



Lawrence County
BUDGET COMMITTEE

Date: October 16, 2025 | **Time:** 5:30 – 5:42 p.m.

PRESENT: County Executive David Morgan, **Commissioners:** Scott Franks, Tammy Wisdom, Sandy Newton, Delano Benefield, Chris Sutherland, Barry Luffman, Sandy Newton, Travis Cauwels, Randy Brewer, Shane Eaton, and Phillip Heatherly. **Director of Accounts & Budgets** Brandi Williams, **Jail Administrator** Lt. Susan Taylor, Anthony Washburn, and **Attorney** Ryan Durham.

ROLL CALL: Chairman David Morgan, Vice-Chairman Scott Franks, Randy Brewer, Phillip Heatherly, and Barry Luffman.

- **Williams** distributed the meeting agenda and supporting documents (in folder)

1. Executive Morgan called the meeting to order.

2. Authorize County Executive to negotiate the sale of STHC Property.
Morgan stated that the City of Lawrenceburg has already granted this authority to Mayor Blake Lay.

Motion to give Morgan negotiating authority on behalf of Lawrence County

Motion: Brewer; **Second:** Luffman

Vote: Unanimous, 5/0

3. Approve Food Services contract - Jail

- Summit Correctional Services will provide ingredients and inmates will prepare the food under the direction of a paid supervisor.
- Potential savings of \$218,554 a year, based on a daily population of 187.

Motion to approve contract with Summit Correctional Services, as approved by Purchasing Committee

Motion: Heatherly, **Second:** Brewer

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

4. Approve Mobile Dental Services Contract - Jail

- This contract was awarded to Cameron Baker in June 2025, but he terminated the contract because he could not get malpractice insurance.

- The lowest bidder at the time was Mid-America, but it was not awarded the contract because they failed to show up on their appointed days several times.

Motion to approve Purchasing Committee's recommendation of Mid-America dental services.

Motion: Heatherly, **Second:** Brewer

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

5. Tower Lease - Loretto site

- Lease \$3,000 a month.
- This and 2 others are leased from Prospect Communications; another is in Ethridge, leased from TBT. Others are much less expensive.
- **Commissioner Heatherly** led a discussion about building our own tower/repeater system. Eaton stated it would cost \$10 million, but the state would take over maintenance after they are established.
- **Commissioner Heatherly** voiced support for the lease in question, because it makes it possible to reach first responders past Busby Road in West Point. He said the county should look at something else going forward.
- **Executive Morgan** asked **Commissioner Eaton** to discuss a plan for building our own towers with EMA Director Shelton Barnett.
- The additional, unexpected expense will call for a budget amendment in November.

Motion to approve upcoming budget amendment for the tower lease

Motion: Franks, **Second:** Heatherly

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

6: Funding materials for Water line extension on N. Brace Road

- Previously approved by the Utilities Committee, for 2200-foot extension to three homes in the Summertown Utility District. \$3,000 per residence is limit established by resolution several years ago.

Motion to approve expenditure of \$9,000.

Motion: Brewer; **Second:** Heatherly

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

7. Surplus property for Solid Waste and Highway

Solid Waste: 3 dump trucks and grapple truck and loader.

Motion to approve these items as surplus.

Motion: Luffman; **Second:** Franks

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

Solid Waste: Old picking line and hopper.

Motion to approve these items as surplus.

Motion: Brewer, **Second:** Luffman

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

8. Historic Courthouse grant

- **Nancy Brewer:** SCTDD experts are in charge; will put Courthouse on National Register of Historic Places. Project will include the bell tower and other projects already planned to preserve the Courthouse. Grant will be \$500,000; our share will be \$55,555.55.

Motion to proceed with our application to this grant program

Motion: Franks; **Second:** Brewer

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

9. Other business

- Discussion of funding breakdown on STHEC sale. LUS portion will come from the City's share.
- **Commissioner Luffman** states payments are \$400,000 a year.

Adjournment.

Motion: Brewer, **Second:** Franks

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

Minutes Submitted By: Nancy Brewer

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