

# City swears-in Officer Aaron Dunn

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NEWS REPORTER

On Tuesday, the City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners gathered at the Board of Education Office for their second and final meeting of the month.

After a call to order and a quick invocation, Mayor Isaac Dailey moved to the item on the agenda most anticipated by the attending crowd.

Police Safety Commissioner Taylor Peoples made a motion to hire Aaron Dunn as a full-time police officer recruit to start Academy July 6, 2026, salary to commensurate with position. The motion carried.

Immediately following the vote, Dunn was sworn in by City Attorney John Lair.

## VISITORS

-Bobby Craft of the Cynthiana-Harrison County Airport addressed the board and notified them of a \$154,000 federal grant they received for an environmental study and survey for the airport.

"Every ten years they have to have an updated environmental study and survey to see what's out there, what needs to be done," explained Craft. "That's what this is. It's a start of other stuff ... it's complicated."

Mayor Dailey made a motion to authorize himself to sign the grant for the environmental study and survey, which carried.

Craft also updated the board on a new blacktop job done on the runway at a cost of \$1.7 million, a fully-funded state job. The runway measures 3,850 feet long by 75 feet. On Saturday, June 27, the airport will once again host the EAA Chapter 1522's Young Eagles Rally. The event offers kids ages eight to 17 free airplane flights.

After approving minutes from the June 2 regular meeting and the June 5 and June 11 special meetings, Dailey gave his mayor's report.

"I wanted to have the acknowledgment of this board of our receipt of the comprehensive plan—the 2025 comprehensive plan of the planning and zoning commission—for our records and their records."

-Dailey also made note of numerous holidays and events to take place between then and the next meeting: Juneteenth on June 19, closing July 3 for the Fourth weekend, the Young Eagles event on June 27, the Barrel House Distillery opening on June 27, the Downtown Summer Block Party on the evening of June 27, the mural

mosaic project on June 30, the 1976 time capsule being opened on July 4 and the Fabulous Fourth event/fireworks that same night.

"Cool stuff happening before our next meeting and a lot going on in the city of Cynthiana," remarked Dailey.

-He said he reached out to Republic Services about their solid waste contact and that he's waiting to hear back. Dailey stated that it may be time for renegotiations or potentially looking for another vendor.

-Dailey proposed a municipal road aid forum for the July 21 meeting to get a list approved to quote and get more roads paved in the fall.

Roads being looked at are: Culpepper Drive, Cladorbon Drive, East Bridge Street (east of the 500 block), Harrison Avenue, Highland Avenue, North Walnut Street and West Penn Street.

"Whatever we can't fit into MRA [Municipal Road Aid], I will be trying to reapply for LARP [Local Assistance Road Program] money for the next general session in Frankfort to hopefully secure some additional state funding to pave more roads," explained Dailey.

He stated Hinkle should be around this week working on intersections approved for MRA last year, with

North Elmarch, West Pike Street and Hickory Court in the pipeline to be paved in July.

-Dailey was invited to speak Thursday at the Kentucky League of Cities Young Leaders Network.

-Dailey made a motion to authorize the abandoned property list for 2026 property taxes, which carried.

-Finally, the mayor made a motion to authorize Brad Wright and Mark Stephens to inquire about a waste water easement concerning Woodland Terrace, which carried.

## COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

-Commissioner of Public Property and Finance Mark Mattmiller made a motion to pay the following bills: general fund of \$139,844 and water/sewer fund of \$131,258. The motion carried.

Mattmiller updated the board on the bank balances: \$241,618 in the general fund, \$527,653 in the water and sewer fund and \$201,877 in the municipal road aid fund.

He also made a motion to authorize to move two CD's at Field & Main Bank to a money market account for a better interest rate, which carried.

-Dailey asked Assistant Chief of Police Robert Peak to present stats from the last six weeks of patrolling,

saying officers made 110 traffic stops, issued 60 citations and investigated 43 collisions.

He noted that despite Grandview residents having recently been vocal in their complaints about speeding in their neighborhood, very very few stops occurred in Grandview, and there were no collisions during the reporting period.

-Peoples made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Mark Branham as SRO (school resource officer) effective June 30, 2026, which carried.

Peoples also made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Michael Coppage as SRO effective June 30, 2026, which carried.

"I'd like to thank Officer Coppage and Officer Branham for their years of service to the city and to the school, the community ... two good guys," noted Mayor Dailey.

A motion was made to surplus a Glock G17 Gen5/GNS 9MM pistol, which carried.

A follow-up motion was made to authorize for Michael Coppage to purchase the pistol, which carried.

Lastly, Peoples made a motion to authorize a \$2 raise for Officer Joe Daniel per the incentive program for training certificates that he's accumulated, which carried.

# STORM

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Emergency Management issued a request on social media for people to report damage.

"The information that has been reported has roughly a dozen buildings with damage," Nelson said.

Getting around the county was difficult for awhile Thursday, and a few streets in town remained closed Friday morning.

"At one time 20-25 roads were blocked," Nelson confirmed.

"All roads are back open and power has been restored in town, thanks to help from KU," Dailey affirmed Monday evening.

As of Monday afternoon, Nelson said, "There are currently six outages that Bluegrass Energy has still listed, and KU has none



Submitted by Kim Bartells

**Kim Bartells' home lies beneath the crown of a large tree downed by last Thursday's storm.**

for Harrison County other than that they have been restored or are in need of repair to the property to be re-established." Dailey said, "Public Works will continue to pick up brush



Photo submitted by Kelly Tolliver

**Downed trees blocked roads city and countywide. Here, a path has been cut to allow vehicles to pass on Morning Glory Road.**

this week or until the job is done that has been brought to the curb. We (Public Works) are also working to provide some wood chips to the public from the storm clean up at the City Barn off Safety Way." Details have not been worked out yet, however.



Submitted by William L. Poe

**William Poe's home on Russ Avenue appears to have been swallowed after the June 18 storm.**



Photo submitted by Donna Edelman

**This minivan bore the brunt of a tree that fell in the June 18 storm.**



Kim Burgess Hunt

**"We knew it wasn't going to last much longer," Kim Burgess Hunt said of the old barn laid down by the June 18 storm.**



Photo submitted by Ed Whitson

**The sight of mature old trees toppled by the storm was not uncommon. This one caused no harm to property, but Ed Whitson reported the storm damaged his roof in a couple of places.**