COUNTY COMMISSION OF LEWIS COUNTY

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COMMISSIONERS:

Bobby Stewart, President Rod Wyman, Commissioner Agnes Queen, Commissioner

LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSION 110 CENTER AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR WESTON, WV 26452 AMENDED MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

SILENT MEDITATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. 10:00 AM Call Meeting to Order (action required)

2. 10:00 AM John Breen, Lewis County Assessor

RE: Exonerations, Consolidations, Apportionments

Draft copies will be available for review two business days prior to the meeting

date. (action required)

APPOINTMENTS:

- 1. 10:05 AM Proclamation for Lewis County 4-H Day: Proclaiming Lewis County 4-H Day as October 8, 2025. (action required)

CORRESPONDENCE

- **3. Upshur County Commission Meeting Agenda:** The September 25, 2025 Upshur County Commission meeting agenda is presented for review. The next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2025. *(information only)*
- **4. Financial Statement:** The Lewis County Financial Statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 is presented for review. *(information only)*
- 5. Board(s) and Committee(s) Reports: Commissioners will give reports on any board(s) or committee(s) meeting attended including: Lewis County Park meeting, National Association of Counties, Economic Development Authority, Safe Sites and Structures, Region VII, etc.

BUSINESS

6. Lewis County Administrator Request to Hire: Tina Helmick requests advice and consent per West Virginia Code §7-7-7 to hire Perry Blake as Janitor/Maintenance at an annual starting salary of \$30,000.00. If approved, the employment start date will be October 1, 2025. (action required)

- 7. Lewis-Gilmer E-911 Director Request to Advertise: James Gum requests permission to advertise for 2 openings for 911 telecommunicators. (action required)
- **8.** Lewis County Sheriff Request to Promote: Mickey Metz requests to promote Corporal Jeremy Jenkins to Sergeant and Corporal Bo Hendershot to Sergeant. Further, he requests to promote Deputy Dan Cooley and Deputy Thomas LeFever to Corporal ranks. (action required)
- 9. Time Sheets/Annual or Sick Leave Requests: Tina Helmick Time Sheet (action required)

ACTIONS, ESTATE SETTLEMENTS, ORDERS AND PAYMENT OF EXPENDITURES:

- 10. Actions of the Clerk: The Lewis County Clerk presents actions of the clerk in recess of the county commission for approval. Draft copies will be available for review upon request two business days prior to the meeting date. (action required)
- 11. Approval of Estates: The Lewis County Clerk presents the estates ready for settlement to the Lewis County Commission for approval. Draft copies will be available for review upon request two business days prior to the meeting date. (action required)
- 12. Presentation by the County Clerk of the Orders of Prior Meeting(s): The Lewis County Clerk presents the Orders (minutes) of previous Lewis County Commission meeting(s) for approval. Draft copies will be available for review upon request two business days prior to the meeting date. (action required)
- 13. Expenses for the Current Period Presented for Consideration of Payment: Draft copies will be available for review upon request two business days prior to the meeting date. (action required)

ADJOURNMENT:

14. With no further action being required by the Lewis County Commission the meeting will be adjourned. (action required)

LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MANAGEMENT

- Regular meeting agendas will be posted and available to the public before closure two (2) business days prior to the
 meeting date.
- Agenda matters to be reviewed and/or considered during the meeting are at the discretion of the Lewis County Commission.
- Appointments to speak with the county commission must be scheduled before 10 AM three (3) business days prior
 to the meeting. Appointments will be given a ten (10) minute time allowance.
- Agenda items may require an executive session.
- Open discussion by Commission unless executive session is motioned per WV Code §6-9A-4.
- Input or recommendation from constitutional officers, staff or public that is not listed by name on the agenda will only be allowed if requested by the commission or required by statute.
- Those not scheduled on the agenda may sign up for public comment at a minimum fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Public comment is limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.
- Motion required for consideration of vote.
- All votes unanimous unless otherwise stated.
- Roberts Rules of Order is utilized as a guide only. The Commission controls meeting management, discussion and input.
- Commissioners may participate and vote via conference call if two (2) commissioners are in attendance.

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF LEWIS COUNTY, WV

The Lewis County Commissioners hereby order the following applications taken by the Lewis County Assessor, John L. Breen, approved by the Prosecuting Attorney be approved:

Erroneous Assessments:		
No Exonerations!		
Commission Meeting 09/3	30/2025	
Approved this the	day of	, 2025.
	·	
Commission		President, Lewis County



HEREAS, 4-H had its beginnings in rural America, and it now serves youth in urban and suburban as well as rural communities; and;

HEREAS, Lewis County 4-H is open to youth between the ages of 9 and 21; and

HEREAS, 4-H is a nationwide program led by state land-grant universities in cooperation with local county extension services and in recognition that 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization; and

HEREAS, each H on the clover represents ways youth can grow and develop in 4-H. To wit: the first H stands for Head, for critical thinking and problem solving. The second H stands for Heart, for self-discipline, integrity and communication. The third H for Hands and serving others, and the fourth H is for Health and for choosing healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 4-H experience, members are encouraged to learn about and contribute to their communities, and utilize a variety of community resources to enhance their learning experience; and

HEREAS, the 4-H program relies heavily on volunteers, who are involved in nearly every aspect of the program on the local, county and state levels.

OW, THEREFORE, we, the Lewis County Commission, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2025 as Lewis County 4-H Day and urge the citizens of this county to learn more about 4-H and to become more involved in 4-H as members, club leaders, or volunteers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the County of Lewis, to be affixed this 30th day of September 2025.

Bobby Stewart, Commissioner

Agnes Queen, Commissioner

Rod Wyman, Commissioner

PROCLAMATION

West Virginia Breast Cancer Awareness Day and **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

- Whereas, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancerrelated deaths among women in the United States; and
- Whereas, each year in West Virginia, approximately **1,536** women are diagnosed and **290** women die of breast cancer. More than half (56%) of the women with breast cancer in West Virginia are diagnosed with localized breast cancer; and
- breast cancer and approximately 42,170 individuals will die from the disease; and Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 287,850 people in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive
- Whereas, a woman has a one in eight chance of developing breast cancer in her lifetime; and
- for women aged 40-49 years old and 50-74 years old for breast cancer screenings; it is recommended Whereas, the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) provides specific recommendations women who are at average risk begin biennial screening mammography at age 50 to 75; and

provider about breast cancer screening Whereas, screening guidelines for breast cancer vary; residents are encouraged to talk with a healthcare

Bobby Stewart, Commissioner

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Rod Wyman, Commissioner

Attest: Becky Carder, County Clerk

Upshur County Commission Meeting Agenda

Agenda packets are available electronically at http://www.upshurcounty.org/agenda_and_minutes/index.php or by request to the Upshur County Commission Office at 304-472-0535.

Location:

Upshur County Courthouse Annex

If you prefer to participate by telephone, please dial 1-408-650-3123 Access Code: 272 564 045

to enter the conference call.

Date of Meeting:

September 25, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Meditation --- Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:September 18, 2025

9:15 a.m.

Review Order Adopting Enforcement Agency Findings concerning property located in Meade Tax District - Tax Map 5N- Parcel Number 12.2. Consider entering an Order Setting Forth Findings of

Fact and Conclusions of Law and Judgment. *

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9:30 a.m.

Jeremiah McCourt, Upshur County Parks and Recreation Director, providing an annual end of

season review.

9:45 a.m.

Kathy McMurray - Executive Director of Mountain CAP of WV, presentation of services and

annual update.

10:00 a.m.

Alan Tucker on behalf of the Buckhannon Band of Brothers - 2026 Calendar Campaign Kickoff.

1:00 p.m.

Hearing - Objections to the Last Will and Testament and the Appraisement of Probate Assets for

the Estate of Jim Harrison, deceased. *

Items for Discussion / Action / Approval:

- Review a Resolution from the Upshur County Fire Board requesting the Commission to consider an increase in the Fire Protection Service Fees by the next ballot referendum, as provided in WV Senate Bill 872. * Page 9
- 2. Approval of a Request for Proposals for a Window Replacement Project to install an energy efficient arch-shaped window above the main entry into the Upshur County Courthouse. Sealed bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 22, 2025. Proposals will be opened on Thursday, October 23, 2025 during the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting held in the Commission Meeting Room located at the Upshur County Courthouse Annex. This funding is made possible by the U.S Department of Energy's Office of State and Community Energy Programs under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. * Pages 10-27
- 3. Approval of the FY2025 Financial Statement. *
- 4. Approval of an electronic application submission to the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund opportunity on behalf of the following entities:
 - a) James W. Curry Library funding request to initiate an After School Enrichment Program. *

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b) Upshur County Youth Camp – funding request to support maintenance and facility upgrades. *

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5. Accept notice of retirement of an employee. *

Item may lead to Executive Session per WV Code §6-9A-4 (A)

Under Separate Cover

- Approval of an advertisement for a full-time Deputy County Clerk within the Upshur County Clerk's Office. Applications received by Friday, October 23, 2025 will be reviewed; however, applications may be considered until position is filled. *
- Approve Invoices for Payment, Purchase Card Invoices for Payment, Budget Revisions / Financial Reports or Information, Correction of Erroneous Assessments, Exonerations/Refunds, Grant Updates / Requests for Reimbursements, Final Settlements, Vacation Orders, Consolidation of Land Tracts, Facility Maintenance Concerns or Updates, Road Name Requests, Project Reports / Updates, Request to Attend Meetings, Request for Day(s) Off.

For Your Information:

(Certain Items May Require Discussion, Action and/or Approval by the Commission)

- Invitation from Jennifer Ferrell, Director of Community Advancement and Development Division of West Virginia Economic Development, for an FY 2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund Notice - Invitation to Submit Park Development Projects by December 5, 2025.

 Pages 66-67
- Notification from Petco Love announcing approval of an Animal Welfare Organization application for funding support in the amount of \$20,000 to the Lewis Upshur Animal Control Facility. The funding will be utilized for lifesaving efforts in Lewis and Upshur Counties.

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- Assessor's Certificate of Compliance from Kent A. Leonhardt, Commissioner of Agriculture, regarding Dustin
 Zickefoose's completion of the Farm Census of 2025, satisfactorily complying with the requirements of the Farm
 Statistics Law and being eligible to receive compensation from the County Court according to Chapter 7, Article 7,
 Section 6C of the New Code of West Virginia.
- 4. Notice regarding Hunting Regulations on County-Owned Property.

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5. Annual Independent Audit for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for Elkins Road Public Service District.

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6. Public Notices:

a) Newsletters and/or Event Notifications:

	 Save, Celebrate, and Honor a Life Ceremony 	September 25, 202	25 Page 121
	 Breast Cancer Awareness Day Event 	October 13, 2025	Page 122
	 WV Peer Support Group Flyer 		Page 123
b)	Agendas and/or Notice of Meetings:		
	 Upshur County Parks and Recreation 	September 23, 2025	Page 124
	 Upshur County Enhanced Emergency Telephone 		
	Advisory Board	September 23, 2025	Page 125
c)	Meeting Minutes:		
	 Adrian Public Service District 	August 7, 2025	Page 126
	 Upshur County Farmland Protection Board 	August 19, 2025	Pages 127-128
	 Upshur County Fire Board 	August 19, 2025	Page 129
	 Upshur County Public Library 	August 20, 2025	Pages 130-133
	 Wes-Mon-Ty RC&D 	August 27, 2025	Page 134

September 23, 2025

www.upshurcounty.org -- Upcoming events are listed on the main page.

18th Judicial Circuit Community Corrections Program

7. Appointments Needed or Upcoming: None

^{*}Dates and times of monthly board meetings are viewable at:

***If you are interested in serving on an Upshur County board, please submit your letter of interest to the Commission Office at 91 W. Main St., Suite 101, Buckhannon, WV 26201 or chughes@upshurcounty.org. Upcoming term expirations are listed in this section of the agenda; however, letters of interest can be submitted at any time. Letters of interest for boards that do not currently have a vacancy will be held until a vacancy occurs. Please note that submitting a letter of interest does not guarantee appointment. ***

Newsletters and/or Event Notifications, Agendas and/or Notices of Meetings, Meeting Minutes and Scheduled Meetings can all be found by visiting: http://www.upshurcounty.org/agenda_and_minutes/index.php

Tabled Items

(Certain Items May Require Discussion, Action and/or Approval by the Commission)

None

Next Regular Meeting of the Upshur County Commission
October 2, 2025 --- 9:00 a.m.
Upshur County Courthouse Annex
**The October 9, 2025 has been cancelled.

LEWIS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2025

	Primary Government	<u>t</u> _			Component Units											
	Governmental <u>Activities</u>		Board of <u>Health</u>		Ambulance Authority	Parks and Recreation	I	Fire Service <u>Board</u>		Economic <u>Development Authority</u>						
ASSETS																
Current assets:																
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,008,797	\$	810,112	\$	287,886 \$	160,508	\$	21,069	\$	3,780,962						
Receivables: Taxes	824,335															
Accounts	624,333		395													
Due from:			272													
Other governments	64,833	-		-	 .		_		_							
Total current assets	11,897,965	_	810,507	-	287,886	160,508	_	21,069	_	3,780,962						
Restricted assets:																
Restricted cash	1,623,506							••								
Capital assets:																
Nondepreciable: Land	212.057															
Depreciable:	213,257									150,000						
Buildings	13,893,228									196,505						
Machinery and equipment	3,123,576		6,400							126						
Less: accumulated depreciation	(8,754,745)		(4,924)													
Total assets	21,996,787		811,983	_	287,886	160,508		21.069		4 127 503						
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	21,990,787	_	811,765	-	207,000	100,508	-	21,009	_	4,127,593						
Pension and OPEB deferred outflows for component units			31,878													
Changes in employer proportion and differences between			21,070					••								
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	33,255															
Difference in assumptions	94,124															
Differences between expected and actual experience	504,099															
Employer contributions subsequent to measurement date	368,055	_		_	<u></u> -		_		_							
Total deferred outflows of resources	999,533		31,878	_	_ -		_									
LIABILITIES																
Current liabilities payable																
from current assets:																
Accounts payable Due to:	12,086		(3,602)							1,250						
Other governments	58,701															
Noncurrent liabilities:	30,701															
Bonds payable - due within one year	335,779									••						
Bonds payable - due in more than one year	8,362,965															
Net pension liability	73,887		47,260							••						
Net OPEB liability - non participating	1,379,813															
Net OPEB liability - PEIA Compensated absences payable	222.246		95,104													
compensated absences payable	233,246	_	4,180	-			_		_							
Total liabilities	10,456,477		142,942	_			_		_	1,250						
DEFERRED INFLOWS																
Pension & OPEB deferred inflows for component units			44 024													
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	340,510		44,824							••						
Difference in assumptions	214,135							••		••						
Differences between expected and actual experience								••								
Changes in employer proportion and differences between	86,202									••						
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	42,891			_					_	••						
Total deferred inflows of resources	683,738		44,824	_			_		_	<u></u>						
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Total net position	11,856,105	s <u></u>	656,095	· _	287,886 \$	160,508 \$	_	21,069 \$	_	4,126,343						

See accompanying notes and compilation report.

									Total component units	Economic Development Authority	Fire Service Board	Ambulance Authority	Component units: Board of Health	Total primary government	Total governmental activities	Interest on long-term debt	Capital projects	Culture and recreation	Health and sanitation	Public safety	Functions / Programs Primary government: Governmental activities: General government				
Net position - ending	Net position - beginning (Note III-G)	Change in net position	Total general revenues	Interest and investment earnings Miscellaneous	Licenses and permits Intergovernmental:	Coal severance tax	Gas and oil severance tax	General revenues: Ad valorem property taxes Hotel occupancy tax	\$ 3,782,418 \$ 1,82	1	495,966 15	∵	673,655 9	\$ 19,602,307 \$ 2,32	19,602,307 2,32	372,887	2,138,499	975,196	20,000	5,508,205	\$ 10.587.520 \$ 2.37	Expenses Ser	Cha		
رم ا	te III-G)		ı	mings -			ſ	ŭ	1,828,582 \$ 467,290	41,531	154,074		91,932 425,759	2,321,599 \$ 3,554,891	2,321,599 3,554,891	:	:	;	:	123 767	2.321 599 \$ 3.431 174 \$	Services Contributions	es	Program Revenues	
11,856,105 \$	13,658,061	(1,801,956)	11,923,861	51,581 636,990 1,250,093	3,982	41,208	777,398	8,004,854	:	: :	;	:	: ×	(13,725,817)	(13,725,817)	(372,887)	(2.138.499)	(975,196)	(000,000)	(4,054,777)	(4 8 3 / 707)	Activities	Primary Government		
656,095 \$	665,346	(9,251)	146,713	50,000 30,259 30,708	35,746	; ;	: :	:	(155,964)		1		\$ (796 551)									Board of Health		No	No.
287,886 \$	366,008	(78,122)	382	382	;	\	: ;	;	(78,504)	; ;	:	(78,504)										Ambulance Authority		Changes in Net Position	· (Tunama) D
160,508 \$	249,922	(89,414)	252,478	3,545 9,061	;	: :		, ,	(341,892)	; ;	(341,892)											Parks and Recreation	Component Units	t Position	
21,069	6,789	14,280	:		;	: :	; ;	;	14,280	14,280	•	; ;										Fire Service Board	क्र		
\$ 4,126,343	604,930	3,521,413	4,445,879	84,968 4,360,911	;		: :	:	(924,466)	(924,466)	•		9									Economic Development Authority			

LEWIS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2025

		General		Coal Severance Tax		E-911		American Rescue Plan		Building Commission Debt Service 911 Center		Other Nonmajor Governmental	•	Total Governmental
		General		<u>14X</u>		E-911		Rescue Flan		911 Center		<u>Funds</u>		<u>Funds</u>
ASSETS														
Assets:														
Current:														
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	6,561,415	\$	10,670	\$	2,505,986	\$		S		\$	1,930,726	\$	11,008,797
Receivables:												-,,	•	,,
Taxes		824,335												824,335
Due from:														,
Other funds		34,244												34,244
Other governments		52,389		12,444										64,833
Restricted cash	_								_	1,287,850		335,656	_	1,623,506
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Accounts payable		12,086												12,086
Due to:		12,000												12,000
Other funds						3,687						30,557		34,244
Other governments		58,701												58,701
•	_		_		-		•		-		-		-	50,701
Total liabilities	_	70,787				3,687						30,557		105,031
					-		•		_		-		-	
Deferred Inflows:														
Unavailable revenue	_	787,384	_	<u> </u>	_				_		_			787,384
Total deferred inflows of resources		505.00												
Total deferred inflows of resources	_	787,384	_		-		-		_		_		_	787,384
Fund balances:														
Restricted						2,502,299				1,287,850		2,235,825		6.005.074
Committed		1,826,241				2,302,233				1,207,030		2,233,623		6,025,974
Assigned		.,020,211		23,114										1,826,241 23,114
Unassigned		4,787,971		23,114										4,787,971
J	_	1,101,121	_		-		-		-		-		-	4,767,771
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Lewis - Gilmer E-911

James W. Gum, Director

TTY -- Phone: (304) 269-8243 • Fax: (304) 269-8203 • Email: LCE911@LCE-911.com

201 Orchard Street • Weston, WV 26452

To: Lewis County Commission

From: James W. Gum

Ref: Request to Advertise

I am requesting permission to Advertise for 2 openings for 911 Telecommunicators.

Thank you

James W. Gum, Director



Lewis County Sheriff's Department State of West Virginia

M.E. Metz, Sheriff

Tax Department

Phone: (304) 269-8222 Fax: (304) 269-8698



Law Enforcement Phone: (304) 269-8251

Fax: (304) 269-2644

To The Honorable Lewis County Commission,

9/23/25

I am respectfully requestioning to promote corporal Jeremy Jenkins, who serves in a specialize position on the drug task Force to sergeant. I am also requestioning to promote corporal Bo Hendershot to sergeant with both having successfully passing the civil service test for the positions. I will also be moving Deputy Dan Cooley II to a vacant corporal position and Deputy Thomas B. Lefever to a vacant Corporal position as pro-officer at the Lewis County High School.

Sheriff Mickey E Metz

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