

City tables Paramount financing decision

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THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

ASHLAND Ashland city commissioners voted to table a decision surrounding a funding request from AP3/Venu-Works for the Paramount Arts Center’s operational costs during Thursday’s regular meeting.

Despite this week’s city commission meeting being the last regularly scheduled before the upcoming general election on Nov. 3, City Attorney Andrew Wheeler said it was at the request of city staff to defer the Paramount’s \$100,000 operational expense item until Tuesday’s work session for further discussion.

According to the consent agenda, the item reads the \$100,000 request would be for the second quarter of the 2027 fiscal year for operating expenses covering Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2026.

If approved, the city’s contribution for first- and second-quarter direct operating support to the Paramount would total \$260,000 — “approximately 80%” of the \$324,000 earmarked from the city’s general fund. The remaining \$64,000 would not include utilities that could exceed \$90,000 set aside for utilities in the city’s Paramount Theater Fund budget.

“If utility expenditures reach the budgeted \$90,000, combined direct operating support requested to date and utilities would total \$350,000, exceeding the budgeted general fund transfer by \$26,000,” the agenda reads. “Unless offset by other revenues or expenditure savings within the Paramount Theater fund, additional general fund support would likely be necessary.”

The item is scheduled to come back up for discussion at the next work session on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 1 p.m.

In other updates, Mayor Chuck Charles issued a proclamation recognizing October 2026 as Fire Prevention Month, further encouraging safe charging practices to prevent lithium-ion battery-driven fires.

Per the proclamation, most rechargeable devices within households, like phones, tablets, laptops, power tools and e-bikes, utilize lithium-ion batteries and introduce a fire risk, which the National Fire Protection Association reports as on the rise.

The proclamation urges citizens to practice safe charging habits, such as unplugging a device once it’s fully charged, using the cord and charger that came with the device, charging devices on a hard, flat surface and watching for warning signs like hot or swelling devices.

On the theme of fire service, Fire Chief Steve Alley gave an annual update of the 141-year-old department, which tallied 2,367 incident responses so far this year.

Alley’s report indicated incident trends continue to increase by more than 100 year after year, with 2025’s final incident count totaling 2,530.

Alley said Ashland’s fire department is one of 51 departments in the state to have a level 2 ISO rating and one of around 2,000 in nationwide.

According to Alley, the ISO rating is essentially an insurance grade often utilized by insurance companies who take into account an area’s fire coverage, including response times, dispatch capabilities and water capacity when assigning departments a score.

There are only five level 1 departments in the state of Kentucky and less than 500 in the country. To upgrade even further, Alley said while the next step isn’t impossible, the city would have to increase its fire personnel extensively.

According to Alley’s report, the department currently employs 56 members but plans to fill an additional firefighter position by January.

As for new businesses, commissioner Marty Gute said he is “happy to see this coming to fruition” as work continues on the Gene Jackson project at 1540 Carter Ave., which tentatively plans to launch a Christmas market later this year.

The commission approved a temporary construction easement between the city and Camayo Arcade LLC regarding the project, allowing the installation of sewer lines as the next task towards completion.

Commissioner Sonny Martin forecasts the reimagined tire shop to become “a real focal point of our community.”

As for commission ac-

tion:

- Commissioners approved an agreement the Salvation Army for the shelter to receive \$75,000 from CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds for an emergency shelter renovation project. Mayor Charles said the Salvation Army is extending its maximum days of stay from 30 days to 60 days and will be renovating its gymnasium to serve as a day shelter.

- Commissioners approved the final reading of an ordinance to enter into a \$127,300 contract with Bri-Den Company, Inc. for all labor, materials, equipment, cleanup and related work necessary for a roof replacement project at the main water plant building.

- Commissioners approved an agreement between the city and Henry Clay House LLC for the installation of fencing around a parking area at 18th Street and Winchester Ave, with a portion permitted to cross into public right-of-way. Per the agreement, Perry Madden, the owner of Henry Clay House, LLC, will plan to repave the parking lot, install striping to identify parking spaces and install the fencing.

- Commissioners approved the appointment of two new police officers for the Ashland Police Department effective Nov. 8.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES, EX REL:
CARRIE ROSS, Social Service Worker,
Petitioner,

vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-JA-075

KIANA STALEY,
COLTON BROOKS, and
UNKNOWN FATHERS,

Respondents,

IN THE INTEREST OF:

G. S.,
Infants Under The Age of 18 Years.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given to Colton Brooks, putative father of the child, G.S.; and hereby given to the unknown father of the child, G.S., that a hearing is scheduled on the above-styled Petition before the Circuit Court of Wayne County, West Virginia, on the second floor of the Wayne County Courthouse, on the **13th day of November, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the Petitioner can be heard, and you are hereby notified that your parental rights may be terminated, and you may be present to protect your rights and interest if you so desire,



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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-CI-00510

KENNETH WILLIAMS,

vs.

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LISA ESTEP;

PLAINTIFF,

DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Agreed Judgment entered on January 5, 2024, and Order of Sale entered on September 14, 2026. I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, November 13, 2026, at 11:10 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **12% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 126 Mary Court, Rush
(For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 835, Page 631, Boyd County Clerk’s Office)
Map/Parcel ID Number: 018-00-00-034.11

NOTE - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

/s/ Kenneth Williams, Jr.
KENNETH WILLIAMS, JR.
BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
MASTER COMMISSIONER

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00226

FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
PLAINTIFF,

vs.

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MATTHEW R. BIGGS;
KORY E. HELMICK;
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY,

DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on October 5, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, November 13, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **6.50% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 934 Prospect Avenue, Ashland
(For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book D719, Page 210, Boyd County Clerk’s Office)
Map/Parcel ID Number: 031-14-05-008.00

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KENNETH WILLIAMS, JR.
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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00878

MIDFIRST BANK,

PLAINTIFF

vs.

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PATICK H. NEWCOME, aka PATRICK HENRY
NEWCOME,
aka PARTRICK NEWCOME;
ANGELA NEWCOME;
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on September 25, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, November 13, 2026, at 11:15 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **7.375% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 1400 Beverly Blvd, Ashland
(For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 772, Page 643, Boyd County Clerk’s Office)
Map/Parcel ID Number: 031-15-10-005.00

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00089

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS
INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE
FOR THE CIM TRUST 2020-R7, MORTGAGE-BACKED
NOTES, SERIES 2020-R7,

PLAINTIFF,

vs.

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UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GREGORY SCOTT MILLER;
UNKNOWN ADMINISTRATOR/ADMINISTRATRIX
OF THE ESTATE OF GREGORY SCOTT MILLER;
ANDREW CRAWFORD MILLER;
ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, SUCCESSOR IN
INTEREST TO AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE,
INC., AND AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE OF
AMERICA, INC.;
CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CAPITAL ONE
BANK (USA), N.A.;
TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORPORATION;
DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on September 11, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, November 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **8.32% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 188 Armco Boulevard, Ashland
(For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 665, Page 754, Boyd County Clerk’s Office)
Map/Parcel ID Number: 022-09-04-005.00

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