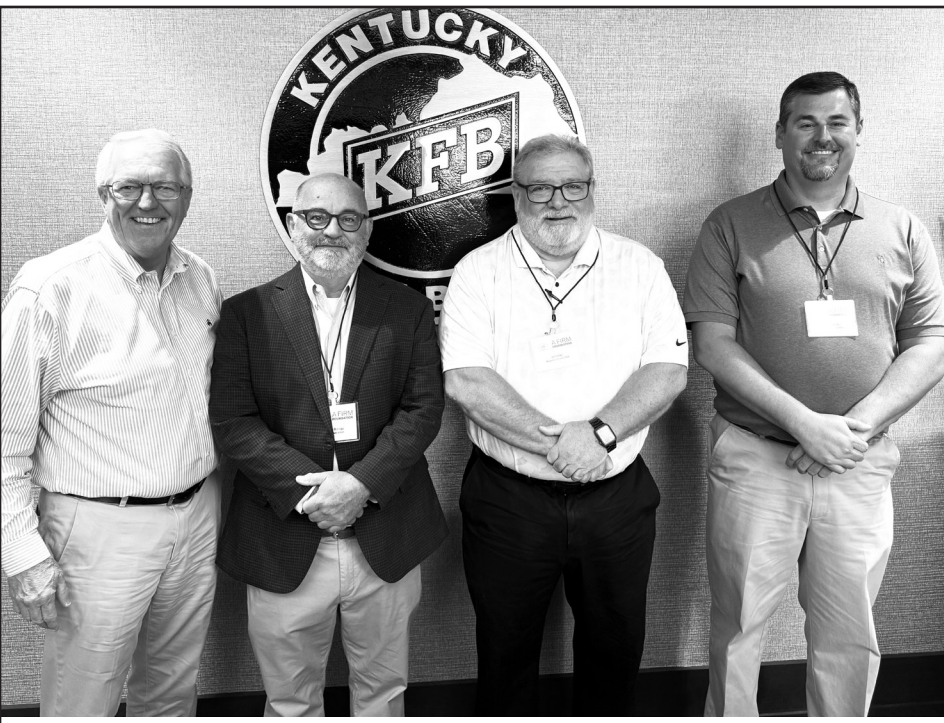




**UNION COUNTY FOOTBALL fans came out in large numbers last Friday night at the Braves opened the 2025 football season. The stands were full of UCHS supporters. The football Braves, coming off their best season in school history in 2024, return to action this Friday night when they travel to Crittenden County. Game time is 7:00 P.M.**



**PICTURED ABOVE ARE Eddie Melton, President of Kentucky Farm Bureau, Dustin Billings, Executive Director of the Kentucky PVA Association, Jeffrey Kelley, Webster County PVA and Clay Wells, Union County PVA.**

## PVA Association Makes Presentation To Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation

The Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation invited the Kentucky PVA Association to make a presentation on Farm Assessments in Kentucky on August 25, 2025 at Louisville Kentucky. The meeting was a fact finding search by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Tax Task Force to review Farm Assessments in Kentucky and understand the methodology and guidance provided by the Kentucky Department of Revenue.

The meeting was productive, and the Constitutional, Statutory, and Court Precedent Guidelines were covered to help understand the functions of the PVA Offices.

Revenue recommended guidelines were covered in depth to help understand the position of the Kentucky Department of Revenue's position concerning this matter.

## Union Fiscal Court

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and Don Cato reminded Wyatt, "We can't fix it if we don't know about it." Ivy also told the court, "We appreciate your first responders and we appreciate what they do."

Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan also expressed concern about the number of non-emergent transports being made noting that "those transports are taking our coverage out of the county." He added that one outlier ambulance was 44 minutes away. He also noted, "A problem I have is when a truck is at the county line, I don't consider that covering out county." O'Nan said he is working with Deaconess to correct the issue, but he wants to figure out a way to not have as many outliers.

Cato told the court that the ambulance service has increased staffing and has addressed the radio issues. He also reported that the county should soon receive a \$10000 grant check for radios.

From ambulance discussions,

the court moved on to accepting the Union County Public Library rate of 5.1 cents for both real and personal property. Magistrates also rejected the concrete bids that were recently submitted for the fairground bleachers and are presently rebidding that project. The judge/executive also told the court that the public safety radio bids came in extremely high and that project will also be rebid.

The final action item to come before the court was the approval of the 2025-26 flex funds for highway maintenance. On a roll call vote, the court approved the agreement and resolution and then approved a list of road upgrades that will be funded through the \$196,256 in flex funding. Those roads include portions of Gums Road, Hilltop Road, Housebridge Road, two sections of Persimmon Ridge, and Thayer Road.

Court adjourned at 9:31. The next meeting of the Union County Fiscal Court is scheduled for September 9, at 9:00 a.m.

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## Sturgis Council Approves Service Agreement; Ordinance

The Sturgis City Council met in a called session on Wednesday, August 13 with Mayor Billy Adams presiding and all council members present. Also in attendance were City Clerk Sandra Germane and City Attorney Vickie Davis.

In a session that lasted about 55 minutes, the council heard several reports, reviewed the monthly financial statement for the city, approved a service agreement to negotiate with an engineering firm concerning the city's water infrastructure, passed the first reading of an ordinance, and heard updates concerning improvements at city hall, the senior center, and the city park.

Following approval of the minutes from meetings held on July 3 and August 4, council members reviewed the financial report showing account balances through July 31. Each of the city's accounts showed a positive balance; however, Mayor Adams

noted that some \$64,000 from the the city's LGEA fund is committed upcoming projects.

Greg Warmack was introduced as the city's new code enforcement officer. Mayor Adams reported the city has received an offer of \$4,560 per house for the disposal of properties in violation of the nuisance ordinance and are targeted for tear down. That cost would be in addition to the cost of demolition. Council members also received a packet showing several targeted properties in the city and the back taxes or other fees that are currently owed on those properties. The mayor also noted that the city's code enforcement board will select five of those properties for demolition.

The report from the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department showed 41 calls in July. Three of those calls were fire runs, and the remaining 38 calls were medical runs. Additionally, department personnel

provided first aid at the Kentucky Bike Rally and had worked with county personnel on a grain bin rescue. The department has 24 active members.

The report from Union County Sheriff Jason Thomas showed sheriff's department personnel in the city for 43 hours on various calls. Additionally, department personnel had patrol time in the city.

Water continues to be a serious issue in the City of Sturgis. Data from July records showed the city's water loss at 48% for the month. According to Mayor Adams, Reveal Underground has been in the city attempting to locate water leaks. The final report from that organization had not been received on Wednesday, but at least 24 leaks have been located. The mayor noted that public works personnel are attempting

to fix one leak a day. He also said additional flushing has been necessary over the past few weeks because of the extreme heat in July and early August.

As a first step toward making improvements in the city's water infrastructure and perhaps re-opening the local water treatment plant, council members approved a master service agreement authorizing Mayor Adams to negotiate an engineering contract with Clark Dietz for services on water line replacement on Main Street and 13th Street. Mayor Adams told all present he will also be seeking input from council member Hunter Davis, who is also an engineer, and the city attorney in order to be sure the best decision possible is made. That master agreement was approved 6-0 by the council.

Council members also approved first reading of an ordinance allowing street legal special purpose vehicles

on city streets. Similar ordinances have been passed in communities and by fiscal courts throughout Western Kentucky.

Mayor Adams told the council that awning covers to be placed at city hall and the senior center are scheduled for installation in early September. He also announced that new playground equipment will be installed in October. According to Mayor Adams, the best place for that new equipment is where the current playground equipment is located. The council will make a decision about removal of that playground equipment at an upcoming meeting.

The council scheduled another meeting for today (Wednesday, August 27) at 4:00 P.M. That will also be a called meeting. At press time, an agenda had not been received for that meeting.

No further business came before the council, and the meeting was adjourned.