# District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft**
**Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison**
**County Attorney**
**July 21, 2026**

Adam L. Frye. Arraignment. Poss cont sub, 1st degree, 1st offense. Appoint PD. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). 8/28.

Kodi Hackworth. Arraignment. (1)Disregarding stop sign. (2)Failure to or improper signal. (3)Poss cont sub, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine). (4)Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. (5)No operators/moped license. Appoint PD. PNG. $5,000. 8/28.

Seth Adam Potts. Arraignment. Theft by deception-include cold checks $1,000<$10,000. Appoint PD. PNG. WFA. PH .

Jennifer Stacy. Arraignment. Oper MV U/INFL ALC/SUBS - 1st. PNG. 10/20.

Helen M. Bloomfield. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Anthony James Burton. Diversion completion. Redocket.

Dustin E. Cottingham. Status hearing. FTA. BW.

Dustin E. Cottinghman. Show cause. Amount due: $633. FTA. BW.

Dustin Eugene Cottingham. Show cause. Amount due: $283. FTA. BW.

Amber N. Gillum. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

James Glenn Hill. Arraignment. Disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. 10/27.

Kelton Blake Kilgore. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Caeden Lambert. Other hearing. (1)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. (2)License to be in possession. (3)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (4)Failure to produce insurance card. Dismiss. Showed proof.

Kelly Ray Rister. Diversion completion. Redocket.

Maxwell Jessee Arrasmith. Pretrial conference. (1)Speeding 26 MPH over/greater. Pled Guilty (PG). $100 fine. (2)Reckless driving. PG. $100 fine. (3)Careless driving. Merge. (4)Driving motor vehicle using hand-held mobile telephone. PG. $50 fine.

Tony Bevins. Pretrial conference. (1)Resisting arrest. (2)Resisting arrest. 8/25.

Tyler J. Blevins. Preliminary hearing. (1)TBUT part from vehicles $1,000<$10,000. (2)Criminal mischief, 1st degree. Court finds probable cause. Bound over to Grand Jury for further proceedings. $5,000. Signature Bond. Tony Blevins or Barbara Hobbs.

Willie S. Burns. Preliminary hearing. (1)Burglary, 2nd degree. (2)Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. Court finds probable cause. Bound over to GJ for further proceedings. Violation by entry into residence.

Christopher L. Campbell. Pretrial conference. Criminal trespass-2nd degree. FTA. BW.

Christopher L. Campbell. Pretrial conference. Unauthorized use of motor vehicle-1st offense. FTA. BW.

Michael S. Cremeans. Pretrial conference. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. 8/4.

Anthony Wayne Davis. Pretrial conference. (1)Failure to illuminate head lamps. (2)No tail lamps. (3)Rear license not illuminated. (4)No rear view mirror. (5)Reckless driving. (6)Failure to or improper signal. (7)Oper MV U/INFL ALC, 3rd. 7/28.

Gary Fetters. Pretrial conference. Criminal littering. Motion by Commonwealth to dismiss.

Phillip D. Hampton. Pretrial conference. (1)Disorderly conduct, 1st degree. (2)Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd. (3)Resisting arrest. Set for jury trial. 11/19.

Jeramie W. Hester. Pretrial conference. Assault 4th degree domestic violence no visible injury. 8/4.

Destiny Hill. Pretrial conference. TBUT or DISP all others. Reset 8/11.

Ylisha Abyl Jordan. Pretrial conference. (1)Oper MV U/INFL ALC .08, 1st. (2)Failure to wear seat belts. Set for plea 7/28.

Dylan Wayne Kirker. Revocation hearing. 30 days to be served for 10 consecutive weekends. 3 days per weekend.

Perry Knell. Revocation hearing. Amount due: $243. Withdraw.

Perry Knell. Pretrial conference. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. PG. 12 months serve 60. CD 2 yrs. Violate no law. Consecutive.

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Perry W. Knell. Revocation hearing. Withdraw.

Perry Wayne Knell. Revocation hearing. Withdraw.

Mark McElfresh. Pretrial conference. Assault 4th degree - child abuse. Refer to anger management and parenting. Agreement with cabinet. 8/18.

Nathan Rickett. Pretrial conference. (1)Indecent exposure, 2nd degree. (2)Harassing communications. FTA. BW.

Ricky Dale Salyer. Pretrial conference. (1)Possess open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle. (2)OPER MV U/INFL ALC .08, 1st. (3)Failure of non-owner operator to maintain req insurance, 1st. (4)All terrain vehicle violations. 8/25.

Jacob Daniel Scott. Pretrial conference. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. 12 months. SB90.

Thomas Clay Allen Thompson. Preliminary hearing. (1)Burglary, 1st degree. (2)Attempt burglary, 3rd degree. (3)Attempt TBUT or DISP Auto $1,000<$10,000. (4)Wanton endangerment-1st degree. Motion to modify bond overruled. Same bond. Court finds probable cause. Bound over to GJ for further proceedings.

Dillon Thurman. Preliminary hearing. (1)Strangulation 1st degree (domestic violence related). (2)Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. Commonwealth motion to dismiss.

James T. Wheaton. Pretrial conference. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. 8/11.

James Tyler Wheaton. Arraignment. Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. WFA. 8/11.

All information contained in the " Court News" is directly taken from the dockets of the Lewis County Circuit and District Court.







## Notice of the Filing of a Final Settlement

Pursuant to KRS 395.625, notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of June 2026, a final settlement was filed by Tony Nolan, Executor of the Estate of Robert Mitchell Roe, deceased.

A hearing will be held on said final settlement at 9:00 a.m. on August 25, 2026. Exceptions to said final settlement must be filed before said hearing.

**Teresa Callahan, Clerk**
**Lewis Circuit & District Courts**

## Notice of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Betty Moore, whose address was 81 KY Heights Lane, Quincy, KY 41166, and Timothy Moore, whose address is 81 KY Heights Lane, Quincy, KY 41166, was appointed Administrator on July 14, 2026.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Timothy Moore, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Timothy Moore.

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**Lewis Circuit & District Courts**

## Notice of the Filing of a Final Settlement

Pursuant to KRS 395.625, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of June 2026, a final settlement was filed by Rodney Lee Ginn and Linda Darlene Morris, Co-Executors of the Estate of Samuel Lee Ginn, deceased.

A hearing will be held on said final settlement at 9:00 a.m. on August 25, 2026. Exceptions to said final settlement must be filed before said hearing.

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## Notice of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Ruby D. Stamm, whose address was 6751 KY 377, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and James E. Stamm, whose address is 95 Stamm Lane, Vanceburg, KY 41179, was appointed Executor on July 14, 2026.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said James E. Stamm, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said James E. Stamm.

**Teresa Callahan, Clerk**
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## Allison Ball
## Auditor of Public Accounts

Independent Auditor's Report

To the People of Kentucky
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable George Sparks, Lewis County Judge/Executive
Members of the Lewis County Fiscal Court

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement**

***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis of the Lewis County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Lewis County Fiscal Court's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

*Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting*

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances – regulatory basis of the Lewis County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2024, in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

*Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Lewis County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2024, or the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards,* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Fiscal Court Audit Guide* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Lewis County Fiscal Court and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

***Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Lewis County Fiscal Court on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement***

Lewis County Fiscal Court's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Lewis County Fiscal Court's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lewis County Fiscal Court's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Lewis County Fiscal Court's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

**Other Matters**

***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Lewis County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement; however, they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws.

The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in this report. The other information is comprised of the schedule of capital assets but does not include the financial statement and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the financial statement do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statement, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statement, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 30, 2026, on our consideration of the Lewis County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Lewis County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses included herein, which discusses the following report findings:

2024-001 The Lewis County Fiscal Court Failed To Implement Adequate Controls Over Debt Related Transactions That Resulted In Exceeding The Approved Budget

2024-002 The Lewis County Fiscal Court Failed To Properly Approve All Disbursements

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, Ky

April 30, 2026

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Vanceburg Electric Plant Board will retain a qualified engineering firm to provide engineering services related to planning, design, construction administration, inspection, and other required services for the Vanceburg Water Loss Project. Funding sources for this project may include, but are not limited to, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Program, the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program, the Kentucky Water and Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems (KYWWaters) and other applicable funding opportunities.

The Electric Plant Board will accept Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms interested in providing services for this project until **4:30 p.m. E.T. / 3:30 p.m. C.T. on August 14, 2026**. An RFQ packet containing project information and the criteria that will be used to select the engineering firm may be obtained at HYPERLINK "http://www.btadd.com"www.btadd.com or by contacting Kristie Dodge, Community Development Director, Buffalo Trace Area Development District, via email at HYPERLINK "mailto:kdodge@btadd.com"kdodge@btadd.com.

Statements of Qualifications must be submitted to:

Buffalo Trace Area Development District
Attn: Statement of Qualifications – Vanceburg Water Loss Project
P.O. Box 460
Maysville, KY 41056

Statements of Qualifications will be ranked based on the written materials submitted, in accordance with the criteria outlined in the RFQ packet. The City of Vanceburg Electric Plant Board reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

This solicitation for Statements of Qualifications is being conducted to fulfill state and federal funding agency procurement requirements. Respondents are advised that the following requirements may apply: (1) Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; (2) Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; (4) Executive Order 11246; and (5) Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities. All of these requirements may be incorporated into any contract issued pursuant to this solicitation.

The City of Vanceburg Electric Plant Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms.

Gayle Massie, Chair
Vanceburg Electric Plant Board

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