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Closing of Sally Ridge/Cawood Road Discussed in September Fiscal Court Meeting

By Lisa Robinson



The Owsley County Fiscal Court met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2026. The meeting was called to order by County Judge Executive Zeke Little. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Then an Invocation Prayer was given. A motion was made and carried to approve the reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

Linda Thomas, Secretary, gave the monthly Treasurer’s Report. “The General Fund has a cash balance of \$61,598.04, the Road Fund has a cash balance of \$1,673,693.83, the Jail Fund has a cash balance of \$38,178.74 and the LGEA Fund has a cash balance of \$46,733.29. The Solid Waste Fund has a cash balance of \$20,346.18, the Parks & Rec Fund has a cash balance of \$3,699.42, the LGEDF (Coal Severance) Fund has a cash balance of \$2,676.05 and the Clerk Storage Fund has a cash balance of \$7,688.69. The Opioid Fund has a cash balance of \$133,178.51, the Car Wash Fund has a cash balance of \$13,518.75, the Land Acquisition CD Fund has a cash balance of \$922,282.75 and the Bridge CD Fund has a cash balance of \$1,080,026.23. The Land Acquisition Fund has a cash balance of \$7,939.74 and the EKYSAFE Fund has a cash balance of \$352,703.37.” A motion was made and called to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

Nora Ragan from Willie’s Coppertop talked the court about some events going on at Willie’s. “Willie’s Community Kitchen has partnered with the Owsley County Recreational Center, Appalachian Ministries and Faith and Food Network to provide the community of Owsley and Lee Counties and possibly Breathitt County with weekly food supplies and hygiene items to the communities, as well as the schools, nursing homes and the jails.

With the excess, there will be a storage building for the non-perishables and classes for preserving food will all be offered free from Willie’s Community Kitchen to help people sustain the foods that are coming in. Additionally, the excess, no matter the condition, will go to help farmers with feeding their animals and turning into compost. We have already reached out to farmers that would take the excess. Three people so far have agreed to take some of the excess.

If they so desire, they can give back to the community by donating eggs and other goods. Our hope for this give away is to have better quality food for families and the communities and strengthening the homes and the lives of the people in the communities. Full bellies mean a better chance of proper brain function. Food will come on Mondays. It will be stored in boxes. The boxes will be put into cars by volunteers. Owsley County and Lee County will come at separate times. Some of the food boxes will be held in reserve for Willie’s Community Kitchen. We serve hot meals twice a week for people that may just want to come and socialize or if they just need to fill their bellies. We will be repeating this process every week. This will not just be fresh items. We have reached out to several other companies that will be bringing in soaps, conditioners, cleaning supplies and things that can be utilized throughout the community. Everybody needs to sign up. You don’t have to turn in income. This is for anybody that wants to come and get it. The first give away will be around the first of October. If you have questions, you call me (Nora) at 606-560-9159 or the Rec Center.”

Chad Maskburn from Jackson Energy was present to talk about trying to cut down on outage times. “Jackson Energy serves two full cities wholly, McKee and Booneville. We want to give as much reliable service as we can give to the city. We saw a place or two that we can improve as far as power restoration in a large event. We don’t want extended power outages like we have had in the past. We have had several long-lasting outages in the City of Booneville.

We want to cut that back. We just wanted to bring this to your attention that we

STIVERS RECEIVES MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION INDUSTRY CHAMPION AWARD



Senate President Robert Stivers (left) is presented with the Motion Picture Association’s 2026 Industry Champion Award by MPA Chair and CEO Charles H. Rivkin (right). Sept. 24, 2026. Photo Credit: Motion Picture Association.
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OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS!

- New lump in the breast or underarm.
- Thickening or swelling of part of the breast.
- Irritation or dimpling of breast skin.
- Redness or flaky skin in the nipple area or breast.
- Pulling in of the nipple or pain in the nipple area.
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk. (Blood)
- Any change in the size or shape of breast.
- Pain in any area of the breast.

If you have any of these signs or symptoms, be sure to see your provider right away!

are working for you and trying to give you better reliable service. We really appreciate each and every one of you and the work that you do and we are here to help in any way that we can.”

Judge Little said, “I have an Agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky for blacktop roads that they sent us. It is an agreement and a resolution. The agreement is on Lower Wolf Creek Road (CR1131), Mayor’s Road (CR1310), Pryce Road (CR1324), Spencer Fork Road (CR1031) and Straight Fork of Zeke Branch Road (CR1026). This is the roads that the state has graded. This is for a total of \$545,812.00 of Flex Funds. We need to enter into an agreement with them.” A motion was made and carried to enter into the agreement. Judge Little continued, “we also have to do a resolution on those roads.” A motion was made and carried to do a resolution on this.

The “closing” of Sally Ridge/Cawood Road was next. Judge Little said, “we had a reading on it at the last meeting. Dillon came in and asked for the closure of Sally Ridge Road above the Marshall place and on the other side of the hill above the graveyard. We ran it in the paper for four weeks to be closed. Since then, I have had 450 signatures online, 3 people from the county came in refusing it.” Attorney Rodney Davis was present to represent the Callahan Family.

“I have seen the public notice that was in the paper. Has there been a previous motion made to close the road to prompt the public hearing? Is there a Fiscal Court record of that? I just want to clarify why we are here today,” said Att. Davis. There was talk of whether the county had done upkeep on the road. Judge Little said that they had been doing upkeep and Attorney Davis asked for the records of the upkeep.