

UCBOE Approves Lease Agreement; Reviews Budget

The Union County Board of Education met in a lengthy work session Thursday evening where they approved a Chromebook lease agreement, and okayed a Money Market account for bond proceeds. The board also gave the district's fishing team approval to attend the national tournament and heard a report on the tentative FY 2026 budget. All members except Don Yarber and student member Laura Lovell were present for the meeting.

Treasurer Amy Morris told the board that although they approved a Chromebook lease agreement at their last meeting, when the district ordered the devices, they were sold out. She noted that it is necessary to sign a new agreement on a different model Chromebook. The cost will be slightly higher, Morris said, but the agreement itself remains the same. The board approved the new lease.

Morris also asked the board to okay the opening of a US Treasury/Money Market account for the bond proceeds totaling \$13,569,069.30. By opening a Money Market account the district can earn 4 percent interest. The board approved the request and Morris said the money would be moved to

that account on Friday.

The only other action item to come before the board before they reviewed the agenda for Tuesday night's regular meeting was approval for the bass fishing team to attend the national fishing tournament in Oklahoma.

During the review of the agenda for Tuesday night, the board learned that Earle C. Clements Job Corps Academy will be recognized as the Community Supporter, and several STLP students will be recognized as state qualifiers.

Tuesday night's SBDM report was presented by Victory Tech High School.

The board was also expected to approve 27 consent items on Tuesday night's agenda. In addition to the travel report, trip requests, and leaves of absence, the consent items include approval of a three-year agreement with Edgenuity, the program used for homeschool students, job corps students and virtual learning. That program will cost \$60,000, Superintendent Dr. Terra Hancock said.

Morris shared the Fiscal Year 2026 salary schedule with the board noting that employees will see a two percent salary increase district wide with competitive market raises for instructional

assistants, custodians, bus monitors and mechanics. The district will also see a decrease in the retirement costs which will drop from 19.71 percent to 18.62 percent. Morris spent significant time reviewing every aspect of salary increases for various departments and then reviewing the budget as a whole with the board.

Other items expected to be approved by the board at their regular meeting are a fundraising consultant for the National Fitness Campaign and Section 7 staffing allocation. The board will also approve the renewal of student accident insurance with Zurich American Insurance at a cost of \$21,775.21 annually. A contract with the Evansville Association for the Blind was also expected to be approved Tuesday night.

The bank bid will be awarded to United Community Bank.

Twelve consent agenda items relate to the district's construction project. Those contracts include the following:

- site excavation and storm damage/site utilities—Scott and Ritter
- bituminous pavement-Rogers Group
- general trades—Danco Construction

roofing, sheet metal, wall panels, flashing and trim—Carlton Roofing and Sheet Metal

steel doors, frames, flush wood doors and finish hardware—Atlas Companies

aluminum framed entrances and storefronts—KY Mirror and Plate Glass

gypsum board, assemblies and acoustical panel ceilings—A and A Contracting

tiling and resilient tile flooring—Spectra Contract Flooring

painting and joint sealants—A and A Contracting

manufactured laminate/facework/casework—Atlas Companies

fire protection—Premier Fire and Security

plumbing and HVAC—Jett's Specialties

The is also expected to approve declaring the tennis courts at Sturgis as surplus property. The district will then seek KDE's approval to sell the courts. The only other items on the consent agenda include approval of a petition for an early kindergarten enrollment and a Noah basketball agreement.

Arthritis Affects Millions Of People

Arthritis is a common condition that affects millions of people. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, roughly one in five adults in the United States is affected by arthritis, with an estimated 54.5 million adults reporting they have the condition.

The Arthritis Society Canada has similar findings for Canadians suffering from arthritis. Again, one in five adults has the illness and about six million people in the country already have received an arthritis diagnosis. Arthritis causes joint pain, stiffness and inflammation.

The Cleveland Clinic reports osteoarthritis, a type of arthritis that is caused by wear and tear on the joints, is the most common type of the condition. Osteoarthritis can occur naturally as a person ages due to a lifetime of using the joints and wearing down their cartilage cushioning.

Other types of arthritis occur from illness (gout) or the immune system can cause arthritis when it damages the joints by mistake (rheumatoid arthritis).

On A Quiet Night We Can Hear It Growing

By Van Yandell

Luke 24: 44 “Jesus said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.”

Early mornings are a blessing those “sleeping in” never experience. We sit on the front porch and watch the wildlife that feed in the early hours before the heat sets in here in the south.

Across the road this morning in the woods, we saw a skunk, several squirrels, two rabbits and hundreds of birds. Three male cardinals appeared frantic as they rushed from one tree to another.

Yesterday, while talking to a neighbor, a flock of turkeys flew over toward a wheat field and an occasional deer can be seen sticking its head up above the wheat to make sure nothing is happening he needs to know.

A corn field on the north east side of our porch appears to grow a little every day. The comment made is “On a quiet night, we can hear it growing!”

A friend living in a Florida port city once said to me “Everything here rusts! We can hear the old ships rusting on

a quiet night.”

The analogy of relating some concepts or processes to actions we usually don't normally think of as being applicable at times, make a very powerful statement.

The rusting of the old ships is such an example. Rusting obviously doesn't make sounds that can be heard by the human ear.

The growth of plants and the oxidation of ferrous metals is obviously not an action that can be readily observed. But come back tomorrow or next week and the progression is clear.

Jesus gave us many New Testament commandments. Of paramount importance and observable is what many call the Great Commission. Those observable outcomes may be like the growth of grass or grain but given time, the effects are dynamic.

Matthew 28: 18-20 “Jesus said, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

To evangelize the world is a command of our Jesus. Christianity teaches the only eternal salvation is by a faith based belief in Christ Jesus, crucified for the remission of sin and

resurrected from the dead. Jesus shed His perfect blood and died to redeem mankind.

Lost souls are won to our Jesus one at a time. We hear the saying “Rome wasn't built in a day.” Similarly, the world will not be Christianized in a day. It must happen one person at a time.

To tell every person about Jesus is not only because of eternal souls. For the sake of humanity and civilization, to know God and His teachings in the Holy Bible has reached a state of urgency.

Without God's rule book, how is man to know civilized behavior? We have found by experience and observation, acceptable behavior does not come naturally. To know right from wrong must be taught and can only happen through the teachings of God in the Holy Bible.

Sadly, mankind appears to be teaching hatred, bigotry and division. This adverse thinking serves only to destroy our precious world and seems to thrive rather than die. Civilization is not dead but may be on its death bed.

Mankind has written many rule books and laws but the only true

standard of behavior is set by God. Laws become obsolete (for various reasons), but God's rule book never loses its validity.

Chaos and violence are in the hearts of men without standards for our actions. Proverbs 24: 2 “For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.”

Children become adults and many witness violence and many other forms of contempt in their homes. How is anyone to expect any better from them as adults other than what they have been exposed to in earlier years?

There are many reasons for Christians to be active in the teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world. Of course the primary reason is because Jesus told us to. After all, He gave his life blood for our transgressions that we might have eternal life.

Mankind has been seeking eternal life and/or longer life for centuries. Ponce de Leon is famous for his seeking a fountain of youth in Florida and on the island of Bimini in the Caribbean. Many believe Ponce de Leon's exploration for such a fountain is a myth and he never had that pur-

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for three (3) new omni directional Tornado Sirens with complete installation to be located in Caseyville, Dekoven and Uniontown will be received by the Union County Fiscal Court at the Union County Judge/Executive's Office, 100 West Main Street, Morganfield, Kentucky 42437, until 8:30 a.m. Central Standard Time on Monday, June 9, 2025. The bids will be publicly opened and read at the special called meeting of the Union County Fiscal Court at 9:00 a.m. CST on Monday, June 9, 2025.

The Contract Documents, including technical specifications and drawings, may be examined at the following location:
**Union County Judge/Executive's Office
100 West Main Street
Morganfield, Kentucky 42437**

To receive electronic copies of bid documents, please email Jill Hunley at jill.hunley@unioncountky.gov with the Union County Judge/Executive's Office and request bid documents for "Tornado Sirens."

The Union County Fiscal Court shall reserve the right to waive informalities and reject any or all bids.

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NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Sturgis City Council has voted to surplus and receive sealed bids on the following fire truck:

**1-1999 Pierce Ladder Truck
Make-Pierce MFG, Inc. Model-Pierce
VIN-4P1CT02S5XA001089
Mileage 124,160**

Sturgis City Hall has a repair/maintenance estimate from Clarke Power Services in Henderson, KY on the above-mentioned vehicle. If you would like a copy of that estimate call City Hall with your email address.
City Hall, 270-333-2166

Sealed Bids will be received up to June 11, 2025 @ 12:00 pm and opened at the regular scheduled City Council meeting, June 11, 2025 @ 4:00 pm

Bids can be delivered or mailed to:
**Sturgis City Hall
PO Box 98
106 W 6th St
Sturgis, KY 42459**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The second reading of the Union County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at the 9:00 a.m. meeting of the Fiscal Court at the Union County Courthouse. A copy of the proposed budget with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

KIM NANCE
Fiscal Court Clerk
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-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

Kentucky Bike Rally LLC, 1221 N Main St, Sturgis, KY 42459, hereby declares intentions to apply for a Special Temporary License no later than May 21, 2025. The licensed premises will be located at 125 Pryor Blvd., Sturgis, KY 42459 doing business as Kentucky Bike Rally LLC.

The owners are Bill and Carlene Thomas of 254 Chestnut St., Sturgis, KY 42459.

Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St 2NE33, Frankfort, KY 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.