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Board of Commissioners meet

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On Tuesday, May 20, the City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners held their second regular meeting for the month.

After the standard call to order and invocation, regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes from May 6 and May 12 were approved.

Starting off hot, Mayor Isaac Dailey gave the reigns to the commissioner of fire safety and emergency services Roger Slade who motioned to authorize to accept the resignation/retirement of Lancer Mastin effective May 31, 2025.

After twenty years of service as a firefighter EMT, Mastin decided to hang it up and enjoy time with family.

"I always tell people that I read a quote one time that the most dangerous decision a firefighter will make is becoming a firefighter, after that everything else is just a part of the job," Slade said while thanking Mastin for his job well done.

Chief Chaffee stated that his respect for Mastin grew "leaps and bounds" over the years. "I can't replace him."

Next, Slade motioned to change the job status of Carl Whitson from part-time firefighter to full-time firefighter, which carried.

Slade then moved to authorize to offer employment to two individuals as firefighter recruits contingent on successful completion of all pre-employment requirements, which carried.

For the Mayors report, a mowing bid was discussed for the property on Cook Pk. Furnwood Farms put in a bid, which was tabled for later discussion after hesitations from members of the board.

A motion was made by Dailey to authorize himself to sign an agreement with the Harrison County Water Association in regards to the



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Commissioner Roger Slade smiles on as Fire Chief Bob Chaffee congratulates Lancer Mastin on his retirement and years of service.

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HCHS class of 2025 finally graduates!

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On the evening of Friday, May 23, the Harrison County High School class of 2025 arrived to the football field by the bus-load to walk into their futures.

Graduation saw almost 200 students earn their high school diplomas, many of whom already with their sights on school or a vocation. But for the night, they stopped looking ahead to enjoy the moment.

Class President Riley Grob gave an opening speech to acknowledge the long-ride that was quickly coming to an end. Lindsey Bennett was named Valedictorian while Cecilia Boland and Brennan Hoskins were named Salutatorians.

In the end, the age-old tradition of tossing the caps was honored and families met with their graduates for tear-filled pictures before the now ex-seniors spent one last night in their old halls for project grad.



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Senior Class President Riley Grob gives an opening speech on the graduating class of 2025.



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Lisa Galasso, manager of the Harrison County Flora Shropshire Animal Shelter, sits with Colorado the dog so that attending children can pet him.

Buddy the dog visits the Library

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On Thursday, May 22, the Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library hosted "Paws & Pages" in partnership with DCCH Center for Children and Families as well as the Harrison County Flora Shropshire Animal Shelter.

Buddy the Bulldog, mascot for DCCH, was supposed to attend for a photoshoot with attending children, but unfortunately was unable to make it. However, Colorado, a dog from Shropshire, was in attendance and gave all visitors a chance for a picture and some play.

In addition, a creative station was set up for kids to make dog toys that would be given to dogs at the shelter. There was also a coloring station.

A representative of DCCH was present to give Buddy's story as well as explain the function and purpose of the organization. According to their website, it's a "safe place for abused and neglected children to live and heal. This includes onsite residential treatment, as well as foster care and adoption opportunities for children who have been removed from their homes by the state of Kentucky."

Buddy acts not only as a mascot, but as a budding therapy dog. A children's book about Buddy called "Buddy the Bulldog" by Jessica Thompson and Chuck Rekow was for sale, along with plush pillows of Buddy.

Charge made in connection with teen death

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According to a press release from the Lexington Police Department Public Information Office, a charge has been made in connection with the death of sixteen-year-old Ali Haider Naqvi.

On Wednesday, May 21, the charge was made against a seventeen-year-old juvenile in connection with the death. Also detailed in the press release, the same juvenile was previously charged on Thursday, May 15, with allegedly tampering with physical evidence.

They are being held in a Juvenile Detention Center.

The Lexington Police Department Public Information Office has again requested that anyone with information on the still missing fifteen-year-old Aoun Ismail Basboos "call 911 or the Lexington Police Department at (859) 258-3600. Anonymous tips can be submitted to Bluegrass Crime Stoppers by calling (859) 253-2020 or online at www.bluegrasscrimestoppers.com."



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