



Lawrence County
BUDGET COMMITTEE

Date: August 18, 2025 | Time: 5:30-5:56 p.m.

PRESENT: County Executive David Morgan. **Commissioners:** Phillip Heatherly, Barry Luffman, Randy Brewer, Steve Hagan, Chris Sutherland, and Dave Ray. **Director of Accounts & Budgets** Brandi Williams, Anthony Washburn, **Courtroom Security Lieutenant** Jason Runnels, Michael Wheeler, and Steven Neusse.

ROLL CALL: Chairman David Morgan, Randy Brewer, Phillip Heatherly, and Barry Luffman.

ABSENT: Vice-chair Scott Franks.

PRAYER: Barry Luffman.

Executive Morgan called the meeting to order.

Approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation of Combined Public Communications for the Video Visitation Contract and forward it to the Board of Commissioners for review.

Motion: Heatherly. **Second:** Luffman.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

- **Executive Morgan** read the DA's office fee resolution and clarified that it will be considered at the September Regular Session.
- The Committee discussed nonmoving traffic violations.
- **Executive Morgan** explained that the fee is collected by the Circuit Court Clerk's office, after which a check is written and turned over to the DA's office.
- **Commissioner Heatherly** summarized by noting that the DA is funded through fees. He explained that this proposal essentially raises the DA fee, since the DA cannot do so independently—the County must approve it.
- **Executive Morgan** added that Giles County has already implemented the fee.

Approve the District Attorney's Proposed \$12.50 fee and forward it to the Board of Commissioners.

Motion: Brewer. **Second:** Heatherly.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

- **Williams** discussed the \$500 NATRA donation for EMS.

Accept the \$500 Donation from NATRA for Lawrence County EMS.

Motion: Luffman. **Second:** Brewer.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously 4/0.

- **Executive Morgan** discussed SkillsUSA. He stated that the donation request has increased due to TCAT's partnership with the schools. This partnership has saved the School System money by eliminating teacher costs and instead paying TCAT a reduced rate. The donation, if approved, will be considered at the September Regular Session.
- **Williams** noted that the previous donation was \$100 per student and that approximately 71 students are expected this year.
- **Commissioner Luffman** asked if the School System could contribute.
- **Williams** believed they covered whatever cost is not covered through donations.
- **Neusse** inquired whether mechanic shops or other businesses might also donate so it is not solely taxpayer funded.
- **Executive Morgan** said he was unsure if the School System had pursued outside funding. He suggested approaching Magna and similar companies.
- **Commissioner Sutherland** emphasized that students are an important part of the community.
- **Commissioner Brewer** stated they may have a better chance of outside support if the Commission approves \$100 per student.

Approve Donation of \$100 Per Student to Skills USA and forward to the Board of Commissioners.

Motion: Brewer. **Second:** Luffman.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

Adjournment.

Motion: Heatherly. **Second:** Luffman.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

Minutes Submitted By: Christian Tyree