

COMMUNITY

Fiscal Court
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mately 7,000 runs by the end of the year. He also talked about ongoing maintenance on various trucks in the fleet, as well. Judge-Exec. Clark also mentioned that Mr. Lewis would be stepping down as EMS Director but will stay on with the department and become an EMS Instructor and focus on recruiting, instructing, and teaching classes for the Rowan County EMS service. Later in the meeting, the court approved

the appointment of Levi Hanshaw as the new Rowan County EMS Director. Under New Business, the court approved an agreement between the County and the City of Morehead for Animal Control; and approved an agreement between the County and the City of Morehead for Emergency Management. The court heard a report from Morehead-Rowan County Tourism Executive Director Joy Brown and subsequently approved the 1st reading of an ordinance amending a previous ordinance,

Croquet makes its comeback at the 2026 Bluegrass State Games in Morehead



After a 20-year absence, croquet has officially returned to the Bluegrass State Games. On July 11th, players from across the region gathered at Don Greenhill City Park in Morehead, Kentucky for this year's Bluegrass State Games to bring the sport back to the state's premier amateur athletic event, and the comeback did not disappoint. For two decades, croquet sat on the sidelines of the Games' lineup. This year, that changed. Competitors of all skill levels took to the courts at Don Greenhill City Park, trading in mallets and wickets for an afternoon of precision, patience, and friendly rivalry. The event captured everything the Bluegrass State Games are known for: community spirit, competitive spark, and a genuine love of sport. Golf croquet, known for rewarding tactical thinking as much as raw skill, proved to be the perfect way to reintroduce the game. Singles and doubles brackets gave players multiple chances to test their strategy against fellow competi-

tors, and the results reflected a strong field of talent. Singles Results

- Gold: Grant Penn
- Silver: Tony Littrell
- Bronze: Dean Rowland

Doubles Results

- Gold: Sue Shereer and Lewis Carlise
- Silver: Grant Penn and David Penn
- Bronze: Daniel Fultz and Tripp Greenhill

Congratulations to all of the medalists, and to every player who stepped onto the court to help bring this classic sport back into the Bluegrass State Games fold. A special thank you goes out to the volunteers, organizers, and staff at Don Greenhill City Park whose work behind the scenes made this milestone comeback possible. With croquet back on the roster after two decades away, organizers hope this year's turnout is just the beginning of a new era for the sport in Kentucky's amateur sports scene. Here's to many more years of wickets, mallets, and Bluegrass State Games competition to come.

regarding the Joint Tourism Commission, providing re-wording updates/changes to said ordinance; approved the G.R.A.N.T. program authorizing resolution, regarding the Rowan County Amphitheatre Project; heard a report from Morehead-Rowan County President and CEO Jason Slone that spoke about industrial updates in the county; and heard a report from Eastern Light Distilling Master Distiller Caleb Kilburn and Program Manager of Energize Kentucky Program Chris Jones, and subsequently approved three motions, which include

a financing agreement, and notices of assessment regarding the Eastern Light Distilling project. The court approved the appointments of Porter Dailey and Brandon Hamilton to the Morehead-Rowan County Airport Board; awarded the Rock Fork Bridge project to Stegall General Contracting, LLC, for bridge construction, in the amount of \$87,500.00, but before construction begins Stegall must be certified by the state, if not certified, the court will go to the next bid that was received; approved the quote from Angie's Buds

and Blooms regarding landscaping at EMS Station 2; and approved the hiring of an individual to the Rowan County Road Department. The court approved the 1st reading of a budget amendment, in the amount of \$1,042,214.84; approved the County Treasurer's annual settlement; approved the budget transfers; approved the Quarterly and Monthly Financial Statements; and approved the consideration of monthly bills, including the county funded non-profit financial statements. Before going into closed session, the court

approved the 1st reading of the 2026 motor vehicle/watercraft tax rate, at 8.0cents per \$100 of assessed value (no change from last year); approved the 2026 real/personal property tax rate from the Rowan County Board of Health, at 4.5cents per \$100 of assessed value (no change from last year); and approved the 2027 motor vehicle/watercraft tax rate, at 4.5cents per \$100 of assessed value. The meeting then went into closed session and was subsequently adjourned following the session, with committee meetings held directly afterwards.



Photo courtesy of Rowan County Senior High School Facebook page
Rowan County Senior High School FFA members had an incredible experience attending FFA Camp at the Carol Martin Gatton Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center! Throughout the week, students developed their leadership skills, built lasting friendships with FFA members from across Kentucky, and embraced the values of teamwork, service, and personal growth. To top off an amazing week, the Vikings proudly earned the title of Kickball Champions! Their teamwork, determination, and Viking spirit were on full display both on and off the field. Congratulations to all of the RCSHS FFA members for representing Rowan County with pride and excellence. We are so proud of the way you led, competed, and made memories that will last a lifetime! Way to go, Vikings!

ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 25 @ 10:00 AM

Located At 698 Flood Hollow Road
From I-64 Exit 123 Near Owingsville, KY. Take US 60 East Toward Salt Lick Approximately 5 Miles, Turn Right On Flood Hollow Road, Follow To The End. Watch For Signs.

LIVE ON SITE BIDDING ONLY



Tractors

Kubota M8560, Cab, Heat, Air, 4WD, Shuttle, LA353 Loader With Bucket, 168 Hours, Kubota MX4900 4WD With LA1065 Loader, 9.3 Hours, C70 McCormick 4WD Open Station, 430 Case Tractor (Nice). and A McCormick Farmall A With Cultivators, 4 New Tires.



Machinery

15' Woods BW180 Batwing With Airplane Tires, 5' 3-Point Tiller, 6' Power Grader Blade, 3-Point Seed Sower, 2-Bottom Ford Plows, Oliver 2-Row Corn Planter, 3-Point Seed/Fertilizer Spreader, Ironcraft/Trowcraft 3-Point 6' Lift Bush Hog, Single Axle Homemade Farm Trailer, 3-Point Gooseneck Hitch, and Miscellaneous Horse-Drawn Plows.

24' Golden Gooseneck Flatbed Trailer With Dovetail And Ramps.
20' Gatormade Flatbed Trailer With Ramps.

Miscellaneous

200-Gallon Fuel Tank With Electric Pump (1/2 Full), 5 Rolls Motto Barbed Wire, 3/4" Water Line, Lincoln Welder, Cutting Torch, (2) Upright Air Compressors, (2) 1½-Ton Ratchet Come-A-Longs, Commercial Pump, Load Binders, Log Chains, Air Tank, Gas Cans, Pressure Washer, ATV Winch (New In Box), Ratchet Straps, A/C Vacuum Pump (New In Box), Air Hose Reel, Shop Vac, Jet Sled, Swimming Pool Pump, Wood Vises, Bench Vise, Table Saw, Step Ladders, Floor Ramps, Aluminum Toolbox, Stihl Chainsaw, Floor Jacks, Jack Stands, Tree Stand, Dog Cages, Miscellaneous Lumber, Pot Belly Stove, Anvil, Railroad Jack, Old Crosscut Saw, Gun Safe, Tool Cabinets, Tool Boxes, Creeper, Shelving, (2) Craftsman Tool Chests, (2) Craftsman Stools, Electric Hoist, Hammers, Wrenches, Sockets, Shovels, Drills., Grinders, Craftsman Rechargeable Tools, 250 BTU Remington Salamander Heater, (4) 35X12.50R20 Milestar Tires (Brand New), Kenmore Refrigerator, (2) 6' Folding Tables, Frigidaire Refrigerator, Coolers, Gas Grill, Picnic Table, (2) Truck Toppers.

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State of Kentucky
County of Rowan

I, Kerry M. Jessee, Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk in and for said county and state do hereby certify that on the 21st day of July 2026 the Fiscal Court held the 1st reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance #25-19 establishing a joint recreation, tourism, and convention commission between Rowan County and the City of Morehead. Second reading will be held on August 18, 2026. A complete copy of the Ordinance with changes will be filed in the Rowan County Clerk's Office.

Ordinance #05-26

Given this the 21st day of July 2026.

Kerry M. Jessee
Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk

State of Kentucky
County of Rowan

I, Kerry M. Jessee, Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk in and for said county and state do hereby certify that on the 21st day of July 2026 the Fiscal Court held the 1st reading of an Ordinance whereas the County of Rowan has realized unbudgeted receipts in the CDBG, General, Jail, LGEA, State Grants, Opioid, ABC, Co Clerk Storage, ARPA, and Harm Reduction Funds in the amount of \$1,042,214.84. Second reading to be held August 18, 2026. Copy on file in County Clerk's Office.

Ordinance #04-26

Given this the 21st day of July 2026.

Kerry M. Jessee
Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk

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I, Kerry M. Jessee, Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk in and for said county and state do hereby certify that on the 21st day of July the Fiscal Court held the 1st reading of an Ordinance setting the 2027 Motor Vehicle and Watercraft rate. The tax rate will be 8.0 cents per \$100 of assessed value for CY 2027. Second reading to be held August 18, 2026. Copy on file in County Clerk's Office.

No change from CY 2026

Ordinance #06-26

Given this the 21st day of July 2026.

Kerry M. Jessee
Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk

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