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Lewis Commissioners praise community corrections program

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WESTON — The Lewis County Commission was updated on the success of the 26th Judicial Circuit Community Corrections Program Monday.

“We have experienced what we feel is great success in Lewis County, evidenced by the number of referrals and the cooperative nature of the judiciary,” said Micah Harris, director of the Lewis/Upshur/Braxton program. “Lewis County remains consistently strong and is continually expanding.”

The grant requires the program show each county has a match obligation of 33 percent. Lewis County’s total cash match is \$54,163, but only \$19,642 is being requested in cash, Harris said. The remainder will be taken care of with the salary of one of the program’s employees, paid by the Lewis County Commission.

“That is actually less than requested last year. The monies will be accounted for adding an additional full time staff in Lewis County to cover the overflow of clients,” she said. “We also requested to add a full-time counselor, which the Board of Directors approved.”