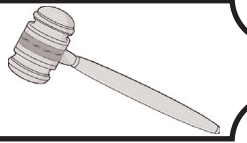


Circuit Court News



Hon. Brian C. McCloud
Hon. Rhese McKenzie
Commonwealth's
Attorney
September 18, 2026

Commonwealth vs Justin Adam. Pretrial conference. (1)Traff in controlled substance 1st offense (Heroin). (2)TICS, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2GMS Methamphetamine). (3)Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. (4)No/expired registration plates. (5)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. 11/20.

Commonwealth vs Johnny J Adams Jr. Show cause. Amount due: \$197.25. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Johnny J Adams Jr. Show cause. Amount due: \$216.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Johnny W Adams. Show cause. Amount due: \$133.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Devion Aviles. Show cause. Amount due: \$925.00. FTA. Issue BW.

Commonwealth vs Dana Bailey. Motion hour. Shock probation in felony convictions. Overruled.

Commonwealth vs Betsy Danette Balian. Pretrial conference. (1)Perjury - 1st degree. (2)Perjury - 1st degree. 2/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Jacob A Bentley. Show cause. Amount due: \$535.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Tyler J Blevins. Arraignment. (1)TBUT parts from vehicle \$1,000<\$10,000. (2)TBUT parts from vehicle \$1,000<\$10,000. (3A)Criminal mischief, 1st degree. (4)Persistent felony offender - 1st degree. Appoint PD. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). 10/16.

Commonwealth vs Carol Chambers. Show cause. Amount due: \$4,403.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Michael Clark. Show cause. Amount due: \$1,564.50. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Michael Clark. Show cause. Amount due: \$678.50. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Michael Clark. Show cause. Amount due: \$108.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Michael A Clark. Show cause. Amount due: \$6,808.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Patricia Clemons. Pretrial conference. (1)Sexual abuse, 1st degree, victim U/12 years of age. (2)Sexual abuse, 1st degree, victim U/12 years of age. (3)Sexual abuse, 1st degree. (4)Sexual abuse, 1st degree. (5)Sexual abuse, 1st degree. (6)Sexual abuse, 1st degree. (7)Wanton endangerment-2nd degree. 10/16.

Commonwealth vs Dustin Cottingham. Show cause. Amount due: \$5,645.00.10/16.

Commonwealth vs Dustin Cottingham. Arraignment. (1)Assault, 1st degree. (2)Leave accident/fail render aid/asst/w death/serious phys inj. PNG. 10/16.

Commonwealth vs Justin D Cottingham. Show cause. Amount due: \$25,557.00. FTA. Issue BW.

Commonwealth vs Kevin Cropper. Show cause. Amount due: \$80.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Nicholas Tyler Cushard. Sentencing. Criminal abuse/neglect - 2nd degree - Child > 13. 10/2.

Commonwealth vs Cody Ray Deemer. Show cause. Amount due: \$315.00. Indigent. Declare uncollectible.

Commonwealth vs Terry Downey. Show cause. Amount due: \$80.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Daniel Evans. Show cause. Paid in full.

Commonwealth vs Glenna Gilliam. Pretrial conference. (1)Tampering with physical evidence. (2)Drug Paraphernalia - buy/possess. (3)Traffick in

controlled substance, 1st offense. (4)TICS, 1st offense (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives). (5)Importing carfentanil, fentanyl, or fentanyl derivatives. (6)Traff in controlled substance 1st offense - (Heroin). (7)Poss cont sub, 2nd degree - hallucinogen. (8)Poss cont sub, 2nd degree - drug unspecified. 11/20.

Commonwealth vs Krista Gilliam. Status hearing. Amount due: \$879.00. 11/20.

Commonwealth vs Austin Goine. Pretrial conference. (1)*OBS* TICS 1st degree 1st off (>or = 2 gms fentanyl). (2)TICS, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 gms methamphetamine). (3)Convicted felon in possession of a handgun. (4)Poss cont sub, 1st degree, 1st offense - drug unspecified. 10/16.

Commonwealth vs Jonathan S Harr. Pretrial conference. Assault, 4th degree (domestic) 3rd or > within 5 yrs. Pled Guilty (PG). 2 yrs 1 day.

Commonwealth vs Christopher Harrison-Docks. Show cause. Paid in full.

Commonwealth vs Daniel Ishmael. Pretrial conference. Criminal mischief - residential rental property - 1st deg. Amend criminal mischief 2nd degree. 12 mts C/D. \$6,000.

Commonwealth vs Cody M Johnson. Arraignment. (1)Incest - person less than 18 by person 3 or more yrs older. (2)Incest - person less than 18 by person 3 or more yrs older. (3)Incest - person less than 18 by person 3 or more yrs older. (4)Incest -

person less than 18 by person 3 or more yrs older. (5)Rape-2nd degree-no force. (6)Rape-2nd degree-no force. (7)Rape-2nd degree-no force. (8)Rape-2nd degree-no force. (9)Unlawful transaction w/minor 1st deg ill sex act, U/16. (10)Unlawful transaction w/minor 1st deg ill sex act, U/16. (11)Unlawful transaction w/minor 1st deg ill sex act, U/16. (12)Unlawful transaction w/minor 1st deg ill sex act, U/16. (13)Sodomy 2nd degree - position of authority. (14)Human trafficking - comm sex activity (victim <18). 10/16.

Commonwealth vs Charles Kendall. Pretrial conference. Knowingly exploit adult by person O/\$300. PG. 5 yrs.

Commonwealth vs Perry Knell. Show cause. Amount due: \$3,710.00. FTA. BW.

Commonwealth vs Perry Knell. Show cause. Amount due: \$20,571.50. FTA. Issue BW.

Commonwealth vs Michael J Kunick. Pretrial conference. (1)*OBS* TICS 1st deg 1st off (> or = 2 gms fentanyl). (2)TICS, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 gms methamphetamine). (3)Convicted felon in possession of a handgun. 10/2.

Commonwealth vs Billy J Lawhun. Show cause. Amount due: \$4,075.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Paul McKinney. Pretrial conference. Sodomy, 1st degree, victim U/12 years of age. 10/16.

Commonwealth vs Thomas Meredith. Show cause. Amount due:

\$1,765.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Thomas Meredith. Show cause. Amount due: \$140.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Tina Montieth. Show cause. Amount due: \$265.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Timothy Plank. Other hearing. Flagrant non support. Dismiss.

Commonwealth vs Brett Ray. Pretrial conference. (1)TBUT or DISP auto \$1,000<\$10,000. Amend to unauthorized use of motor vehicle. (2)Operating vehicle with expired operators license. PG.

Commonwealth vs Theodore Rigdon. Show cause. Amount due: \$140.00. Indigent. Declare uncollectible.

Commonwealth vs Timothy Roberts. Pretrial conference. Receiving stolen property \$1,000 < \$10,000. 10/16.

Commonwealth vs Heather Savoie. Show cause. Amount due: \$33,425.75. FTA. Issue BW. 11/20/2026.

Commonwealth vs Gregory D Stanley. Show cause. Shock probation in felony convictions. Credit 6 days.

Commonwealth vs Christy Stevens. Show cause. Amount due: \$255.00. 12/4.

Commonwealth vs David J Young. Motion hour. Amount due: \$125.00. Motion overruled.

Commonwealth vs Jessica Zornes. Show cause. Amount due: \$265.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs Jessica A Zornes. Show cause. Amount due: \$2,740.00. 3/5/2027.

Commonwealth vs William Collins. Bond hearing. (1)Sodomy, 1st degree, victim U/12 years of age. (2)Sexual abuse, 1st degree, victim U/12 years of age. (3)Incest - with person less than 12 years of age. Motion to modify bond overruled. Pretrial conference. 11/20..

All information contained in the "Court News" is directly taken from the dockets of the Lewis County Circuit and District Court.

Notice of the Filing of a Final Settlement

Pursuant to KRS 395.625, notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of September 2026, a final settlement was filed by Pauline Veach, Executrix of the Estate of Harold Veach, deceased.

A hearing will be held on said final settlement at 9:00 a.m. on October 20, 2026. Exceptions to said final settlement must be filed before said hearing.

Teresa Callahan, Clerk
Lewis Circuit & District Courts

NOTICE

The Lewis County Board of Education is soliciting Architectural services for assisting with the completion of the Lewis County Schools District Facility Plan (DFP) and Kentucky Facilities Inventory & Classifications System (KFICS). Interested firms shall submit a one-page "Letter of Interest" to the Lewis County Board of Education

Attention: woody.underwood@lewis.kyschools.us

by 4:00 PM ET (3:00 PM CT) on Friday, October 23, 2026

Public Notice 38,39c

ORDINANCE NO. 220-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENTS AND TAX RATES FOR 2026; SETTING FORTH TIMETABLES FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES; AND SETTING FORTH ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, INCLUDING PENALTIES FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES. THE TAX RATE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY SHALL BE .14 AND THE TAX RATE FOR TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY SHALL BE .13.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE ORDAINED by the City Council of Vanceburg, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION 1: Establishment of Assessments and Rates.

(A) The assessed value for the city *ad valorem* taxes of all real property, personal property, intangible property within the jurisdiction of the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky is hereby established as the assessed value, established by the Property Valuation Administrator of Lewis County, Kentucky, for county *ad valorem* taxes.

(B) The rate of tax on real estate is hereby established as \$.13 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

(C) The rate of tax on personal property and intangible property is hereby established as \$.14 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

SECTION 2: Establishment of Discount for Payment of Taxes.

The City of Vanceburg, Kentucky will issue tax bills for real estate taxes, personal property taxes, and intangible property taxes no later than December 1, 2026. Payment of the tax bills shall be due with a two percent (2%) discount by December 31, 2026, or without the discount by January 31, 2027.

SECTION 3: Establishment of Penalty and Interest for Delinquent Taxes.

All taxes due in accordance with these sections which are not paid by February 1, 2027, shall be deemed delinquent and shall be subject to a penalty of two percent (2%). All taxes due in accordance with these sections which are not paid by March 1, 2027, shall be subject to a penalty of six percent (6%) and shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the delinquency date.

SECTION 4: Establishment of Lien for Failure to Pay Taxes.

The City of Vanceburg, Kentucky shall have a lien for taxes upon any and all property

subject to the tax imposed by these sections, which lien shall be superior to all encumbrances prior or subsequent.

SECTION 5: Application of Monies collected.

All monies collected pursuant to these sections shall be paid into the General Fund of the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky to be used for the payment of proper expenditures as determined by the City Council.

SECTION 6: In addition to all other remedies permitted by statute, the city shall have the right and ability to enforce and collect this tax bill and any liens by any legal means necessary, including the filing of a civil suit. Further, any taxpayer failing to pay the bill on or before the due date will in addition be charged attorney fees for collection of the tax bill, whether or not a suit is filed. Taxpayers will also be charged for court cost and all filing fees. The attorney fees charged shall be of a contractual nature with the city and may be hourly or on a flat fee or percentage as the city may determine in its best interest. The city attorney is authorized to file suit upon any tax bill at any time said suit is approved by the Mayor immediately, and anytime thereafter, that the tax bill becomes delinquent.

SECTION 7: That all ordinances in conflict herewith are specifically hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict only.

SECTION 8: That each section and each sentence of this ordinance is enacted separately and the invalidity and/or unconstitutionality of any one particular sentence and/or section shall not affect the validity and/or constitutionality of any other sentence and/or section.

SECTION 9: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

JOE BILLMAN, MAYOR
CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:

TINA ROBERTS
CITY CLERK-TREASURER

FIRST READING: 8-10-2026

SECOND READING: 9-14-2026

STEPHEN MCGINNIS
CITY ATTORNEY, R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above captioned Ordinance is titled as set forth above and has been reviewed by the undersigned, who is an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

HON. R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS
PHONE: (606) 473-7303
WWW.MCGINNISLAWFIRM.COM

ADOPTED ON THE 14th day of September, 2026 by the Common Council of the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky.

JOE BILLMAN, MAYOR, CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:

TINA ROBERTS
CITY CLERK-TREASURER

Public Notice 38c

PUBLIC NOTICE

To: All interested Housing Authority residents, public assistance agencies, city officials, and residents of the City of Vanceburg

From: The Housing Authority of Vanceburg Board of Commissioners

Re: Notice of Public Hearing

The Housing Authority of Vanceburg has recently prepared an Agency and Five-Year Plan in accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (QHWRA) along with policy updates. The "Act" requires full public disclosure of said plan with the request for public response to same. The "Plan" and policy updates are available for review and inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of Vanceburg located at 104 White Street.

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing pertaining to the Agency and Five-Year Plan as indicated below:

DATE: November 12, 2026
TIME: 10:30 am
LOCATION: 104 White Street

At the public hearing the Board of Commissioners will present the plan and policy changes in detail and receive public comments. Attendees will also receive a brief overview of the law which governs these activities, and of the purpose of the Five-Year and Agency Plan and how it relates to the future operation of the Housing Authority of Vanceburg.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate in this hearing. All reasonable suggestions will be taken into serious consideration by the Board and PHA staff when preparing the final draft of the Five-Year and Agency Plan.

If you have any questions, or require any further information, please contact the Housing Authority of Vanceburg at the following address or phone number:

Housing Authority of Vanceburg
104 White Street
Vanceburg, KY 41179
606.796.2241
Lisa Sartin, Executive Director

Public Notice 38c

Please notify us of your new address when you move so there will be no disruption in your newspaper delivery.

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