

Lewis County officials present monthly reports

By Dennis K. Brown

Lewis County officials presented their monthly activity reports during the June meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court.

Sheriff Johnny Bivens filed his department activities from May 12, 2025 through June 9, 2025.

- Citations 56
- Subpoenas Served 4
- Domestic Related Calls 18

- Civil Summons Served 35
- Arrests 19
- Cases Open For Investigation 6

- Accident Investigations 14
- Criminal Summons 4
- Prisoners Transp. to Secure Facility 130 miles

- Juveniles Transported 320 miles
- DVOs and EPOs 6
- Court Security Hours 659

- Prescription Deliveries 1
- Auto Inspections 78
- Funeral Escorts 7

- Concealed Carry Permits 13
- Miscellaneous 24
- Taxes Collected: Property \$0.00

- Franchise \$67,724.28
- Total \$67,724.28
- Stolen property recovered: \$0.00

911 Coordinator Pam Jordan submitted a monthly report for the Lewis County E-911 Dispatch Center.

The center received the following calls for service in May:

- Sheriff 261
- Vanceburg PD 98
- EMS 165
- Coroner 4
- Air Evac 1

- Lewis County FD 16
- Garrison FD 7
- Vanceburg FD 5
- Black Oak FD 6
- Firebrick FD 3

- Lewis County 2 FD 8
- Tollesboro FD 27
- Camp Dix FD 7
- EMA 3
- Total Calls 611

911 Wrecker Log May: Mullin's

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• Primary Plus (Tollesboro) – 0

• SOMC Family Care – 4

• May Highlights:

• Hired two more part-time employees.

• Crews received updated training on CPAP and the LUCAS III CPR Device.

• EMS Week activities were held and the agency cookout was well attended.

• 1,596 runs have been dispatched to LCEMS since May 31, 2024.

Road Supervisor David Goodwin submitted his road maintenance report for the month.

Stone totals for May:

• CR/CSB – 372.28 tons.

• #8s/#4s – 240.99 tons.

• #57s/#67s – 1,166.62 tons.

• CHL II/III – 169.33 tons.

• Hot/Cold Patch – 11.69 tons.

Roadways Graveled/Repaired: Holbrook Hl., Ben Willim, Vances Creek, Burnt Cabin x3, Black John, John Ln., A Thomas, Long Br., Teager Hl., Throckmorton, Ben Willim Br., Bill Chain, Dry Hollow, Canaan Church Rd., Bidgen Hl. x2, Thorp Ridge x3, Gilliam, Oak Ridge, Lower Kinney, Briery x2, Buck Lick x2, North Fork, Spring Br., Dyer, Otto Lewis, Salt Lick, Clarksburg Rd. x3, Spring Mt.

Roadways Ditched: Black John.

Roadways Graded: Thorp Ridge.

Blacktop/Gravel Patching: Lions Club Ln., Beechy Paint Lick, Evans Ln., Craycraft, Garrard, Cooper Fork, Twelve Trees, Fingerboard, Garrison Ln. Greenbriar, Smooth Rock.

Bus Turns/School: Dirt to LCHS Softball and LCHS lower road.

Roadways Mowed/Brush/Trees: McDowell's Ck. Rd., Holly x2, Esham Fork, Charters, North Fork x2, Wildwoods Trail, Fly Br., Hazel, Southern Manor, Quicks Run x2, Cabin Creek, River Rd., Carrs

Hill, Firebrick Indian Run. Creek Crossing/Low Water Slab Repair: Craycraft.

Signs Made/Repaired: Briery and Straight Fork. Roadway Shoulder Repair: Horseshoe Bend and Clarksburg Rd.

Pipe Installed/Repaired: Bill Chain and Fitch.

Solid Waste Coordinator Roger Lewis gave his report:

• Performed all regular Coordinator duties.

• Sent out letters, received several phone calls, and completed site visits regarding complaints.

• Still accepting recycled materials.

• Picking up cardboard from most Vanceburg and county businesses.

• Road Department hauled a load of cardboard.

• Received multiple tires.

• Hauled a load of scrap iron to Lancasters.

• Pickers covered 88.5 miles of roadway, collecting 972 bags of trash, six tires, and one couch.

• Inspected completed work—pickers doing a good job.

• Roads picked: RT 8, RT 1021, RT 1149, RT 57, RT 59, RT 984, RT 10, Scaffold Lick Rd., Ronald Reagan, Quicks Run, Lions Lane.

Animal Control Officer Missy Kennard reported:

• Animals Picked Up: 9; Dropped Off: 0; Rescued: 0

• Reclaims: 2 (\$240.00); Adoptions: 17 (\$340.00); Donations: 2 (\$31.00)

• Tags Sold: 6 (\$30.00); Check Total: 1 (\$25.00)

• 911 Calls: 7; Office Calls: 59; Remaining Dogs: 20

• Received: 2 animals from Fleming County.

Emergency Management Director Dennis Brown gave his report.

The Lewis County Alert System was activated three times in May to notify residents of severe thunderstorm watches and a tornado watch. The alert system delivers notifications via text, email, voice, Twitter, and the Smart 911 App. The system has more than 5,600 subscribers.

• Worked with Vanceburg Fire on Red Cross smoke alarm partnership.

• Pursuing grants for Alzheimer's tracking devices, water rescue kits, and medic kits.

• Submitted required KYEM paperwork; continued EMA and Red Cross training.

• Planning CERT/preparedness training for students.

• Tested outdoor sirens May 1.

• Working with Kinetic/Windstream on PSAP copper-to-fiber transition (storm delays).

• EOC on standby for May 16 tornado watch.

• Attended Incident Commander training in Campbell County (May 13–16), Recovery Ready meeting at LCPL (May 1).

• Monitored May 16 tornado event.

• Responded to Garrison utility pole issue (May 19).

• Participating in Broadband Improvement efforts; engaged with FEMA for damage assessments and PSAs.

• Assisted LCSO with traffic control and scene documentation.

• Attended CSEPP, LEPC, CKEM, and Area 7 meetings.

• Testing Starlink communications for EOC and Health Department.

• Maintained regular office hours and worked with local agencies on communications upgrades.

County treasurer Penny Lee reported the total of all county funds for the month of May had a beginning balance of \$3,142,260.12 and an ending balance of \$2,581,394.62. Receipts for the month totaled \$259,499.78 while disbursements totaled \$820,365.28.

The next regular meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court will be at 3:00 p.m. July 8, 2025.

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Notice of Kentucky Power Company's Application

for Approval of an Amended Environmental Compliance Plan, Recovery of Additional Costs Through Amendment of the Company's Tariff E.S., and for All Regulatory Approvals Necessary to Continue Taking Capacity and Energy from its Coal-Fired Mitchell Plant After December 31, 2028

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Kentucky Power Company will file on or after June 30, 2025 an application with the Public Service Commission of Kentucky seeking approval of its amended environmental compliance plan to add Project 23 to Kentucky Power's existing environmental compliance plan (Compliance Plan) and seeking all required regulatory approvals for Kentucky Power to make the investments necessary to continue taking capacity and energy from its Mitchell Plant after December 31, 2028. Kentucky Power also will seek approval of amendments to its Tariff E.S. (Environmental Surcharge) to reflect the Compliance Plan and to implement a revised Environmental Surcharge to recover the costs of the Compliance Plan. Kentucky Power's application has been assigned case number 2025-00175.

Project 23 comprises the installation of a flue-gas desulfurization biological treatment system with ultrafiltration at the Mitchell Plant, which was installed and fully in-service as of August 4, 2024, and is currently being paid for entirely by Wheeling Power Company, the other 50% undivided owner of the plant. Project 23 is required for compliance with the Steam Electric Effluent Limitation Guidelines Rule issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in order to allow its Mitchell Plant to continue operating as a coal-fired generating facility after December 31, 2028.

The Environmental Surcharge rate changes monthly. The most recent Environmental Surcharge rate for the April 2025 expense month, which was billed in June 2025, was 6.0495% of revenue for residential customers and 10.2106% of revenue for all other classes. Using the April 2025 rate, the addition of Project 23 would result in an estimated increase in the Environmental Surcharge rate from 6.0495% to 8.1162% for residential customers and from 10.2106% to 13.6990% for all other classes.

Kentucky Power is proposing that the changes to the Environmental Surcharge associated with Project 23 go into effect with the January 2026 billing cycle, which begins December 31, 2025. The impact on the total monthly bill amount for residential customer classes is estimated to be an increase of 2.02%, and the impact on the total monthly bill amount for non-residential customer classes is estimated to be an increase of 1.99%. For the average residential customer using 1,189 kWh per month, the increase in the customer's total monthly bill is estimated to be \$3.68.

Information regarding the effect on customer bills by customer classification is presented in the table below:

Customer Classification	Annual \$ Increase for Class	Annual Percent Change	Annual Average Usage (kWh)*	Monthly Average Usage (kWh)*	Monthly Average Customer Demand (kW)*	Current Monthly Average Bill \$*	Proposed Monthly Average Bill \$	Monthly \$ Increase	Monthly Percent Increase
R.S.	\$5,772,231	2.02%	14,268	1,189	0	\$ 181.74	\$ 185.42	\$ 3.68	2.02%
S.G.S. - T.O.D.	\$7,331,585	1.99%	15,156	1,263	0	\$ 221.33	\$ 225.74	\$ 4.41	1.99%
M.G.S. - T.O.D.			50,556	4,213	2	\$ 642.10	\$ 654.88	\$ 12.78	
G.S.			19,560	1,630	6	\$ 283.24	\$ 288.88	\$ 5.64	
L.G.S.			826,176	68,848	216	\$ 9,973.75	\$ 10,172.26	\$ 198.51	
I.G.S.			37,781,100	3,148,425	5,411	\$ 250,003.87	\$ 254,979.76	\$ 4,975.89	
M.W.			219,096	18,258	27	\$ 2,523.03	\$ 2,573.24	\$ 50.22	
O.L.			684	57	0	\$ 16.45	\$ 16.78	\$ 0.33	
S.L.**			660	55	0	\$ 13.43	\$ 13.70	\$ 0.27	

* Based on 12-months ending May 2025

** Number of lamps, not customers

Any person by timely written request for intervention filed with the Public Service Commission may request leave to intervene in the Commission proceeding to review Kentucky Power's application. The motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, and shall establish the grounds for the request, including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within 30 days of the initial publication of this notice the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.

Written comments on the Company's proposals may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to the address listed above or via the Commission's website: <https://psc.ky.gov>. The rates and terms of service contained in this notice are the rates and terms of service proposed by Kentucky Power; the Commission may order rates to be charged and/or terms of service that differ from the proposed rates and terms of service contained in this notice.

Any person may examine the Company's application at Kentucky Power's offices located at 1645 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky 41101; 12333 Kevin Avenue, Ashland, KY 41102; 1400 E. Main St. Hazard, KY 41701; and 3249 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville, KY 41501; or by visiting the Company's website: www.kentuckypower.com.

A copy of the Company's application and any related documents Kentucky Power may file with the Public Service Commission may be examined Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at the offices of the Commission at the address listed above, or through the Commission's website: <https://psc.ky.gov>.

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