

**Judge**  
 it will take every area working together to see it happen. I was present at the first meeting and was pleasantly surprised as there was a great crowd that turned out and gave input. I am anxious to see how the plan looks when all the data is compiled and published.

We want to offer a big congratulations to the Jackson County All Stars 10 U Fast-pitch Softball team. Last week, I designated the week of July 9-16 Jackson County Little League Youth Sports Week in recognition of the girls winning the District Championship. The girls went to the State Championship this week and went undefeated to win the Little League State Tournament for their age group. What an accomplishment! When you are competing against teams from all around the state that have bigger populations and more programs to offer in youth sports, it says a lot about the determination and hard work of these kids. We hope this will spark enthusiasm amongst our citizens, making them want to volunteer and work together to facilitate and grow the opportunity for future generations to excel and compete for years to come.

A community can only be as good as it sees itself being. I see great potential for our community. This group of kids, coach's, parents, volunteers and sponsors just showed us what is possible when you believe. Congratulations Girls!! You deserve it!

**Theft**  
 occurred throughout the county which are currently under investigation as is this most recent theft.

**Calls**  
 children, their property and their livestock. If someone obtains a warrant for you, it is law enforcement's duty to serve those warrants.

No officer will tell you that you are under arrest unless he/she has a good reason to do so. You may not agree with the warrant and you may believe you should not be charged, but if an officer places you under arrest, you must submit to arrest or face additional charges. You will have an opportunity to be released from jail fairly soon after you are booked in. It is stressful on everyone, including the officer, so remain calm and comply. I know the officer will appreciate your attitude and will help you if possible to get out of jail as quickly as possible.

Police officers can not always arrest someone, even if they believe that person committed a crime. If a crime does not occur in the presence of an officer and if the crime is not a felony, usually the officer will obtain a warrant of arrest or ask the victim to obtain a warrant. There are exceptions to this rule, however, it is better to have the warrant.

We serve various papers throughout the county. Many times the person who lives at the residence will not open the door when law enforcement knocks. Please answer your door if you are home, because these trips cost us a great deal in manpower hours and fuel costs. Running from the problem usually makes matters worse, not better.

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's office responded to one-hundred calls for service. We investigated four traffic accidents, opened one criminal case and made one criminal arrest. Our court security transports prisoners for the courts and serves a large amount of civil papers. We appreciate your support and your prayers for our safety.

Update Marshall County High School.

Each tragedy

left us shaken and each led to changes in school safety protocols. While there is still a great deal left to do and it is important that we remain vigilant, our Commonwealth has taken important steps and is recognized throughout the nation as a leader in school safety. We made strides with the School Safety and Resiliency Act of 2019. The legislation, SB 1, is a multifaceted approach aimed at making school facilities more secure and funding mental health and wellness awareness resources for students. Implementing these plans takes a lot of resources, so we prioritized funding over the last four years and allocated \$52 million to address the issues associated with school violence.

The School Safety Act set a statewide goal of placing a specially trained law enforcement officer in every public school in the form of a school resource officer (SRO). In addition, it requires school districts to appoint a school safety coordinator to serve as the primary point of contact and develop policies for emergency response drills and protocols. School personnel now also receive a slew of trainings, from de-escalation to active shooter.

Hardening security on campus is just the first step. Addressing mental health issues is critical. The School Safety Act required an increase in the number of counselors in schools, so our students feel safe, supported, and connected. We know how important it is to provide early and ongoing support, which is why all students in grades 6 through 12 are learning to be more aware of not only their own situation, but what their fellow students are facing. According to safety experts, the perpetrator in every single school shooting across the nation has leaked their intent on either

social media or some other public forum. This is their cry for help and we need to be prepared to hear it and act.

To make sure our schools meet the highest safety standards, the legislation takes a thoughtful approach to provide more accountability and oversight. We created the state school security marshal position to oversee school safety and security compliance, as well as provide local districts with the support they need. Moving forward, the state will compile an annual public safety report. We also worked to restructure the school safety board to include a variety of community representatives. Lastly, it cracks down on outside disruptions by criminalizing hoaxes and fake threats of violence in schools, labeling each as a second-degree terroristic threat.

While many of our school districts have already increased campus security, earlier this year we clarified that a school resource officer must physically be on the assigned campus by August 1, 2022. School districts are also required to report any problems with funding or staffing officers to the security marshal, so a plan can be devised to help them.

We are increasing access to mental health resources and providing more counselors in schools, with our goal of having one counselor for every 250 students and stipulating that a majority of their time be devoted directly to services for our children. To help reach that goal, we passed legislation requires schools to report data regarding qualified school-based mental health professionals and school counselors who are available to learners.

These are big achievements, but our approach must continue to evolve. Last week members of the Interim

Joint Committee on Education received an update on school safety. It turns out that school safety experts have found that one simple, inexpensive step has proven extremely helpful. Not a single tragedy has occurred in a facility with a safety protocol that includes locked classroom and exterior doors and requiring that visitors check into the school. I know it can be an inconvenience, but it can save lives. Committee members also discussed expanding the existing School Safety Act to include more support for training and mental health services.

Every child deserves to be safe, and every employee should feel comfortable at work. We will continue to reinforce our commitment to make their safety a priority.

As always, I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at [Timmy.Truett@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Timmy.Truett@lrc.ky.gov). If you would like more information, please visit the LRC website [www.legislature.ky.gov](http://www.legislature.ky.gov).

**Fiscal**  
 He also recommended for the rules and rental information for Flat Lick Falls be posted to help the public know how to reserve the campground and shelter. The sheriff's 2021 Tax Settlement and 2nd Quarter Report was both approved. The sheriff's department is operating well within budget.

The Jackson County Detention Center work release inmates washed all the school buses for the Board of Education in preparation for the beginning of school next month. Jailer Gabbard said the jail garden was doing great. He also reported that in the next few weeks, the state inmate daily per diem will be raised from \$31 per day to \$34

per day. The jail commissary report was approved.

The Fiscal Court approved a much-needed security system for the Transfer Station from Southeastern Security Service for \$3,871.00. Also approved was discontinuing county maintenance on Junior York Road CR-1029 by request of the land owner. This section of road had only one residence on it. Sammy Banks and Billy Joe Johnson was appointed to review the request, which is part of the legal process to close a road.

The Emergency Budget Amendment #06302022 for \$927,821.41 received over the original FY 22 Budget was approved.

Basic rules for the campground and reservations at Flat Lick Falls were set and approved and will be posted in the proper places on the premises.

The County Tax Rate for vehicles were set and approved for \$0.11.

In order to expand Worthington Park, a two-acre tract will be purchased from Brian and Allison Murray for \$40,000, which will be paid for from the Rescue Act Money. The Jackson County Fair Board will receive \$30,000 from the Rescue Act Money in order to purchase McKee property but is tabled to the next meeting in order to view the property.

A new law in effect requires the Fiscal Court to create a bank account for the County Clerk fees associated with records storage in conjunction with KRS 64.012. FY 22 fourth quarter report showed the Fiscal Court finished the year in the black.

The treasurers' bills and transfers were approved. There were no comments or announcements. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, at 1:00 pm.

**Transformative I-75 Widening Project in Laurel County Nears Completion**

Three-year project expands high-volume corridor from four to six lanes

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 15, 2022) – A three-year project in Laurel County to widen Interstate 75 wraps up this week giving drivers a safer, more efficient way to travel the high-traffic route from exit 29 in Corbin to Covington.

The \$120 million Laurel County projects- divided into a northern and southern section- expanded the 14-mile northbound and southbound corridor from four to six lanes. In northern Laurel County, work included widening 10 miles of roadway from south of KY 909 to Exit 41 in London, building two new bridge overpasses on U.S. 25 and adding truck climbing lanes near Woods Creek Lake Dam where the roadway is steep. All lanes are expected to open on Saturday, July 16.

"I'm excited to announce the completion of the I-75 widening project in Laurel County, which provides more efficient travel along this critical regional and national commerce corridor," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "Now travelers have a continuous, wider route to help them move south to north from Corbin to Covington."

"Travelers will soon reap the rewards of years of construction to deliver this transformative project that will make travel more efficient and provide more lanes to get to your destination faster," said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray.

The I-75 widening project in southern Laurel County, completed in December 2021, widened four miles in both directions. The project also included the reconstruction of the bridges over the Little Laurel River.

In 2020 in Rockcastle County, more than 13 miles of I-75 were widened, including the replacement of five bridges and overpasses, new truck climbing lanes, and new traffic cameras at Exits 62 and 59.

L-M Asphalt Partners LTC., d/b/a ATS Construction, of Lexington were contracted to complete both sections of the Laurel County I-75 widening project.

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 Soup Beans \* Masked Potatoes  
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