

QUESTIONS

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Martin for *The Herald-News*.

A quorum was declared present, and the minutes from the August 27th meeting were approved after motions by Hawkins and Crain.

Jailer Randall Shive addressed the court and asked, "I was under the impression that everybody was getting a 3% raise across the board, and we didn't get ours. And I just wondered why we don't deserve a raise like everybody else?"

Judge Wilson said it must have been an oversight, if that happened. But then Edwards explained,

"It wasn't an across-the-board type deal. Last year, beginning last year, on July 1st of 25, they (three transportation officers) started, they got their raise for them, which was almost a 21% raise. It wasn't across the board."

Edwards was referring to the raise given to the transportation officers that began on July 1, 2025, that took them from \$824 per month (\$9,888 yr) up to \$1,000 per month (\$12,000 yr).

The elected officials are scheduled to receive a 2.7% raise effective January 1, 2027, but that isn't an across-the-

board raise.

Judge Wilson asked Shive, "Let me ask you this. I remember when we hired the last transport officer. I agreed to it as long as they could make up the difference. And you transported state prisoners, and that has always covered the cost."

"We're going to keep transporting them, but they're changing the way they're paying them," replied Shive, adding, "Ones that's got felony charges. The state will pay better. That's what that's been paid for; it's a felony, but they're cutting it back."

"Now, let me ask you this. If those rates, what we get, drops, and we're not coming up with the salary, are you gonna be in agreement that we cut one of them (part-time officers) back?" asked Wilson.

"Well, how are we supposed to cut one of them out when that just puts more duties on us... I mean, we're short-handed as it is," said Shive.

Edwards added, "I know a lot of counties that we've seen also do per trip. They don't get a flat rate per month (like Metcalfe)."

Shive explained how it works, "Dennis left at 5 o'clock this morning going to Bardstown to get one to pick up for court. Jeremy was out last night at 11:30 taking one to Hopkinsville. And they're just part-time, and they can only work 99 hours a month... I got up at 2 o'clock, going to Barren County. I had one going to Hopkinsville. That's a four and a half hour trip."

Crain asked Shive how many hours he worked a month, and Shive answered, "...covering 6,300 hours, which figures out about 121 hours a week that's got to be covered."

It was finally agreed to give a CPI (cost of living) raise of 2.7% to the transportation officers and the animal control officer beginning October 1st. The motions were made by Bragg and Miller.

The court acknowledged the rates set for the Metcalfe County School District for Real Property 51.3

cents per \$100 (down from 52.2) and the 2027 Motor Vehicle/Watercraft 56.6 cents per \$100 (same).

Next was Resolution #26-0910 Subtle - Garrett Creek Road Extension, which concerns 0.37 miles of the road, which is in Metcalfe County. The county has been maintaining this section of the road since February, but the paperwork had not been completed to add it to the county road maintenance list. The resolution was approved after motions were made by Bragg and Miller.

One of the two Ambulance Fund CDs at the bank is due this month. Megan contacted the bank and was given these interest rates for renewal: 6 months at 3.55%, 9 months at 3.65%, 12 months at 3.75%, and 15 + months at 3.86%. The motion to renew for 15 months at 3.85% was made by Bragg, seconded by Miller, and approved.

Since the school's fall break and holidays are in October through December, some of the regular meeting dates had to be changed. The meeting changes were approved after motions by Bragg and Hawkins.

The fiscal court dates are: Tuesday, October 13, Thursday, October 22, Friday, November 13, Wednesday, November 25, Thursday, December 10, and Wednesday, December 23, 2026.

Financials

The August financial statement was approved after motions by Crain and Miller, followed by one

budget transfer for road materials, which was also approved.

The interfund transfers were next. Edwards explained, "There are three: the first one is to the jail to operate, second one is ABC money to go to the general, and the third one is money that came in state grants that goes to the jail."

The interfund transfers were all approved. Next were the claims, with only the jail payment noted as \$22,500, which decreased by a small amount. The claims were approved after motions by Bragg and Miller.

The DES, recycling, and road department reports were received by everyone.

In other business, John Phelps of EUDS presented a short update on FEMA claims. He provided a new spreadsheet which was requested at his last update. Several FEMA claims reaching back several years are finally being closed, and the disaster claims from this year have been opened.

Bragg asked why claims that covered several roads couldn't be separated, with payments issued for the individual roads as they were completed. The customary process is to wait until the full claim is complete and then issue payment, as this is much less confusing.

The county is currently waiting for reimbursement from the state for work already completed.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Doug Smith opened the meeting and declared a quorum present.

The minutes from the regular meeting on August 3rd were approved without changes.

Mayor Smith stated, "Tareena Horton of the Edmonton Metcalfe Chamber could not be here today, but has a question to be added to the next agenda."

The second reading of Ordinance # 2026-2027-02 for the 2027 Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Property Tax rate was heard. The proposed rate is fifteen and two-tenths cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value. (15.2 cents per \$100). This has remained the same as last year. The second reading was approved.

The first reading of Ordinance # 2026-2027 Real and Personal Property Tax rates was heard. The proposed rate is 0.82 (8.2 cents per \$100) for Real Property and Personal Property. This is down .4 from 2025's 8.6 cents per \$100. The first reading was approved after motions by Word and Nunn.

Hensley presented the water, sewer, and gas report. "We've done five water taps, fixed six leaks, replaced two boxes and centers, done a sewer tap,

and replaced two gas meters... We also continue installing the gas radio drive-bys to try to get all those on. Worked on the spillway a little bit; done all the bush hogging. Found a 2-inch valve box that had been here for probably 20 years over at Sunset... We got three employees signed up to take the distribution water test and one employee signed up to take the wastewater test. That'll be in October 21-22."

Devore then stated, "I'm asking for approval to apply for the Contemporary Transportation Grant School Program. What that is, is they've allotted money for each county and each county seat up to \$100,000. piece. It's a 50-50 matching grant, so if you spend \$200, we're going to get \$100 back. But it's for sidewalk repairs or street repairs. I've had Moe looking at the sidewalks, because we have been working on our streets through the, they call it LARP now, and we have road money for that. We can use the road dept money for sidewalks also. We just haven't in a lot of years, because we've been trying to get our streets back. So, if you all would give us permission to apply for this grant, we'd appreciate it."

The approval was granted after motions by Hamlett and Estes.

Chief Robertson was out on a call, but his August activity report was available. There were 11 arrests, 4 non-injury accidents, no injury accident, 2 alarm calls, 5 animal complaints, 3 domestic calls, served 1 EPO, opened 4 investigations, assisted 2 motorists, 10 medical assists, 46 traffic stops, 2 trash complaints, served 5 warrants, and did 5 funeral escorts. A total of 74 complaints, 13 citations written, and drove 4,099 miles, and used 305 gallons of fuel.

Next was 911 Director Jordan Crump with her August report. The total calls for August were 455; of those, the city received 45.84%, the county received 52.3%, and there were 1.85% other. "I do have myself and two of my other employees going to the state conference next week in Louisville. And I've got one going to training in Madisonville today." Stated Crump.

ABC Administrator Fred Ray stated that everything's fine and that everyone is in compliance.

Parks and Recreation Director Brian Garrett stated that football season had begun, and they had finished their painting project.

There was no other business, and the meeting adjourned.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

METCALFE CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00094

COMMISSIONER'S SALE ON

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026 AT 12:00 NOON

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION

PLAINTIFF

VS.

HALEY DANIELLE TAYLOR

RESPONDENT

By Virtue of Judgment in the Case Set Forth: I shall sell to the highest and best bidder at the time and place above, the following real estate and improvements thereon in Metcalfe County, located at 4003 Summer Shade Road, Summer Shade, Metcalfe, Kentucky, PVA Map ID #030-00-00-020.00.

Haley Danielle Taylor derived title by deed dated October 2, 2024, and recorded on October 9, 2024, in Deed Book 178, Page 795, in the Office of the Metcalfe County Court Clerk.

To be sold on SEPTEMBER 24, 2026, at 12:00 noon at the Metcalfe County Judicial Center.

This property is being sold pursuant to a foreclosure action.

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION was granted an in personam Judgment against Respondent in the amount of \$205,233.34 plus any advances made by Plaintiff to preserve the real estate involved, plus interest at the rate of 5.75% and attorney's fee in the amount of \$3,900.00. From the proceeds and bond interest, the Master Commissioner will pay the costs and fees of the sale plus the payment of the Ad Valorem Tax Bills, including those parties' costs and attorney's fees, and any remaining funds will be held until further orders of the Circuit Judge.

The subject property cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and will be sold in its entirety.

ALL PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY/ALL EXISTING R/Ws AND EASEMENTS. ANY SALE MAY BE CANCELLED WITHOUT NOTICE. THE COURT, COMMISSIONER AND PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDINGS ARE NOT LEGALLY BOUND BY THE ADVERTISEMENT AND THE CONTENTS OF THE COURT JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE CONTROL. UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, WE ARE UNABLE TO SHOW THE INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR OF ANY PROPERTY. THE PLAINTIFF, THE MASTER COMMISSIONER AND THE COURT SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO HAVE WARRANTED TITLE OF THE REAL ESTATE TO THE PURCHASER.

For the purchase price, purchaser may pay cash, or may pay 10% of the purchase price in cash, with the balance of the purchase price secured by a purchase money bond due in thirty (30) days, with good and approved surety on the bond, and bearing interest at the rate of 5.75% per annum from date of sale until paid, said bond to have the same force and effect as a judgment and remain a prior and superior lien on the property until fully paid.

This sale is without warranty of any kind. Purchaser is responsible for the purchase of insurance for the protection of the property post sale and is responsible for paying the 2026 and all following years' ad valorem tax bills. The purchaser is buying property subject to all restrictions, covenants, and easements of record in the office of the Metcalfe County Clerk. Upon payment and delivery of Deed, the purchaser shall be entitled to all rights of ownership of the property. The property will be sold free and clear of all rights, liens, interests and claims of all parties hereto.

The property shall be sold with the improvements thereon, "as is." Bidders shall be prepared to promptly comply with the terms of the sale.

Inquire of the Master Commissioner.

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