merge. (3A) Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A) 2nd (aggravating circumstances). FTA

eligible. 180 days, serve 15, balance c/d 2 years, violate no laws. Serve weekends in Mason County Detention. No drugs or alcohol.

Anita Hessler. Status Hearing. Conspiracy knowingly report child abuse falsely. Agreed order of Dismissal, forthcoming.

Tiffany Nicole Hughes. Pretrial Conference. (1) Public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol). CW motion to dismiss, sustained. (2) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Dismiss. Completed rehab.

Lynn Johnson. Pretrial Conference. Knowingly report child abuse falsely. CW motion to dismiss, sustained. Dismissed.

Lynn M. Johnson. Pretrial Conference. Possession of marijuana. 6 months diversion.

Chelsy Lawson. Pretrial Conference. Harassing communications. 4-15.

Paul W. McKinney Jr. Pretrial Conference. (1) Failure to illuminate head lamps. FTA eligible. Merge. (2) No operators/moped license. FTA eligible. Merge. (3) Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A) 1st. FTA eligible. PG. 30 days, serve 48 hours, c/d 2 years, violate no laws.

John Phillip Mealing Jr. Pretrial Conference. (1) Speeding 23mph over limit. FTA eligible. (2) No operators/moped license. FTA eligible. Reset 6-24.

Tina Monteith. Pretrial Conference. Harassing communications. 4-15.

Randy Blake Morgan. Pretrial Conference. Speeding 25mph over limit. FTA eligible. Dismissed/Diverted.

Fred Pollard. Preliminary Hearing. (1A) Torture of a dog or cat. (2) Torture of a dog or cat. CW motion to

dismiss upon stip to PC, dismissed.

Theodore Ray Rigdon. Preliminary Hearing. (1) Possess controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) METHBLK. (2) Driving on DUI suspended license, 1st offense. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. Def waives time. Reset 4-29.

Sandra D. Rowe. Motion Hour. Motion to void pretrial diversion. Appoint PD. Redocketed 4-29.

Marshall Dustin Stone. Pretrial Conference. (1) Disregarding stop sign. FTA eligible. Merge. (2) Failure to wear seat belts. FTA eligible. Merge. (3) Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010 (1A) 1st. FTA eligible. PG. 30 days, serve 2. Balance c/d 2 years, violate no laws. \$250. Credit any time served. Friday, 4-18 serve balance of time.

Jentry Thompson. Revocation Hearing. Def did not do 20 hours community service. 5-6. FTA. BW.

Jentry T. Thompson-Zornes. Revocation Hearing. Def did not pay amount owed of \$2,024.94. FTA. BW. See previous.

Billy Joe Lightner. Other Hearing. Restitution Hearing. Agreed order. Reset Hearing.

Grady Fields. Criminal mischief. Appoint PD. PNG. PH 4-15, 10:00.

Steven Reis. Criminal mischief. Appoint PD. 4-15, 10:00.

## Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



### Increasing accountability and equity in local road appropriations

Every two years, Kentucky lawmakers approve a road plan that includes funding for infrastructure projects throughout the state. For almost a decade, this plan has been developed using the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) program. This is a data-driven approach to prioritizing projects and determining funding in a way that ensures road projects are selected based on objective criteria rather than political influence.

In addition to the state plan, local governments also address road maintenance, repair, and construction in their budgets. These projects are primarily funded through a combination of state, federal, and local sources. For decades, the state's funding of local roadwork has operated with little oversight, often influenced by political considerations rather than true infrastructure needs. Without clear guidelines or assessments, funding decisions lacked transparency and fairness, leaving some communities with better-maintained roads while others struggled with crumbling infrastructure. Lawmakers took steps to change that during the 2024 Regular Session, and further built on those efforts this year with the passage of two key legislative measures, HB 546 and HJR 46.

HB 546 is a significant step toward creating a structured, needs-based approach to funding local road projects. The bill creates the Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) with specific guidelines that the Department of Rural and Municipal Roads must follow when submitting projects for funding consideration. Instead of funding decisions being made without clear criteria, HB 546 ensures that proposed projects meet objective eligibility standards that includes local participation before reaching the legislature. This change helps

remove political favoritism and ensures that taxpayer dollars are directed toward the communities that need them most.

HJR 46 takes the commitment to accountability a step further by focusing funding set aside for local roads during the 2024 budget process on the most hazardous roads in Kentucky. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) evaluated local road projects across the state, ranking them on a severity scale from one to ten, with ten representing the most dangerous conditions. Under HJR 46, only projects ranked at the highest level of urgency, those ranked ten, receive funding.

This approach is a significant shift from past practices, where funding could be distributed based on political considerations rather than immediate safety concerns. By directing \$23.8 million to 145 critical road maintenance projects, HJR 46 ensures that the state's most hazardous roads are repaired first, reducing risks for drivers, improving infrastructure equity, and ensuring that resources are allocated based on need rather than influence.

These two measures represent a major change in how Kentucky funds local road projects. Instead of a system driven by politics, the state is embracing a data-driven, needs-based approach that prioritizes safety and efficiency. By ensuring that projects are assessed, ranked, and funded based on clear criteria, HB 546 and HJR 46 promote transparency and help restore public trust in the process.

Well-maintained roads are

not just a matter of convenience they are essential for economic growth, public safety, and community well-being. By adopting an impartial and more responsible funding model, Kentucky is paving the way for stronger, safer, and more connected communities.

Roads are the backbone of Kentucky's economy and quality of life. Whether it's farmers, transporting goods, businesses receiving supplies, or families commuting to work and school, every Kentuckian relies on a safe and well-maintained road system.

Kentucky is home to major industries, including agriculture and manufacturing. Strong, reliable roads keep businesses moving, attract investment, and create jobs. Companies are more likely to invest in a state with well-maintained infrastructure, while poor road conditions can drive businesses away and increase transportation costs.

Additionally, rural and urban connectivity is essential for the state's prosperity. Many Kentuckians live in rural areas and depend on quality roads for access to healthcare and education. Investing in road maintenance ensures that no community is left behind.

Poor road conditions are more than an inconvenience, they are a safety hazard. Potholes, deteriorating bridges, and crumbling pavement increase the risk of accidents and vehicle damage. Maintaining roads reduces collisions, improves emergency response times, and protects

drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Legislation like HJR 46, which prioritizes the most hazardous road projects, is a step toward making Kentucky's roads safer. By investing in repairs now, the state can prevent costly and dangerous conditions in the future. When roads are neglected, small issues turn into expensive maintenance projects. A proactive approach saves taxpayer dollars and ensures roads remain safe and functional for years to come.

By prioritizing infrastructure funding and adopting data-driven policies like HB 546 and HJR 46, the Commonwealth is ensuring that resources are allocated where they are needed most. Investing in quality roads is not just a government responsibility, it's a commitment to a stronger, safer, and more prosperous Kentucky.

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.

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Court of Justice  
Lewis CIRCUIT COURT  
Case No. 24-CI-00063

PEOPLES SELF-HELP HOUSING, INC. PLAINTIFF  
vs ANGELA CHRISTY, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment, Summary Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on February 27, 2025, to raise the sum of \$14,125.91, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Lewis County Courthouse, 112 Second Street, Vanceburg, Kentucky, 41179, on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land located at 1924 Bill Chain Road, Garrison, KY 41141, and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 125-00-00-017.04. The land is more particularly described in the record of this action located in the office of the Lewis Circuit Court Clerk, where it can be reviewed upon request.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, said bidder shall post bond with surety acceptable to the Master Commissioner and pre-approved by the Master Commissioner at least by noon, two (2) business days before the sale date, as security for the unpaid purchase price, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale. The surety must be present at the sale and must own real estate in Kentucky, but may not be the successful bidder's spouse. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant's right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Lewis County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Lewis Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner's Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed.

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