Lewis County Officials Present Monthly Reports

By Dennis K. Brown

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

Sheriff Johnny Bivens filed his department activities from October 12, 2026 through November 9, 2026

- Citations 7
- Subpoenas Served 8
- Domestic Related Calls 41
- Civil Summons Served 31
- Arrests 6
- Cases Open For Investigation 8
- Accident Investigations 12
- Criminal Summons 5
- Prisoners Transp. to Secure Facility 198 miles
- Juveniles Transported 150 miles
- DVOs and EPOs 7
- Court Security Hours 605.5 hours
- Prescription Deliveries 0
- Auto Inspections 93
- Funeral Escorts 5
- Concealed Carry Permits 28
- Miscellaneous 48
- Taxes Collected:

Property $3,097,095.72
Franchise $62,571.20
Total $3,159,666.92

Stolen property recovered:
SO-26-089 2014 GMC Acadia $5,000.00
Total recovered $5,000.00

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 October:

Sheriff	294
Vanceburg PD	133
EMS	185
Coroner	2
Air Evac	5
Lewis County FD	20
Garrison FD	19
Vanceburg FD	21
Black Oak FD	9
Firebrick FD	4
Lewis County 2 FD	3
Tollesboro FD	17
Camp Dix FD	6
EMA	1
Total Calls	**719**

911 Wrecker Log October:

Mullin's	0
McCann's	3
W KY 8	1
Ginn's	6
G&H	6
Thayer's	2
Clark's	3
Crawford's	0
Bradford's	0

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

Goodwin said 1,129.55 tons of gravel and stone and 191.89 tons of hot patch had been hauled by the county.

Roadways Graveled/Repaired: Carrs Hollow Rd., Monteith, North Fork Ridge, Thorp Ridge, North Licking River, Rock Camp, Ben Willim Branch, Stamper Branch, Norman Ln., Carmen Ln., and Straight Fork.

Roadways Ditched: Swearingen, Cooper Fork, Rock Camp, and Vance Creek.

Roadways Graded: Stamper Branch, Old Trace (Head), Stevens Ridge, Carmen Ln., Straight Fork, and East Canaan Church Rd.

Blacktop/Gravel Patching: Paint Lick Branch Rd., Toller Branch Rd., Swearingen Branch Rd., Tar Fork, Cooper Fork, Davis Ln., Trinity Station, Cabin Creek Rd., Tully, Sand Hill Spur, Manley Hollow, Crooked Creek, Poplar Flat Rd., Lower Kinney Rd., Rock Run, Firebrick area, Scaffold Lick, Paint Lick, Holly, Kilbreth, Toller, Garrad, Osborne, May Hollow, Spence, Little Sulphur, Creamery Pike, Lyles Ln., Smooth Rock, McDowells Creek Rd., Fairview Dr., Straight Fork, Armstrong Church Rd., Lambert Branch, and Bennett St.

Bus Turn/School Request Repaired: Evermans Dreamview and School Board.

Roadways Mowed/Brush/Trees: Fly Branch, KLG, Perry, Gilliam, Quicks Run, Dummitt, Old Trace, Richmond, Raccoon, 344 pull off, Blue Springs, Twins Br., Stamper Br., Lewis, Little Holly, Stone Br. - Davis Fork, Horseshoe BND, Riley Ln., Manley Hollow, Cabin Creek, Ribolt-Epworth, Canaan Church Rd., King, A. Thomas, Trinity Station, Pine Grove Church Rd., Highfield, Crooked Creek, E-Fork, Dye Ln., Ironwood, Garrad, and Creamery Pike.

Roadways Repaired Shoulder: Cooper Fork, Hickory Hollow, and Holbrook Hollow.

Pipe Installed/Repaired: Cooper Fork and Firebrick.

Solid Waste Coordinator Roger Lewis gave his report:

- Performed all regular coordinator duties.
- Sent out letters, received several phone calls and completed several site visits concerning complaints and nuisances.
- Still taking in recycled material.
- We are still picking up cardboard from most of businesses in Vanceburg and in the county.
- We want to thank the County Judge Executive and the Fiscal Court along with all the others who helped us in getting a much needed truck for Lewis County Solid Waste.
- We had a visit from Lisa Evans with the Division of Waste Management, Recycling, and Assistance Branch from Frankfort, KY. We visited the Crumb Rubber site at Pinnacle Park in Garrison and the Black Oak Recreation Park. Lisa was also going to go visit the Tollesboro Park. Lisa also checked the picnic tables and the park benches made from the crumb rubber that were placed in various parks.
- Pickers have picked 46 miles and collected 323 bags. Roads that have been picked are: Rt. 8, Rt. 377, Rt. 3310, Rt. 1149, Toller Branch Rd., Rt. 59, Rt. 344, Rt. 3311, and Rt. 3037.
- Road pickers have finished for the year. This year, they picked a total of 426.5 miles and collected 4,093 bags.
- Thank you to Lisa Evans for all her assistance and guidance with the grants we have applied for and received. She has been a great help to us.

Animal Control reported 10 picked up; 17 dropped off; 21 rescued; 1 reclaimed; $0 donation; 2 adoptions ($200), 1 tag ($5.00), 3 E-911 calls; 119 office calls received. Cash total: $75.00; Check: $150.00; Total: $225.00. Fleming County Fiscal Court was billed $0.00. Sixteen dogs remained at the shelter at the end of the month.

Emergency Management Director Dennis Brown gave his report. The Lewis County Alert System continued to gain followers. It was activated three times in October to notify residents of a freeze watch, freeze warning, and frost advisory. The alert system allows notifications to our residents through text, email, voice (telephone), Twitter, and the Smart 911 App. Targeted alerts can notify small groups (specific county offices/groups/employees). Lewis County Alerts has more than 5,600 subscribers.

- Worked with Vanceburg Fire on the smoke alarm partnership with Red Cross to provide units to area residents. Will continue working with all departments making this program available countywide.
- Pursuing grant and partnership for locator/tracker devices for residents who may wander (Alzheimer's/dementia).
- Pursuing grant funding for water rescue kits/medic kits for first responders.
- Completed necessary paperwork with KYEM as required.
- Participated in continuing education for EMA.
- Participated in continuing training for Red Cross Volunteer position.
- Planning CERT/preparedness trainings for local school/student groups.
- Attended Buffalo Trace Firefighters awards dinner. (October 17)
- Attended a PIO Zoom session weather monitoring. (October 7)
- Completed training on IPAWS for county officials. (October 20)
- Performed outdoor siren maintenance at all locations.
- Participated in cybersecurity training. (October 28)
- Assisted Red Cross with assistance to families following house fires.
- Working with Greenup County Public Safety for mutual aid dispatching.
- Maintaining EM office hours Mon. - Fri.
- Working to complete required Access Control List for CJIS.
- Working with Lewis County Schools on campus safety. (Raptor & Command Point)
- Participated in 911 Board meeting. (October 13)
- Working with Comprehend officials for more thorough implementation of 988 services in Lewis County.
- Assisted with Animal Control matters.
- Working with RAVE mass notification program to streamline notifications processes.
- Working with other counties in the region with communications plans for mutual aid.
- Working with Tollesboro Fire to improve communication link between Dispatch and Tollesboro Fire's radio repeater.
- Working with Christian Appalachian Project to restore Operation Sharing Program in the county.
- Participated in Kentucky Qualification System – PIO certification training.
- Participated in Broadband Improvement review discussions with providers and local officials to finalize county plan.
- Created newspaper, radio, and social media PSA distribution for bears, ticks, and weather preparedness.
- Working with AK and Windstream to restore 911 telephone service multiple times.
- Assisted LCSO with traffic control and scene photography for various incidents.
- Telephone conference with Area Director Jason York to discuss training and reporting practices.

County Treasurer Penny Lee reported the total of all county funds for the month of October had a beginning balance of $3,143,885.48 and an ending balance of $3,049,624.61. Receipts for the month totaled $385,175.86 while disbursements totaled $479,436.73. The next regular meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court is at 3:00 p.m. December 14, 2026.

Circuit Court

Hon. Brian C. McCloud
Hon. Rhese McKenzie
Commonwealth's Attorney
November 20, 2026

Commonwealth vs Justin Adam. Sentencing. (1)Traff in controlled substance, 1st offense - (Heroin). (2)TICS, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 GMS Methamphetamine). (3)Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. (4)No/expired registration plates. (5)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Pled Guilty (PG). 7 years.

Commonwealth vs Joshua Ryan Applegate. Show cause. Amount due: $2387.55. 8/20/2027.

Commonwealth vs Danette Betsy Balian. Motion hour. (1)Perjury - 1st degree. (2)Perjury - 1st degree. Review 11/19/27.

Commonwealth vs Charli Bane. Pretrial conference. Flagrant non support. PG. 5 years.

Commonwealth vs Taurian Brandon. Show cause. Amount due: $265.00. FTA. Issue BW.

Commonwealth vs Michael Clark. Probation revocation hearing. FTA. Issue BW.

Commonwealth vs William Collins. Pretrial conference. (1)Sodomy, 1st degree, victim u/12 years of age. Amend sexual abuse, 1st degree. (2)Sexual abuse, 1st degree victim u/12 years of age. (3)Incest - with person less than 12 years of age. Pretrial 2/19/27. Trial 3/1/27.

Commonwealth vs Dustin Cottingham. Motion hour. Amount due: $5645.00. 2/19/27.

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Commonwealth vs Dustin Cottingham. Motion hour. (1)Assault, 1st degree. (2)Leave accident/fail render aid/asst/w death/serious phys inj. 2/19/2027.

Commonwealth vs Dustin Cottingham. Pretrial conference. (1)Assault, 1st degree. (2)Leave accident/fail render aid/asst/w death/serious phys inj. 2/19/2027.

Commonwealth vs Justin D. Cottingham. Show cause. Amount due: $25537.00. 5/21/2027.

Commonwealth vs Glenna Gilliam. Pretrial conference. (1)Tampering with physical evidence. (2)Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. (3)Traffick in controlled substance, 1st offense. (4)TICS, 1st offense (Carfentanil or Fentanyl Derivatives). (5)Importing carfentanil, fentanyl, or fentanyl derivatives. (6)Traff in controlled substances 1st offense - (Heroin). (7)Poss cont sub, 2nd degree - Hallucinogen. (8)Poss cont sub, 2nd degree - Drug unspecified. Suppression 1/15/27.

Commonwealth vs Krista Gilliam. Status hearing. Amount due: $679.00. 5/21/2027.

Commonwealth vs Michael Henderson. Show cause hearing. Amount due: $245.00. 3/19/2027.

Commonwealth vs Yasmine Lightner. Arraignment. Flagrant non support. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). 3/19/2027.

Commonwealth vs Emma Littleton. Sentencing. (1A)TICS, 1st degree, 1st offense (>= 2 GMS Methamphetamine). (2)Failure to or improper signal. (3)Operating vehicle with expired operators license. (4)Failure to or improper signal. PG. 7 years.

Commonwealth vs Cody Lyons. Show cause. Amount due: $3744.40. FTA. Issue BW.

Commonwealth vs Steven Malone. Motion hour. (1)Criminal abuse/neglect - 1st degree - Child >13. (2)Criminal abuse/neglect - 1st degree. Motion overruled.

Commonwealth vs Danny McGowan. Pretrial conference. (1)Burglary, 1st degree. (2)Burglary, 2nd degree. (3)Burglary, 3rd degree. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Brady Ober. Arraignment. (1)Burglary, 2nd degree. (2)TBUT or DISP all others $1,000 < $10,000. (3)Persistent felony offender - first degree. Appoint PD. PNG. 12/18.

Commonwealth vs Heather Savoie. Show cause hearing. Amount due: $33425.75. 8/20/2027.

Commonwealth vs Brady Shackelford. Show cause hearing. Check status 3/19/2027.

Commonwealth vs Adam D. Thacker. Bond hearing. (1)Vehicular homicide when under the influence of alcohol. (2)Oper MV U/INFL Alc .08 - 1st. (3)Criminal trespass-2nd degree. Bond $50,000. 1/15/2027.

Commonwealth vs Thomas C.A. Thompson. Pretrial conference. (1)Burglary, 1st degree. (2)Burglary, 3rd degree. (3)TBUT or DISP auto $1,000<$10,000. (4)Wanton endangerment-1st degree. 1/15/2027.

Commonwealth vs Melinda Thoroughman. Pretrial conference. Assault, 1st degree. Pretrial 2/19/2027. Trial 3/1/2027.

Commonwealth vs Brandon Walker. Arraignment. Flagrant non support. Paid in full. Case dismissed.

District Court

Hon. Paul E. Craft
Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison
County Attorney
November 17, 2026

Keisha Bentley. Other hearing. Public Intoxication controlled subs. Appoint PD. 90 days serve 7. Balance C/D 2 yrs. Credit time served.

Keshia Bentley. Other hearing. Appoint PD. 11/24.

Ciara Borger. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Harley Wayne Collier. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Andrew Lawrence Flege. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Breanna Highfield. Diversion completion. 12/8.

Kenneth Hunt. Other hearing. Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. FTA. BW.

Kalama A. Kabongo. Expungement hearing. Sustained.

William Kelly. Arraignment. Local county ordinance. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). 12/1.

Roger Mosley. Other hearing. (1)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. $150. (2)License to be in possession. Merge. (3)Inadequate silencer (muffler). $25. (4)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. $100. (5)No/expired registration plates. Merge. (6)Improper registration plate. Merge. (7)Improper display of registration plates. Merge. (8)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. $500. (9)Failure to produce insurance card. Merge.

Roger Mosley. Arraignment. (1)Rear license not illuminated. $25. (2)No/expired registration plates. $100. (3)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. $150. (4)Failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. $500.

Jenny O'Berry. Arraignment. Local county ordinance. CW motion to dismiss.

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Nicole Toller. Arraignment. (1)No/expired registration plates. (2)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. 1/12.

Rebecca Baier. Pretrial conference. (1)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. S/P Dismiss. (2)License to be in possession. (3)Operating vehicle with expired operators license. (4)No/expired registration plates. 1/12.

Lashanda J. Bertram. Pretrial conference. Poss cont sub, 3rd degree. SB90.

Lawrence W. Bevins. Pretrial conference. Local county ordinance. $250. Clean up property within 30 days.

Justin Cottingham. Pretrial conference. Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. 12/15.

Justin Cottingham. Pretrial conference. (1)Failure to wear seat belts. (2)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3)No/expired registration plates. (4)Improper registration plate. (5)Failure to produce insurance card. (6)Failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. (7)License to be in possession. (8)No operators/moped license. 12/15.

Christopher A. Davis. Pretrial conference. Harassing communications. 2 yr diversion. No contact. No further violations of the law.

Trey Allen Flinders. Pretrial conference. (1)Insufficient head lamps. (2)Rear license not illuminated. (3)Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. (4)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. (5)Failure to produce insurance card. (6)Poss of marijuana. Set for hearing 11/24.

Bridget Fraley. Pretrial conference. Failure to produce insurance card. $50.

Caleb S. Hackworth. Pretrial conference. (1)Public intoxication controlled subs. (2)Assault 4th degree minor injury. 1/12.

Caleb S. Hackworth. Pretrial conference. TBUT or DISP all others. 1/12.

Billy Horsley. Revocation hearing. 10 days. Credit for 7. Probation 2 yrs.

Nathan W. Lykins. Pretrial conference. (1)Fleeing or evading police, 3rd degree. (2)Resisting arrest. 11/24.

Ricky Mack. Preliminary hearing. (1)Assault, 2nd degree - domestic violence. (2)Rape, 1st degree. Case bound over to Grand Jury for further proceedings.

Kodey Pollard. Pretrial conference. Assault 4th degree domestic violence. Appoint PD. 11/24.

Tommy R. Potter Jr. Pretrial conference. (1)Assault 4th degree no visible injury. (2)Terroristic threatening 3rd degree. 12/1.

Shawn Zornes. Pretrial conference. TBUT or DISP all others $500<$1,000. 12/1.

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PEOPLES SELF-HELP HOUSING, INC. PLAINTIFF

AND

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RICKEY H. CORNS, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on October 20, 2026, to raise the sum of $11,510.63, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Lewis County Courthouse, 112 Second Street, Vanceburg, Kentucky, 41179, on Thursday, Deccember 3, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

Real Estate located at, 73 Hamlin Spur, Tollesboro, KY 41189 and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 020-00-00-071.10. The land is more particularly described in the record of this action located in the office of the Lewis Circuit Court Clerk, where it can be reviewed upon request.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, said bidder shall post bond with surety acceptable to the Master Commissioner and pre-approved by the Master Commissioner at least by noon, two (2) business days before the sale date, as security for the unpaid purchase price, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale. The surety must be present at the sale and must own real estate in Kentucky, but may not be the successful bidder's spouse. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant's right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Lewis County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Lewis Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner's Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed.

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