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Livingston Hospital CEO Shane Whittington gave opening remarks at the ribbon cutting for the new Physical Therapy building at Livingston County Hospital on Tuesday April 8th. Whittington gave opening remarks and thanked the different people and organizations that had to come together to make this day happen. People, money and resources came from a lot of different places. The community foundation was a huge part of this building coming to be. In his opening remarks, Whittington recognized Deaconess Hospital's backing this project to make it all happen. He also mentioned other people who worked so hard to make this day a reality.



**Shane Whittington**  
Livingston Hospital CEO



A ribbon cutting was held Tuesday, April 8th to dedicate the new Physical Therapy building at Livingston Hospital in Salem. Thanks to the efforts and vision of Deaconess in Evansville, the hospital complex in Salem is growing in a significant manner.

(KPI Photo by Scott Waggoner).

During Whittington's remarks, he mentioned that many areas of financial help were involved. Also recognized were various people who made this day possible. That included the group that got to cut the ribbon on this new facility. He introduced many of these people in his opening remarks. The hours for the Physical Therapy department will be 8 to 5, Monday through Friday (closed from 12 noon to 1pm for lunch).

The new Physical Therapy building will house two new areas for future plans to be named

later. In the original plans the main building was going to be built in the back of the hospital but with a lot of work this property where the building now stands became available.

The community foundation led the way. The Physical Therapy Director Christy Carter spoke, as did Teresa Robinson, Community Foundation Coordinator for New Beginnings Mental Health. Sandy Williams who served at Livingston hospital for 30 years spoke also.

The Community Foundation Center next door

will be used for many types of community activities. The center has Christy Carter as the foundation coordinator. She will help by directing these projects including fund raising activities. The Center is where the ribbon-cutting day folks were hosted for refreshments.

In conclusion, these new facilities in Livingston County will be great assets for the entire area for many years to come. Small towns need places like this to thrive. Well done Livingston County Hospital.



There were enough funds available to construct an extra building at Livingston Hospital in Salem. There will be many opportunities for the public to utilize the Foundation Community Center for many upcoming events.

(KPI Photo by Scott Waggoner).

## Livingston County Public Library

Young readers can participate in an Easter Basket Giveaway to the Livingston County Public Library. To enter stop by and check out a book, DVD or educational material and get a chance to win for each item checked out. Entries will be accepted through April 17, with winners to be announced at noon that day. Readers should go to the third floor at 321 Court Street.

“Rachel’s Day in the Garden” will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 14. The event is for youth ages 5 years and younger, accompanied by an adult. Activities include a story time, sensory and developmental activities, games and snacks. Register by April 11 by calling 270-928-2168 or by sending an email to [ikbarr3@ukv.edu](mailto:ikbarr3@ukv.edu)

## Livingston County 4-H

Livingston County 4-H and the Livingston County Extension will host a Dessert Auction from 5-7 p.m. on April 17. Online bidding will take place on the organization's Facebook page; winners will be announced on Facebook at 7:30 p.m. Pick-up and payment will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 18 at the Extension Office at 803 U.S. 60 East in Smithland. For more information, call 270-928-2168, or send an email to [sharee.schoonover@uky.edu](mailto:sharee.schoonover@uky.edu)

The Livingston County Board of Education has commenced its search for a new superintendent to succeed Dr. David Meinschein, who will depart on June 30, 2025, to assume a superintendent position with Murray Independent Schools. The Board is committed to a thorough and transparent process to ensure the selection of a strong leader to guide the district.

As required by state law, a committee will be established in the following weeks to begin the screening process and make recommendations to the Board on top candidates for consideration. The screening committee is comprised of a board of education member, two educators, one parent, one classified employee, and one

principal. If a district has a minority rate of 8% or more, and no minority member is elected or appointed to the screening committee, the committee will be expanded to add one minority parent. Currently, the district's minority enrollment is 11.26%.

Each member will be chosen by members of their distinct role groups. The Board appointed Terry Watson as the Board of Education representative at the Special Called Meeting held on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

It will remain open until April 30, 2025.

The Board encourages all members of the Livingston County community to participate in the survey.

The district will update its website to provide the community with information and



## Dr. Meinschein will take new position in June

a timeline of the superintendent search.

In addition to forming the screening committee, the Board has launched an online survey to gather valuable input from staff, parents, and community members on the qualities and priorities they seek in the next

superintendent. It will remain open until April 30, 2025. The Board encourages all members of the Livingston County community to participate in the survey.

The survey can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/GgZwYuXiyamHGIJTp8>

# Public Notice

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Livingston County budget for fiscal year 2025, to include unanticipated receipts from:

1. Community Development Block Grant for Crittenden Livingston Water District in the amount of \$2,880,000.00
2. Library Literacy Grant in the amount of \$3,000
3. Library Grant in the amount of \$10,000
4. Grand Rivers Deputy Reimbursement in the amount of \$17,000

and increasing expenditures in the area of

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Will be held on April 22, 2025 at 5:00 PM at the Livingston County Offices & Library Building. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.