

COMMUNITY

Rowan County Grand Jury returns eleven felony indictments

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The Rowan County Grand Jury was in session on Friday, June 6, 2025, and returned eleven felony indictments. A grand jury indictment is a formal statement of charges against an individual before a case is turned over to a prosecutor in circuit court. It is not a conviction. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty in court. -Leroy Sparks, 49, was indicted on four counts Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree – Discharge of a Firearm. Kentucky State Police – Post 8,

Trooper Paul Thomas appeared as witness for the Commonwealth. -David Eighmey, 52, (Co-Defendant: Katelyn Goodpaster) was indicted on one count Criminal Abuse, 1st Degree – Child 12 or under. Kentucky State Police – Post 8, Trooper Paul Thomas appeared as witness for the Commonwealth. -Katelyn Goodpaster, 21, (Co-Defendant: David Eighmey) was indicted on one count of Criminal Abuse, 1st Degree – Child 12 or under. Kentucky State Police – Post 8, Trooper Paul Thomas appeared as witness for the Commonwealth. -Barrett Johnson, 40, was indicted on one count Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition

– Auto (over \$1,000 but under \$10,000). Kentucky State Police – Post 8, Trooper Paul Thomas appeared as witness for the Commonwealth. -Barrett Johnson, 40, was indicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Fentanyl); one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Oxycodone); one count of Illegal Possession of Legend Drug; two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance (not in original container); and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Kentucky State Police – Post 8, Trooper

Paul Thomas appeared as witness for the Commonwealth. -Curtis Winkleman, 40, was indicted on one count Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine). Kentucky State Police – Post 8, Trooper Paul Thomas appeared as witness for the Commonwealth. -Christopher Conley, 52, was indicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine); and one count of Possession of Marijuana. Morehead Police Department, Officer Jimmy Perkins appeared as a witness for the Commonwealth. -Devon Maxwell Branson, 42, was indicted on

one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine); and one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree (Fentanyl). Morehead Police Department, Officer Brandon Boggs appeared as a witness for the Commonwealth. -Brandon Barker, 47, was indicted on one count of Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol, 1st Offense; one count of Failure of Non-Owner Operator to Maintain Required Insurance/Security, 1st Offense; and three counts of Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree. Morehead Police Department, Officer Cody Lowe appeared as witness for the Common-

wealth. -Scotty Estep, 58, was indicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 2nd Offense (Fentanyl). Kentucky State Police – Post 8, Trooper Stephen Mirus appeared as witness for the Commonwealth. -Daniel Cooper, 33, was indicted on one count of Robbery, 1st Degree; one count of Persistent Felony Offender, 1st Degree; and one count of Theft of Identity. Rowan County Sheriff Department, Deputy Sheriff Mark Stidham appeared as witness for the Commonwealth.

MSU Student Emma Crouch Wins Victor Howard History Award



By Savannah Jackson

Emma Crouch, a Morehead State University student from Bath County, has received the 2025 Victor Howard History Award. The Victor Howard History Award recognizes a student who has excelled in historical writing. Crouch said, “This award has definitely furthered my passion for writing and made me realize how much I have to say about my love for history. It has also made me want to keep working hard to continuously improve my historical essays.” “Emma Crouch represents the very best

of our history students. She is a wonderful writer, and committed to understanding the past through outstanding scholarship,” said Dr. James Masterson, Chair of the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global and Legal Studies. “Her recognition with the Victor Howard History Award honors not only her talent and dedication but also reflects the spirit of academic excellence that Dr. Howard championed throughout his career.” According to Dr. Alana Scott, “Dr. Victor B. Howard was a professor of history at Morehead State University and a member of the Uni-

versity Press of Kentucky’s first editorial board. His research focused on Kentucky abolition movements and included books such as Black Liberation in Kentucky: Emancipation and Freedom, 1862-1864, The Evangelical War Against Slavery, and The Life and Times of John G. Fee.” This award honors Dr. Howard’s dedication to history and recognizes a history student for overall writing excellence. One of the essays included in Emma Crouch’s nomination for the award was “Napoleon: The Corsican Revolutionary”. This essay examined how Napoleon's Corsican roots played a signifi-

cant role in the way he ruled France and became Emperor. Crouch made a presentation on this research at the 2024 Celebration of Student Scholarship. “I was very surprised and happy to have been nominated for this award, which has proven to me that being passionate and dedicated towards your work is always important,” Emma Crouch said, “Receiving the Victor Howard History Award has been a great honor, and it’s meant a lot to me in several ways. I am so grateful to have been thought of for this award.” For more information about Morehead State University’s Department of History,

Philosophy, Politics, Global and Legal Studies, visit <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/legal-studies/>.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Rowan County Fiscal Court at the Rowan County Courthouse, Office of Rowan County Judge Executive at 600 West Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351 until 10:00 AM on Friday, July 11, 2025, for the purchase and delivery of a trailer-mounted road repair unit utilizing spray injection technology, capable of year-round operation, including in sub-freezing conditions.

All bids must be sealed and clearly marked, “Sealed Bid – TRAILER MOUNTED ROAD REPAIR UNIT”. Sealed bids will be opened and read publicly at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 11, 2025. The Rowan County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids if in the best interest of the citizens of Rowan County.

More detailed bid specifications may be obtained by calling the Rowan County Judge-Executive's Office at (606) 784-5151.

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY
ORDINANCE NUMBER 15:2025

An Ordinance of City of Morehead, Kentucky adopting the Morehead-Rowan County Tourism Commission Annual Budget for FY 07/01/2025 through 06/30/2026 by Estimating Revenue and Resources and Appropriations Funds for the Operations of Tourism and Convention Services, Fiscal Year Budget was given first reading on Monday, May 12, 2025, and second reading on Monday, June 9, 2025. Said Ordinance adopts the Morehead-Rowan County Tourism Commission Annual Budget for FY 07-01-2025 through 06-30-2026 as follows:

	2024/25 Budget	2025/2026 Budget
Revenues	2,011,077.14	1,848,263.97
Total Revenues	2,011,077.14	1,848,263.97
ARPA KDT Grant (DMO (Round 1 & 2)	0.00	2702.77
ARPA KDT Grant (Meetings and Conventions)	135,105.75	66,394.94
ARPA KDT Grant (DMO 2 Round)	0.00	0.00
ARPA KDT Grant (Multi-Jurisdictional 3 LVA)	13000.00	0.00
Restaurant Tax (50%)	1,027,859.60	1,080,760.24
Transient Room Tax (City)	231,835.67	235,000.00
Transient Room Tax (County)	70,000.00	75,000.00
Depot Grant Funding	24,000.00	0.00
Total Revenues	1,232,076.90	1,267,012.26
Restaurant Tax (50%)	1,027,859.60	1,080,760.24
Total Revenues	84,500.00	132,107.50
Grant/Reimbursement	44,000.00	30,000.00
Studio Rentals	18,000.00	18,600.00
Subtotal Revenues	3,327,654.04	3,247,403.73
Total Revenues	3,327,654.04	3,247,403.73
Appropriations	1,840,036.02	1,715,764.45
Total Appropriations	1,840,036.02	1,715,764.45
Administrative Expenses (City 1%)	20,557.19	21,615.90
ARPA KDT Grant (DMO (Round 1 & 2)	7,467.00	2,702.77
ARPA KDT Grant (Meetings and Conventions)	135,105.75	66,394.94
ARPA KDT Grant (DMO 2 Round)	0.00	0.00
ARPA KDT Grant (Multi-Jurisdictional 3 LVA)	13,000.00	0.00
City of Mhd Wayfinding, Kiosk, Arch Signage Project	0.00	75,000.00
Grant Funding	500,000.00	325,000.00
Marketing/Advertising	392,000.00	450,000.00
Memberships/Subscriptions	3,855.72	10,000.00
Administrative Materials/Copier Lease/Postage	7,644.28	12,000.00
Total Appropriations	1,192,894.12	1,228,898.42
Depreciative Asset Reserve	0.00	32,000.00
Phone/Internet	12000.00	5,000.00
Technology	0.00	20,000.00
Total Appropriations	81,305.00	128,307.03
Technology	0.00	3,000.00
Subtotal Appropriations	3,114,235.14	3,116,590.86
Total Appropriations	3,114,235.14	3,116,590.86

The full text of this Ordinance may be reviewed by any interested citizen at the Administrative Offices Building, 314 Bridge Street, Morehead, Kentucky, Office of the City Clerk, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The undersigned Attorney at Law, licensed to practice in Kentucky, hereby certifies that the foregoing Ordinance Summary was prepared by the undersigned in accordance with the requirements of KRS 83A.060(9) and constitutes a general summary of the essential provisions of the Ordinance.

This the 23rd day of June, 2025.

Megan Hughes Richmond, City Attorney

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY
ORDINANCE NUMBER 14:2025

An Ordinance of City of Morehead, Kentucky amending the Morehead-Rowan County Tourism Commission Annual Budget for FY 07/01/24 through 06/30/25 by Estimating Revenue and Resources and Appropriations Funds for the Operations of Tourism and Convention Services, Budget Amendment 2 was given first reading on Monday, May 12, 2025 and second reading on Monday, June 9, 2025. Said Amendment amends the Morehead-Rowan County Tourism Commission Annual Budget for FY 07-01-2024 through 06-30-2025 as follows:

SUMMARY

The City of Morehead previously adopted a budget for the Morehead-Rowan County Tourism Commission for the 2024-25 fiscal year. This amendment no. 2 increased revenues for grant funding/reimbursement as well as income from Morehead Arts and Eats Festival. This amendment no. 2 also increased appropriations. The relevant portion of the amended budget is as follows:

	2024/25 Budget	Amendment 2
Revenue	2,011,077.14	2,035,077.14
Total Revenue	2,011,077.14	2,035,077.14
Depot Grant Funding	0.00	24,000.00
Total Revenue	84,500.00	128,263.98
Grant/Reimbursement Income	19,000.00	44,000.00
Part-Time Building Assistants	0.00	15,000.00
Morehead Arts and Eats Festival Income	0.00	21,763.98
Appropriations	1,840,036.02	1,715,764.45
Total Appropriations	1,840,036.02	1,715,764.45
Arts and Cultural Director (7/1-1/24)	56,688.83	33,840.00
Arts and Cultural Director (1/6-6/30)		58,656.00
Assistant Executive Director	53,314.30	59,000.00
City of Morehead Rec Prop Purchase Loan	167,262.24	24,340.56
Depot Grant Funding	0.00	12,337.00
Executive Director	66,679.76	71,000.00
Grant Funding	500,000.00	400,000.00
Marketing/Advertising	392,000.00	425,000.00
Memberships/Subscriptions	1,500.00	10,000.00
Admin Materials/Copier Lease/Postage	10,000.00	25,000.00
Staff Education/Travel/Conference Expense	3,500.00	7,500.00
Total Appropriations	1,192,894.12	1,209,720.10
Conference and Meeting Services Director	61,104.08	65,000.00
Employee Retirement	12,043.61	17,043.05
Part-Time Facility Tech	26,717.60	39,000.00
Payroll Tax Expense	4,773.46	9,900.00
Phone/Internet	5,300.00	12,000.00
Total Appropriations	81,305.00	111,373.03
Morehead Arts and Eats Festival Expense	0.00	15,068.03
Part-Time Building Assistants	13,000.00	28,000.00
Subtotal Appropriations	3,114,235.14	3,036,857.58
Total Appropriations	3,114,235.14	3,036,857.58

The full Budget and text of this Ordinance may be reviewed by any interested citizen at the Administrative Offices Building, 314 Bridge Street, Morehead, Kentucky, Office of the City Clerk, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The undersigned Attorney at Law, licensed to practice in Kentucky, hereby certifies that the foregoing Ordinance Summary was prepared by the undersigned in accordance with the requirements of KRS 83A.060(9) and constitutes a general summary of the essential provisions of the Ordinance.

This the 23rd day of June, 2025.

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY
ORDINANCE NUMBER 16:2025

An Ordinance Adopting the City of Morehead, Kentucky Annual Budget For FY 7-1-2024 through 6-30-2025 by Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operation of City Government, Amendment No. 2 was given first reading on Monday, May 12, 2025 and second reading on Monday, June 9, 2025.

SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND

Total Estimated Revenues are increased by \$670,000.00. This includes increases to the following: Balance Carried Forward are increased by \$200,000.00; Other Revenues are increased by \$455,000.00 for the sale of Surplus Property for the sale of 105 East Main Street; and Charges for Services are increased by \$15,000.00 for Insurance Claim Payments funds for a claim that was paid upon the death of the City's K-9 officer. Total Appropriations are increased by \$730,103.93. This includes changes to the following: Administration and Finance Expenses are increased by \$653,603.93. Police Expenses are increased by \$33,000.00. No changes to the Fire Expenses. Public Works Expenses are increased by \$16,500.00. Recreation Expenses are increased by \$5,000.00. Capital Outlay Expenses are increased by \$22,000.00. With these amendments, the Estimated Fund Balance for FY 06-30-2025 is \$5,080.02.

MUNICIPAL ROAD AID FUND

Municipal Road Aid funds have been added in the amount of \$162,158.00.

POLICE/911 CONSTRUCTION FUND

There were no changes or amendments to the Police/911 Construction Fund.

OTHER FUNDS

There were no changes or amendments to the CDBG Recovery KY Fund, the Federal Forfeiture Fund-DOJ, the Federal Forfeiture Fund-Treasury or the State Forfeiture Fund.

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