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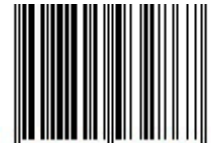
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Tax Rates set at Sept. Meeting & Other Fiscal Court News

On September 10th, 2026 the Lee County Fiscal Court held its regular monthly meeting with all magistrates in attendance.

Solid waste receipts for the month of August 2026 totaled approximately \$53k (+). Fall cleanup has been scheduled Sept. 25th and 26th (see page 8 for more info).

No county road department report was given due to absence of Kevin McIntosh.

LC ambulance service had 98 billable runs for the month of August.

The court approved a resolution between Lee County Fiscal Court and Commonwealth of Ky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways for the use of the county road known as Hawkins Road (located off Southfork) for access and other purposes necessary to construct the rock fall mitigation project taking place across from the beer store/ Boneyard Well.

The court approved a \$1k donation to the LC Family Resource Center for the Backpack Program.

The court approved Commonwealth of Ky MOA for the Lee County Fiscal Court – Park Improvements Projects for \$400,000.

The following annual tax rates were approved/accepted by the Lee County Fiscal Court for the previous calendar year. These tax rates will be used for the calculation of the compensating 4% tax rates for the next year.

County Rates:

Real Property 34.0, Personal Property 34.0, Bank Deposit Rate 2.5, Motor Vehicle 20.7, Watercraft 20.7.

Special Districts:

Real Property: Library 11.7, Soil Conservation 2.4, Extension Service 7.4, Health 7.6

Personal Property: Library 13.25, Extension Service 14.6, Health 8.0

Motor Vehicles & Watercraft: Library 3.9, Extension Service 3.0, Health 8.0

Note this is for county wide districts only and is not all inclusive. Do not include for school districts.

CONGRATS TO LC PRIDE OF THE MOUNTAINS BAND AND DIRECTOR TONY BARRETT FOR OPENING THEIR SEASON AT MADISON SOUTHERN WITH:

- Best color guard class 1A.
- 1st place class 1A.
- 4th place guard overall out of twelve bands.
- 5th place overall.

Photo via Rachel Childers.





Happy 1st Day of Fall 2026 on Sept. 22nd!

City Preparing for Woolly Worm & Other City Council News

By Lisa Robinson

The Beattyville City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Jackson. City Clerk Sally Gilbert called the roll and all council members were present except Ronnie Stamper. Councilman Sam Cockerham gave the Opening Invocation. Then all in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Jackson welcomed all guests.

Linda Smith asked the council about closing the streets on Thursday, October 22nd through midnight on Sunday, October 25, 2026. A motion was made and carried to approve closing the streets. “The second thing is asking permission to put the entertainment stage across the street at the Presbyterian Church. I have talked with the Presbyterian Church and they said they were 100% behind anything the festival wanted to do. It would not cause them any problems,” Linda continued. The mayor asked where they were going to get their electric from and Linda stated that they have two boxes between the church and the other building. The mayor asked if the cords would be on the street and sidewalk. Linda stated that they would be on the sidewalk. Mayor Jackson said that we need to make sure that the cords are covered so no one has an accident. The mayor asked what they were going to do about the parade. Linda said, “they could turn by Valero and go around that way.” “The parade needs to be a straight shot,” said the mayor. Teresa Mays said that they were holding off on scheduling anything on Town Square to see what they are doing for the festival music. After much discussion, a motion was made and carried to let council members Mitch and Ronnie along with Public Works director Ferrell Wise go check out the measurements and see where they can put the stage.

Paul Nesbitt from Nesbitt Engineering was not present because he was under the weather. Gary Smith, an Inspector with Nesbitt Engineering, was present to talk about some of the things they are working on. Gary is the overseer for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Gary said, “I don’t know how much you have been told about what has been done and what has not been done. The Raw Water Pumps have been installed and they are working. The generator will be set on Thursday (September 17). The electrician has been working for about six weeks getting all the electric run. He likes the wire from the generator to the high service pumps – he has the conduit in - he just needs to run the wire. The contractor is waiting on some stems and valves for the effluence on the filters because they have to be changed out first. We will take one filter out at a time. If everything goes well, it will take about four weeks. The plumber is supposed to be in the 21st to do all the pumps, metering pumps, the scales and all that. I don’t know how long it is going to take him to finish. Most of the pay that you all have put out has been on stored materials. You have to wait up to six months to a year on some parts because most of these parts are not just sitting on a shelf. It most likely has to be made. There is going to be a lot of work taking place in the next two or three months. We have a lot of stuff in and the contractor is fixing to move in full force.”

Nathan McIntosh from KRADD gave a very brief update on a couple of things. “I submitted the Southside Water Line Replacement with the Kentucky Waters. We are actually combining the Water Line Replacement on Southside with the Water Storage Tank Replacement. The total cost for the two projects combined is \$4,254,000. I submitted to Kentucky Waters for half of that and for the other half we are going to submit an ARC Grant. So, hopefully we can get that whole project covered.”

“The only reason that I put this back on the agenda is because last month we voted to amend the budget for Crystal Creek Trailhead. Now we don’t have to amend the budget because the environmental is not required for this project. We had the first reading last month and it had to have two readings and then be published in the paper. This is just for information and no action needs to be taken,” said Sally.

Change Order #3 – Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 – a valve got missed on the original design and it had to be fixed. There were a few other small things that needed to be changed out as well. A motion was made and carried to approve Change Order #2. A motion was made and carried to approve Draw #4 on the Water Treatment Plant Phase 2.

“I have been contacted by several people on Grand Avenue. They wish to have the speed limit reduced from 35 mph to 25mph. We need to get in touch with the League of Cities and see what the legal way is to process this,” said Mayor Jackson. A motion was made and carried to approve reducing the speed limit on Grand Avenue.

A motion was made and carried to approve the prior meeting minutes. Teresa Mays from Main Street & Economic Development gave a short update. She passed out a paper with several things listed. She invited everyone to attend the Main Street Does Dolly Day on Friday, September 25 (9.2.5). This will be held at the Town Square. Teresa also said that there is some activity at the WPA Building. They are cleaning and getting ready to change the windows.

City Police Chief Cody Sparks was unable to attend the meeting. Ferrell Wise was present but did not have a report ready to present. The mayor did say that they had been busy fixing water leaks. Sally presented the Financial Report. A motion was made and carried to approve the Financial Report. A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting.

