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prints” such as a hyperscale data center or small data center as well as “electricity substations, transmission lines, and distribution needed to support an I-T district campus development.” In addition, the amendment includes provisions that the developer will be responsible for the cost of new vehicles and firefighter training, and that drainage from any data center built would be treated as a waste stream. Any developer in violation of the ordinance would face fines of up to \$25,000 a day.

The Harrodsburg Herald incorrectly reported that the planning and zoning commission had to give the ordinance a second reading. However, both the city commission and the fiscal court would need to give it two readings to enact it. On Monday, Chief Administrative Officer Stacey Maynard said the planning and zoning commission had not yet submitted the amendment to the city government.

If enacted, the city’s data center moratorium will remain in effect until the amendment is enacted. Mayor Bob Williams moved to draft the moratorium. Williams’s motion passed unanimously.

In other business, the Harrodsburg City Commission:

- Approved paying \$38,735.59 to 502 Equipment for repairs made to the sewer vac truck.
- Mayor Williams said the repairs had already been made. He recommended the public works department get rid of the big vac truck, which requires a commercial driver’s license, in favor of a smaller truck anyone could drive. The mayor said they only had one driver with a CDL who would not work weekends or nights.
- “We need to get rid of that

and get a smaller and newer truck that anyone can drive,” Williams said.

Commissioner Marvin “Bubby” Isham asked about keeping the big truck, purchased with a 2016 grant. Isham said the pump was stronger in the larger truck, and the employees opposed getting rid of it.

“We don’t work with it,” Isham said.

“Why can’t we get more CDL drivers?” asked Commissioner Kerry Anness, who said he was not opposed to buying another truck.

Chief Administrative Officer Stacey Maynard said CDL applicants must attend full-time classes, which require them to be away from work.

“Would a smaller truck do the same thing as the bigger truck?” asked Commissioner Charlie Mattingly.

Mayor Williams said a smaller truck could do everything a bigger truck could, but would require more frequent dumping. He said the city has had to pay for repairs to the vac truck at least twice.

“It’s a pretty heavy expense every time,” Williams said.

Maynard said they would bring more information to the commission at another meeting.

- Made personnel moves. The commissioner voted to accept the resignation of Chief Scott Elder from the Harrodsburg Police Department effective Aug. 31.

Elder has accepted a position as the school resource officer with Burgin Independent Schools.

After accepting Elder’s resignation, Mayor Bob Williams moved to hire Jason Fraddosio as the interim chief effective Aug. 31. Williams’ motion was approved unani-

mously. Fraddosio joined the HPD as a part-time training officer in February 2025. He retired after 22 years with the Nicholasville Police Department, finishing his time there as commander of the Special Response Team.

The commissioners also voted to accept the resignation of Water Treatment Plant Operator Chad Beane effective Aug. 14.

They also voted to remove Austin Kerns and Tyler Seybold from the part-time firefighter list effective immediately. Both Brittany Waughtal and Tucker Dehmlow were hired as part-time firefighters pending background check, drug test and alcohol test.

The commission voted to hire Christopher Crews as a water treatment plant operator trainee effective Aug. 17, pending background check, drug test and alcohol test.

- Made appointments. The city commission accepted Genie Sims’ resignation from the Greater Mercer County Board of Ethics. They also voted to appoint Emily Phillips to the ethics board to replace Sims. Phillips’s term will end May 11, 2030.
- Met Chase Blain, the new operations director for Anderson-Dean Community Park. The Harrodsburg-Mercer County Tourist Commission voted to hire Blain on July 16. Monday was Blain’s first day on the job.

At Monday’s meeting, the commission also approved street closures for the opening weekend of the Lawn on Main, the tourist commission’s latest brainchild to drive traffic on Main Street. Inspired by Shelbyville’s The Lot, the Lawn on Main is a dedicated food truck park open on week-

ends. The closures include Poplar Street from Main Street to 111 East Poplar Street—the downtown barber shop/brick building—on Friday, Aug. 21, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 23, from noon to 5 p.m.

On Monday, Mayor Williams said the street will only close if they have an overflow.

Gray said there would be live music and karaoke on the first weekend for what he called a “little gathering downtown.”

- Authorized Mayor Williams to sign an agreement with General Code for conversion services. Maynard said the company will codify city ordinances and place them in an online database for easy searching. City ordinances have been put online but are not searchable, she said. When the work is completed, Maynard said it will help the public and city officials find ordinances more easily and make it easier to honor freedom of information requests.
- Authorized Mayor Williams to sign a grant agreement between the City of Harrodsburg and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Office of Highway Safety for a \$5,000 grant the city has applied for. The grant will reimburse the city for overtime for city police officers fulfilling duties for statewide programs such as Click It or Ticket and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

The next scheduled meeting of the Harrodsburg City Commission will be Monday, Aug. 24, at noon at Harrodsburg City Hall (208 South Main Street). A calendar with meeting dates and other information is available online at harrodsburgky.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mercer County Fiscal Court had first reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-07 relating to the annual budget and amendment on 8/11/26, and will have Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-07, relating to the annual budget and amendment, whereas, Mercer County has realized unbudgeted receipts from carryover adjustments from FY25-26, the budget for FY26-27 is amended to increase the receipts of the General, Road, Jail, LGEA, Solid Waste, Landfill, P/NP, Opioid, Permanent Storage Record, & House Bill 1 Farm Funds by \$2,301,553.18, will be held 8/25/26 at 10am EST/9am CST at the Mercer County Courthouse. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

SOUTHEASTERN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORPORATION 476 Sparrow Lane, Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code as amended, SCEC hereby publishes its fiscal year financial statement for June 30, 2026.

ASSETS	Total Net Assets on 6/30/25	<u>\$285,000</u>
	Total Net Assets on 6/30/26	<u>\$301,311</u>
INCOME	Donations	\$47,265
	Investment income (loss)	7,398
	Realized gain (loss) on investment	4,132
	Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	7,487
	Total income	<u>\$66,282</u>
EXPENSES	Business expense	
	General Administrative	\$2,958
	Federal income tax	213
	Total business expense	<u>\$3,171</u>
	Grants and Scholarships	
	Asbury University	\$ 7,800
	Bryan College	2,600
	Cedarville University	2,600
	Freed Hardeman University	13,000
	Harding University	7,800
	Huntington University	2,600
	Kentucky Christian College	1,300
	Lipscomb University	6,500
	SBTS Boyce	2,600
	Total Grants Awarded	<u>\$46,800</u>

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Mercer County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 69.9 cents on real property, which is .6 cents lower than the prior year, and 70.5 cents on personal property, which is 1.4 cents lower than the prior year.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 70.5 cents on real property and 71.9 cents on personal property, producing revenue of \$12,260,304.71. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 69.9 cents on real property and 70.5 on personal property for fiscal year 2027 is expected to produce \$13,196,070.86. Of this amount, \$1,260,223.88 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 67.6 cents on real and personal property and is expected to produce \$12,752,785.18.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the prior year. The general areas to which revenue of \$935,766.15 is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$21,055; building fund, \$46,788; instruction, \$280,760; transportation, \$46,788; maintenance of plant, \$514,671.15; and all other operations, \$25,734.

The Board will be voting on the proposed tax rates at the regular board meeting on August 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Mercer County Board of Education, 530 Perryville Street, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

The General Assembly has required the publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

BURGIN INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE OF HEARING FOR RECALLABLE TAX RATES

The Burgin Independent Board of Education will hold a public hearing to hear comments from the public regarding a proposed General Fund tax levy of 76.8 cents on real property and 76.8 cents on personal property

PUBLIC HEARING
August 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time
(4:30 p.m. Central Time)
Burgin Independent School Cafeteria
440 E. Main Street, Burgin, Kentucky

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 81.8 cents on real property and 81.8 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$2,809,553.19. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 76.8 cents on real property and 76.8 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$3,147,068.70. Of this amount, \$201,759.23 is from new property and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 69.6 cents on real property and 69.6 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$2,852,031.01. The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$337,515.51 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$10,000.00; building fund, \$98,465.83; instruction, \$119,049.68; transportation, \$50,000.00; and maintenance of plant, \$60,000.00.

This notice is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. Under KRS 132.017, 4.4 cents of this proposed rate is subject to taxpayer recall.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

NOTICE: The tax rate advertisement in the 8/6/26 edition of The Harrodsburg Herald was inadvertently ran mistakenly by the newspaper. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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Thursday, July 30.

The Harrodsburg Herald incorrectly reported that the planning and zoning commission had to give the ordinance a second reading. However, both the city commission and the fiscal court would need to give it two readings to enact it.

On Tuesday, Judge-Executive Sarah Steele said the moratorium will be posted on the county’s website upon adoption.

In related news, Gov. Andy Beshear issued an Executive Order on Thursday, Aug. 6, which the governor said was designed to ensure there was no detrimental impact on ratepayers or the environment from data centers.

“Data center companies looking to do business in Kentucky, at a minimum, must demonstrate they will be good neighbors by investing responsibly, operating transparently, and working in partnership with our people and communities to make certain these projects deliver lasting benefits for Kentucky’s working families,” the executive order reads.

To protect ratepayers, the executive order directs data center project developers to submit an energy plan to the Energy and Environment Cabinet showing how it will protect residential ratepayers, including assurances that it can meet its energy needs now, in the near term, and in the long term without imposing additional costs on other utility ratepayers.

According to the executive order, the Kentucky Public Service Commission—the five-member administrative body that regulates more than 1,100 utilities across the commonwealth—shall not allow a utility to increase rates paid by other ratepayers to recover

costs caused by the development and operation of a data center.

To protect the environment, the Energy and Environment Cabinet is directed to deny any permitting applications that would negatively impact Kentucky’s air quality, water use, water quality, water supply, federal jurisdictional wetlands, or natural resources. Data center developers must also comply with all applicable environmental laws and public engagement requirements, according to the executive order.

Data center project developers must commit to paying their “full and fair share of state and local taxes” and not attempt to avoid paying taxes, especially those for local communities and schools, according to the executive order.

Developers are also required to commit to “engaging in public discussions with local community leaders and members where the project is proposing to locate, addressing with full transparency the community’s questions, including how the data center will create local job opportunities,” according to the executive order.

Nothing in the order shall impact decisions made by local communities regarding the operation of data centers within their jurisdiction, according to the executive order.

In response to Beshear’s executive order, Panattoni Development Company—the firm that has confirmed they are developing a data center here in Mercer County—issued a statement. A spokesperson for Panattoni Data Centers said the company supports Beshear’s executive order.

“It reflects the same prin-

ciples that guide our approach to data center development: transparency, responsible planning, collaboration with utilities and communities, and investment that strengthens, not strains, local infrastructure,” the spokesperson said.

“These are practices we already embrace on projects across our portfolio,” they said. “We believe thoughtful planning and open engagement create the certainty needed to deliver long-term economic growth while protecting electric reliability and supporting the communities where we invest.

The spokesperson said Panattoni appreciates the governor’s leadership in “advancing a framework that promotes responsible growth and reinforces Kentucky’s economic future, all in keeping with the priorities of the communities of the state.”

On Tuesday, the Mercer County Fiscal Court also set a new tax rate for the fiscal year.

Following Judge Steele’s recommendations, magistrates approved a tax rate of 11.3 for real and personal property, down from last year’s rate of 11.6.

The new rate is the compensating rate, which is calculated by the state to generate roughly the same revenue as last year’s rate

They also approved a reduction in the rates for tangible personal property and inventory, from 18.31 cents to 17.83 cents per \$100 in assessed value. The rate for vehicles and watercraft remains unchanged at 9.2 cents per \$100 in assessed value.

Magistrate Tim Darland moved to accept the new tax rate, which was seconded by Magistrate Kevin Hicks. Dar-

Aug. 10.

Named permanent HPD chief in December 2024, Elder began his career in law enforcement in Bell County in 1997 and first joined the HPD in 2001, moving to the Mercer County Sheriff’s Office—where he eventually rose to become chief deputy—in 2009. He retired from

the sheriff’s office in 2022 and served as chief of the Burgin Police Department and as chief of the Junction City Police Department before rejoining the HPD as assistant chief in July 2024.

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confident the department will continue to move forward in a positive direction.”

Elder has accepted a position as the school resource officer with Burgin Independent Schools.

“This opportunity allows me to continue serving and protecting our community in a different capacity—one

that focuses on supporting students, assisting teachers and staff, and helping create a safe, positive environment where children can learn and thrive,” Elder said in his resignation letter.

The Harrodsburg City Commission formally accepted Elder’s resignation at their regular meeting on Monday,