

# News of Record

## Resolution approvals top council agenda

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Hodgenville City Council considered a slew of resolutions at its Monday, July 14 meeting.

The first resolution was titled the Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. According to Hodgenville Mayor Jim Phelps, the agreement would allow the city to provide requested emergency management aid to another jurisdiction without excess paperwork. The document would also allow the same aid to be provided to Hodgenville, if needed. The agreement was approved unanimously.

The second concerns the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and its agreement to loan the city \$1.2 million to re-rate and increase the city's wastewater daily flow capacity and allow for necessary modifications. This resolution — which is simply an agreement between the two entities officially accepting the loan — follows a May approval to increase the city's water and/or sewer rates, as required by KIA. It was approved unanimously.

The third resolution was an agreement between the city and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, providing the city with \$150,000 to repave College Street in Hodgenville. The motion passed unanimously.

Three more resolutions were recommended for approval by the Land of Lincoln Planning and Zoning Commission.

The first zoning ordinance amendment proposed reducing the amount of time until a denied request can be reconsidered from two years to one. Planning and Zoning Administrator Ron Whitlock previously explained the commission was presenting the amendment because members believe the current two-year rule is excessive. The endeavor, which was approved by the LaRue County Fiscal Court



Submitted photo  
**Hodgenville Clerk Beth Sadler swore in Steve Johnson as a Hodgenville City Council member at the conclusion of the council's Monday, July 14 meeting. Johnson will fulfill the vacancy created by the passing of Councilwoman Sharon Hornback on June 20; he will retain the position until December 2026.**

earlier this month, was also approved by the city.

The second zoning ordinance amendment aimed to require all divisions of land and boundary surveys, regardless of size, be approved by the commission. According to Josh Cooper, who serves as the legal advisor for both the city and planning and zoning, the commission has recently seen a surge of individuals attempting to create "illegal or potentially illegal" divisions of land through survey or plat recordings. Stating that new tracts of land cannot be created without following the local subdivision regulations, Cooper said the amendment would provide the commission with regulation and oversight by requiring the entity sign off on any recordings that has the potential to be a land division.

After discussing the amendment amongst themselves and with input from Whitlock and LaRue County Magistrate Darin Williams — who voted to deny the endeavor for the county — the city opted to make the change.

"I don't know if we will or won't have to use [the amendment] ... but I just want to make sure that if we are going to grow, that we grow in a way that this

community wants to grow," Council member Ryan Jeffries said when explaining why he made the motion to approve the resolution. "What I'm afraid is going to happen is we are going to make it so hard to grow in this community that people are going to look for work arounds. And when they look for work arounds, we're not going to have the control that we want."

The third amendment requested the commission be authorized to approve variance requests or conditional use permits — which typically must be approved separately by the Land of Lincoln Board of Adjustments — when the request is coupled with a map amendment. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Other action conducted at the monthly July meeting includes:

- Approval to appoint Steve Johnson to fulfill the vacancy created after the passing of Councilwoman Sharon Hornback on June 20; he will retain the position until December 2026.
- Approval to appoint Eric Allen to the planning and zoning commission; Allen will fill the vacancy created by Johnson's recent resignation from the commission in anticipation for appointment to the council.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Director Ed Lane informed council members that a small sinkhole opened near Circle Crest Road in Hodgenville on June 29. The sinkhole was repaired within an hour of notification, and Lane requested members contact him immediately if they are ever notified of a similar event. He also reported that the department has been working to install a new water line near LaRue County Middle School, due to the old one being dilapidated; this upgrade is expected to increase the city's water customers within the next two weeks.

Hodgenville Police Chief James Richardson provided the council with various updates on department happenings, including receiving \$8,000 in grants from the Livin' Well LaRue Coalition (\$5,000 towards the purchase of their newest K9 officer and \$3,000 towards the purchase of gas masks and other opioid equipment); receiving an additional \$2,800 from the coalition to be used to purchase school supplies for teachers, which they will distribute at the Back to School Bash on Saturday, Aug. 2 on Lincoln Square; and utilizing ABC funding to purchase two sign boards with built-in radars. Richardson also said he has received word that HPD Corporal Roland Howard, who has been deployed overseas with the Kentucky Army National Guard since Sept. 2024, is expected to return home within the next few weeks.

The Hodgenville Fire Department reported eight runs in June. This included three fire alarms, two motor vehicle accidents, two EMS assists and one CO alarm.

The next meeting of the Hodgenville City Council will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 11 at Hodgenville City Hall.

### PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers are listed on deeds filed at the LaRue County Clerk's Office in Hodgenville. FMV means fair market value and is typically based upon assessed taxable value.

**Sandra Joy Williams and James Williams to Stacia Morgan and Brandon Perkins.** E. Main Street, Hodgenville. \$250,000.

**Jonathan C. Whelan and Angelique Whelan to Rhonda Foster and Kevin B. Foster.** S. Lincoln Boulevard, Hodgenville. \$214,000.

**Quitclaim deed. Felicia G. Howlett, aka Felicia Howlett, and Charles Curtis Howlett, Jr. to Paula M. Eldridge.** Greensburg Road, Buffalo. No monetary consideration, FMV: \$35,000.

**Russell Vernon Wilson and Deborah Elaine Wilson to Teddy P. Sundeen and Tara Sundeen.** Campbellsville Road, Hodgenville. \$44,500.

**Tomi J. Baker, aka Tomi J. Schweiss, and Kenneth Hugh Baker to Tomi J. Baker, aka Tomi J. Schweiss, and Kenneth Hugh Baker.** Reed Road, Buffalo. No monetary consideration, FMV: \$135,000.

**Barbara Losch, Trustee of the Losch Family Living Trust, to Paul B. Easterday and Tabitha L. Cook.** Youngers Creek Road, New Haven. \$180,000.

**Robert Barry James II and Deanie Carol James to Holden Fredrick Madriaga.** Walters Avenue, Hodgenville. \$154,000.

**Quitclaim deed. Heather Tomes, aka Heather Everett, to William Tomes.** Campbellsville Road, Buffalo. No monetary consideration, FMV: \$125,000.

**Merriett Mather to Matthew A. Fluri and Natasha G. Fluri.** Pickerill Road, Buffalo. \$40,000.

**Quitclaim deed. Fredrick Dean Hornback, Jr., aka Dean Hornback, and Kelly Lynn Hornback, aka**



**Kelly Hornback, to Michael Keith Hornback, aka Michael Hornback, and Daphne L. Hornback, aka Daphne Hornback.** Bluegrass Drive, Hodgenville. No monetary consideration, FMV: \$1,050,000.

**Michael Keith Hornback, aka Michael Hornback, and Daphne L. Hornback, aka Daphne Hornback, to Michael Keith Hornback, aka Michael Hornback, and Daphne L. Hornback, aka Daphne Hornback.** Bluegrass Drive, Hodgenville. No monetary consideration, FMV: \$1,050,000.

**Gwendolyn Rae Hornback, aka Gwen Hornback, by and through her Attorney-in-Fact Donald Hornback, to Hook Line Properties, LLC.** Campbellsville Road, Hodgenville. \$143,000.

**Quitclaim deed. Michael Keith Hornback, aka Michael Hornback, and Daphne L. Hornback, aka Daphne Hornback, to Fredrick Dean Hornback, Jr., aka Dean Hornback, and Kelly Lynn Hornback, aka Kelly Hornback.** Gettysburg Drive, Hodgenville. No monetary consideration, FMV: \$1,150,000.

**Quitclaim deed. Fredrick Dean Hornback, Jr., aka Dean Hornback, and Kelly Lynn Hornback, aka Kelly Hornback.** Gettysburg Drive, Hodgenville. No monetary consideration, FMV: \$1,150,000.

**Goodwin Heil, aka Butch Heil, Lauren Heil and Douglas Jankowski to Goodwin Heil, aka Butch Heil, and Lauren Heil.** Old Dixie Loop, Upton. No monetary consideration, FMV: \$180,000.

### JAIL LOG

Bookings at The LaRue County Detention Center from Monday, July 14 to Monday, July 21.

- **Meriah N. Sly**, 32 of Earlville, IL. Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substances (first offense), failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense), obstructed vision and/or windshield, failure to notify address change to department of transportation, drug paraphernalia — buy/possess and improper equipment.
- **Alvo L. Laeba**, 36 of Louisville. Driving too slow for traffic conditions/minimum speed, possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, no operator's/moped license, failure to produce insurance card and improper use of left lane — overtaking vehicle.

- **James Bryan Huffines**, 48 of Louisville. Execution of a LaRue Co. bench warrant for failure to appear.
- **Dakota L. Buchanan**, 31 of Garfield. Execution of a LaRue Co. bench warrant for contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order.
- **William Riggs**, 46 of Bardstown. Second-degree assault — domestic violence and execution of a LaRue Co. bench warrant for failure to appear.
- **Alexis Wheeler**, 21 of Hodgenville. Fourth-degree assault (minor injury).
- **Aden Niederholtmeyer**, 20 of Munfordville. Execution of a LaRue Co. bench warrant for failure to appear.
- **Roger T. Boyd**, 42 of Leitchfield. Execution of a LaRue Co. bench warrant for failure to appear, a Hardin Co. bench warrant for failure to appear and a Grayson Co.

bench warrant for failure to appear.

- **Amy Watson**, 37 of Campbellsville. Execution of a Taylor Co. bench warrant for probation violation (for technical violation).
- **Tiffany D. Majia**, 31 of Calhoun. Execution of an Ohio Co. indictment warrant for rear license not illuminated, no registration receipt, no registration plates, menacing, resisting arrest, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance (first offense), second-degree disorderly conduct and third-degree assault — police officer or probation officer.

**Note:** The above information includes a weekly list of bookings into the LaRue County Detention Center. The individuals listed in the log have been arrested and charged with a crime. All individuals arrested are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

### LARUE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

**JUDGE TERESA MCMAHAN-MILLER**  
**July 9**

Juan Ranferis Lopez Trinidad, DOB 1989. No/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no operator's/moped license and failure to produce insurance card. Plea of guilty entered for charge three. (2024)

**July 16**  
Michael Dale, DOB 1989. Fourth-degree assault (no visible injury) and menacing. Plea of not guilty, pretrial conference Aug. 13; 10% bond set, all other conditions remain. (2025)

Joseph T. Holcomb, DOB 2002. Leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid or assistance and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (first offense). Plea of not

guilty entered, pretrial conference July 23; bond remains the same. (2025)

William Riggs, DOB 1978. Second-degree assault — domestic violence and second-degree

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