## HART COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

# **Attendance at the Forefront**

By **Katrina England** News-Herald Reporter

The Hart County Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at Cub Run School.

Board Members Tina Rutledge, Andrea Robertson, Wesley Hodges, and Thomas Hockensmith were in attendance, as well as Superintendent Bo Chenoweth.

Andrea Robertson welcomed Hockensmith who filled the vacancy left after Tyler Holthouser's resignation.

"I'd like to thank the board for welcoming me and trusting me," said Hockensmith. "I'm grateful for the opportunity and will do my very best."

In the first order of business, Andrea Robertson was nominated and unanimously voted in as Board Chairperson.

Cub Run Principal
Daniel Hawkins
recognized STLP
Drone Team members,
as well as members of
the WCUB newscast.

Hawkins also shared a Cub Run School News video with those in attendance. The video was later shared with all families of the Hart County School System.

Roundstone Native Seed Company was recognized as Education Supporter of the Month, as were

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WCUB Newscast Members



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STLP Drone Team Recognitions



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#### ORDINANCE 10-2025 2025 PROPERTY TAXES CITY OF MUNFORDVILLE

AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING AND LEVYING A PROPERTY TAX ON PROPERTY HAVING A SITUS IN THE CITY OF MUNFORDVILLE, KENTUCKY. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNFORDVILLE, KENTUCKY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That there is hereby levied an Ad Valorem Tax of Twenty six cents (.26) for every one hundred dollars (\$100) of the assessed valuation of all real estate and valuation of all tangible personal property subject to taxation for municipal purposes and having a situs in the City of Munfordville, Kentucky as of the first day of January 2025 as listed in the Tax Administration in accordance with KRS 132.285.

Section 2: All monies collected from the taxes levied in this ordinance shall be paid into the General Fund of the City to be used for the payment of proper expenditures as determined by the City Council of the City of Munfordville, Kentucky.

Section 3: It is further provided that all taxpayers who may owe taxes, under this ordinance, shall pay the same to the city tax collector on or before November 30, 2025. Any taxpayer who pays his tax bill under this ordinance on or before the due date shall be allowed a discount of two percent (2%) of the total tax bill. Face value of bill is due by December 31, 2025. It is further provided that tax bills of all taxpayers who fail to pay same on or before December 31, 2025 there shall be added by way of penalty, an amount equal to five percent (5%) from January 1, 2026 until January 31, 2026 and twenty one percent (21%) from February 1, 2026 until April 15, 2026 with twelve percent (12%) per annum added after April 15 until paid, such delinquent taxpayer shall also pay all costs and expenses incidental to any action taken by the City of Munfordville for collection of such tax bill in accordance with KRS 91A.070 and/or KRS 92.810 and KRS 91.488.

Section 4: The City of Munfordville will accept payment in person or by mail in the form of cash or check. Credit card payments are accepted with a convenience fee. Payment may be mailed to City of Munfordville, P.O. Box 85, Munfordville, Kentucky 42765. Service fees as adopted by the City of Munfordville will be charged in the event a check is found to be nonnegotiable or returned due to insufficient funds.

Section 5: KRS 91.488 Enforcement of city tax liens -Alternate remedy -Joinder of parcels - Separate listing.

- (1) The collector may enforce city tax liens by bringing suit in rem against property so encumbered. This means of enforcement shall not be the exclusive remedy available to the collector and shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or equity. Any number of parcels of real estate may be joined in one (1) petition or suit. Each separate tract or parcel of real estate joined in any one (1) action shall be included in a separate count to distinguish it from other parcels within the same action.
- (2) Each Separate tract or parcel of real estate joined in any one (1) action shall be listed by the collector by its tax district, block, lot, and sub-lot, and shall be separately indexed and docketed by the Circuit Court Clerk in a book kept by the Clerk for that purpose. For each parcel of real estate, the Circuit Court Clerk shall be allowed a fee of fifty cents (\$0.50) which shall be taxed and paid as other costs.

Section 6: If any part of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remainder of the ordinance, and the taxes, penalties and interest shall apply to the maximum extent allowable under this ordinance. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its proper passage and publication as required by law.

First Reading: <u>September 11, 2025</u> Second Reading <u>September 15, 2025</u>

APPROVED

/s/ Ricky D. Line, Mayor ATTESTED

/s/ Neva F Brent, Clerk



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Thomas Hockensmith (right) attended his first meeting as Cub Run's new Board Member.

## CITY OF HORSE CAVE, KY

#### ORDINANCE No. 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY,
WATERCRAFT AND MOTOR VEHICLES TAX RATES FOR THE
CALENDAR YEAR 2025

#### SECTION 1. PROPERTY TO BE ASSESSED AND TAX LEVIED ANNUALLY

All real and personal property within the corporate limits of the City subject to tax for the City purposes shall be assessed each year as provided by law and ad valorem taxes shall be levied thereon for city purposes.

#### **SECTION 2.** AFFECT ON EXISTING ORDINANCES

Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to affect the validity of any annual tax levy ordinance or any other ordinance levying a specific tax and all such ordinances shall remain in full force and effect under their respective terms and conditions.

## SECTION 3. ADOPTING HART COUNTY PVA ASSESSMENT

The City does hereby adopt, approves, and elects to use the annual assessment of the property prepared for Hart County for property situated within the corporate limits of the City as the basis of the ad valorem tax levied herein. The City Clerk shall notify the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Revenue, and the Property Valuation Administrator of Hart County, Kentucky immediately upon election of the City of Horse Cave, Kentucky to adopt said assessment. Each year the City shall appropriate and pay to the office of the Hart County Property Valuation Administrator a sum for the use of said assessment as prescribed by law.

### **SECTION 4.** ASSESSMENT DATE

Pursuant to KRS 132.285, the assessment date for the City shall conform to the assessment date of Hart County, the time for levying the city tax rate, fiscal year, and any other dates that will enable the effective adoption of the county assessment, notwithstanding any statutory provision of the contrary, are hereby designed to conform with the appropriate dates prescribed for the County by statute.

#### **SECTION 5. DUE AND DELINQUENCY DATES**

- A. All taxes hereunder shall be due and payable on or before December 31, 2025. A discount of two percent (2%) shall be allowed on each tax bill for general purposes if paid on or before December 1, 2025. It is further provided that to the tax bills of all taxpayers who fail to pay on or before January 1, 2026, there shall be added by way of penalty an amount equal to two percent (2%) of the total tax bill, and upon the total tax bill plus penalty there shall be charged an additional interest in the rate of 10 percent (10%) after February 1, 2026.
- B. Those tax bills remaining unpaid after April 15, 2026, shall be declared "DELINQUENT" and shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid.

# SECTION 6. TAX STATEMENT

Each year the City Clerk of the City shall prepare and mail a tax statement to each taxpayer at his last known address. Failure to receive a tax statement does not relieve the taxpayer of their duty to pay said taxes and any penalties per Section 5.

# SECTION 7. COLLECTION OF TAXES

- A. Except as provided herein, all ad valorem taxes levied by the City shall be collected by the City Clerk who is hereby designated City Tax Collector.
- B. Delinquent taxes shall be collectible under the provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes relating to the collection of delinquent taxes by cities.
- C. All ad valorem taxes levied against motor vehicles and/or watercraft may be collected by the Clerk of the Hart County Court. If such taxes are collected, the City shall pay to the Clerk such sum as provided by law.

# SECTION 8. AD VALOREM TAX RATES FOR 2025

- A. The tax rate for real estate shall be 11.8 cents (\$0.118) for every one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation for the city general funds subject to taxation for municipal purposes and having a taxable situs in the corporate limits of Horse Cave, Kentucky as of the first day of January, 2025 as listed in the Tax Assessment Ledge compiled by the Hart County Property Valuation Administrator.
- B. The tax rate for tangible personal property shall be 18.37 cents (\$0.1837) for every one hundred dollar (\$100) of assessed valuation for the city general funds subject to taxation for municipal purposes and having a taxable situs in the corporate limits of Horse Cave, Kentucky as of the first day of January, 2025 as listed in the Tax Assessment Ledger compiled by the Hart County Property Valuation Administrator.
- C. The tax rate for motor vehicles and watercrafts shall be 24.00 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value.

# SECTION 9. COLLECTION OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TAX

The City shall, as a matter of expediency, bill and collect 5.0 cents (\$0.05) for every one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation as approved by the Horse Cave Free Library Board of Trustees and for the implied and specific oversight of the Horse Cave Free Public Library Board of Trustees.

# SECTION 10. USE OF REVENUE

All monies derived herein shall be deposited in the General Fund of the City and shall be used for expending in defraying current, general, and incidental expenses of the City, excepting the apportioned tax designed for the Free Public Library which shall be made available to the Free Library Board of Trustees of the City of Horse Cave, Kentucky to be used and expended in defraying current, general, and incidental expenses of the Free Public Library.

THIS ORDINANCE No. 2025-03 SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PROPER PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Randall Curry, Mayor

Joy Bennett City Clerk

ATTEST

First Reading: September 8, 2025 Second Reading: September 11, 2025