



District Court

Hon. Paul E. Craft
Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison
County Attorney
October 20, 2026

Dyrk G. Hurst. Arraignment. (1)Proc or prom use of minor by electronic means. (2)Proc or prom use of minor by electronic means. Appoint PD. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). 10/27.

Nathan W. Lykins. Arraignment. (1)Fleeing or evading police, 3rd degree. (2)Resisting arrest. Appoint PD. 10/27.

Shawn Zornes. Arraignment. TBUT or DISP all others \$500<\$1,000. PNG. 11/17.

Rebecca Baier. Arraignment. (1)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. (2)Licenses to be in possession. (3)Operating vehicle with expired operators license. (4)No/expired registration plates. PNG. 11/17.

Lisa Bender Bradford. Arraignment. (1)Speeding 10 MPH over limit. (2)Failure to produce insurance card. 12 month diversion.

Charles O Burriss. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Brittney Michelle Carver. Arraignment. (1)Speeding 5 MPH over limit. Drive Safe. (2)Failure to produce insurance. Dismiss.

Damon J. Carver. Arraignment. (1)Careless driving. (2)Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. (3)Menacing. (4)Resisting arrest. SB90. 10/27.

Christopher Cogan. Arraignment. Criminal trespassing-3rd degree. Pled Guilty (PG). \$250 fine. C/D 2 years. Shawn Colegrove. Diversion completion. SB90. Dismiss.

Joshua Gilliam. Status hearing. Flagrant non support. 4/20.

Samantha Marie Gilliam. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Adam Crit Hall. Status hearing. Discharge. FTC.

Zachary Alan Hill. Arraignment. Speeding 26 MPH over/greater. PG. \$100.

Shaina Lyons. Diversion completion. Redocket. 12/1. James Roy Richards. Arraignment. (1)Failure to wear seat belts. (2)No/expired registration plates. (3)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Showed proof.

Andrew Smith. Diversion completion. Redocket.

William Stinnett. Arraignment. Failure of non-owner operator to maintain req insurance, 1st. PG. \$500 fine.

John Parker Stone. Arraignment. Passing loading/unloading school/church bus-1st off. FTA.

Christopher P. Thoroughman. Arraignment. (1)Disregarding stop sign. (2)Careless driving. (3)Oper MV u/infl alc .08 1st. PNG. Amend to DUI second. 11/10.

Nicole Toller. Arraignment. (1)No/expired registration plates. (2)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3)No operators/moped license. Showed proof dismiss. 11/17.

Stella Kay Colegrove. Preliminary hearing. (1)Reckless driving. (2A)Poss cont sub, 1st degree, 2nd offense (Methamphetamine). Waived

PH. Nicholas Cushard. Pretrial conference. (1)Assault 4th degree domestic violence. No visible injury. (2)Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. PG. Rosco Egbert. Pretrial conference. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. 10/27. Wayne Howard. Pretrial conference. Theft by deception-include cold checks U/\$500. 4/20.

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Michael Eugene Littleton. Pretrial conference. (1)Failure to wear seat belts. (2)Oper

MV u/infl subst - 1st. 10/27. Kodey Pollard. Pretrial conference. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. CW W/Draw. 11/17.

Aaron Michael Smith. Pretrial conference. (1)Speeding 10 MPH over limit. (2)Licenses to be in possession. (3)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. 12/1.

Jennifer Stacy. Pretrial conference. Oper MV u/infl subs - 1st. 12/1.

Carey Lee Stamper. Pretrial conference. (1)Speeding 26 MPH over/greater. \$100. (2)Failure to produce insurance card. S/P Dismiss. (3)No operators/moped license. \$100.

William Yates. Pretrial conference. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. 10/27.

William R. Yates. Pretrial conference. (1)Resisting arrest. (2)Assault, 4th degree dating violence (no visible injury). 10/27.

William R. Yates. Revocation hearing. (1)Resisting arrest. (2)Assault, 4th degree dating violence (no visible injury). 10/27.

Charles A. Young Wilburn. Pretrial conference. 10/27.

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The City of Vanceburg Electric Plant Board will retain a qualified engineering firm to provide planning, design, construction, and other required services for the Hydrant Replacement Project. Funding sources for this project may include, but are not limited to, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Program, the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program, and other applicable state and federal funding opportunities.

The Electric Plant Board will accept Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms interested in providing services for this project until **4:30 p.m. E.T. / 3:30 p.m. C.T. on November 9, 2026**. An RFQ packet containing project information and the criteria that will be used to select the engineering firm may be obtained at HYPERLINK "http://www.btadd.com"www.btadd.com or by contacting Kristie Dodge, Community Development Director, Buffalo Trace Area Development District, via email at HYPERLINK "mailto:kdodge@btadd.com"kdodge@btadd.com.

Statements of Qualifications must be submitted to:

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Statements of Qualifications will be ranked based on the written materials submitted, in accordance with the criteria outlined in the RFQ packet. The City of Vanceburg Electric Plant Board reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

This solicitation for Statements of Qualifications is being conducted to fulfill state and federal funding agency procurement requirements. Respondents are advised that the following requirements may apply: (1) Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; (2) Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; (4) Executive Order 11246; and (5) Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities. All of these requirements may be incorporated into any contract issued pursuant to this solicitation.

The City of Vanceburg Electric Plant Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms.

Gayle Massie, Chair
Vanceburg Electric Plant Board

Public Notice 42-44c



Vanceburg needs a practical, accountable plan to restore its downtown, strengthen city services, support local businesses, and make better use of its riverfront. We can preserve what makes our community special while addressing the everyday responsibilities that make a city safe, dependable, and affordable.

Campgrounds, tiny homes, and other development projects may have a place in Lewis County. They should complement—not replace—a functioning Main Street, reliable infrastructure, and a downtown where people shop, work, gather, and take pride.

For too long, Vanceburg has faced business closures, deteriorating buildings, and limited opportunities. These problems did not develop overnight, and progress will require cooperation among city government, residents, property owners, businesses, county officials, and outside partners.

My administration will pursue revitalization while taking care of the fundamentals: infrastructure, public safety, responsible finances, and dependable municipal services. We will begin with immediate priorities, prepare projects for funding, and build partnerships that allow us to move larger improvements forward in manageable phases.

Start With the City's Everyday Responsibilities

Restoring downtown matters, but so do the streets people drive, the drainage systems that protect their property, and the public services they depend on.

My administration will begin by reviewing the condition, cost, and performance of essential city services. Working with city employees, the council, and the agencies responsible for services outside city control, we will identify immediate problems and establish longer-term priorities.

That review will include:

- Streets, sidewalks, drainage, and accessibility.
- Water, sewer, and other utility infrastructure within the city's responsibility.
- Streetlighting, public-property maintenance, and sanitation.
- Police and fire protection, emergency coordination, and the equipment and staffing needed to support those services.
- Deferred maintenance that could become more expensive if left unaddressed.

We will use that information to develop a prioritized capital-improvement and maintenance plan. Residents should understand what needs attention, which projects come first, what they are expected to cost, and how the city proposes to pay for them.

Downtown investment and dependable city services should reinforce one another. Both are essential to Vanceburg's future.

Responsible Municipal Finances

Vanceburg needs to make the most of its resources while actively pursuing opportunities to improve the community.

My administration will work with the council and city staff to review the budget, existing obligations, and available funding so we can establish clear priorities and move worthwhile projects forward.

We will pursue grants, preservation funding, economic-development assistance, and public-private partnerships to help local dollars go further. As projects develop, we will identify their costs, potential funding sources, and ongoing maintenance needs so residents understand both the investment and the expected benefits.

Our approach will be practical: address immediate needs, build improvements in manageable phases, and use outside resources wherever possible. Responsible financial management should help Vanceburg make progress—not become a reason to stand still.

Residents deserve clear financial reporting, thoughtful decisions, and visible results.

A Downtown Revitalization Compact

The first downtown priority is not simply recruiting businesses. It is helping make empty and deteriorating buildings safe, usable, attractive, and financially practical to occupy.

I have already begun meeting with building owners, business owners, and economic-development partners about a Downtown Revitalization Compact. The goal is a voluntary partnership that connects willing owners with potential financing, preservation resources, technical assistance and prospective tenants.

Where assistance is available and legally appropriate, public support would be tied to written performance agreements. Depending on the project, an owner could agree to:

- Complete specified repairs and bring the space into compliance with applicable requirements.
- Make renovated space available for an agreed commercial use.
- Offer space to an existing business seeking to expand or a new business seeking to open.
- Meet a defined completion schedule.
- Maintain the improvements after rehabilitation.
- Meet applicable occupancy, leasing, or affordability conditions established by the funding program.

Agreements would identify eligible costs, owner contributions, inspections, payment conditions, and remedies if commitments are not met.

The purpose is straightforward: help willing property owners overcome barriers to rehabilitation while ensuring that public assistance produces public benefits—improved buildings, usable commercial space, and opportunities for local businesses.

A Building-by-Building Plan

We need a clear picture of downtown before deciding where to focus our efforts.

Within the first 90 days, I will initiate a downtown property inventory and present an initial assessment using available records, exterior observations, and voluntary owner participation. Detailed structural evaluations, cost estimates, and financing plans will follow as projects develop.

During the first year, we will work toward a Downtown Property Registry and Revitalization Pipeline that will:

1. Identify occupied, underused, vacant, and potentially endangered buildings.
2. Meet individually with willing owners to understand barriers such as roofs, foundations, electrical systems, plumbing, accessibility, insurance, flood exposure, financing, or tenant availability.
3. Identify promising early projects with willing owners, feasible rehabilitation needs, and realistic prospects for occupancy.
4. Match projects with appropriate funding and technical-assistance opportunities.
5. Establish performance agreements where public assistance is involved.
6. Publish progress while respecting private financial information and other legally protected records.

We will explore participation in the Kentucky Main Street Program and other preservation and economic-development partnerships.

The goal is to move from a list of deteriorating properties to an organized series of projects—with owners, funding opportunities, potential uses, and clear next steps.

Help Businesses Open—and Stay Open

Supporting existing businesses is as important as recruiting new ones.

My administration will establish a coordinated point of contact for business owners, bringing together the appropriate city offices and inviting economic-development, chamber, extension, and other partners to participate.

A prospective owner should be able to obtain a straightforward checklist covering available properties, applicable permits, inspections, utility connections, and potential financing resources. Existing businesses should have a clear way to raise concerns about city services or obstacles to expansion.

Recruitment will focus on demonstrated community needs and realistic market opportunities, including:

- Essential retail and everyday services.
- Restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries, and specialty food businesses.
- Medical, dental, therapy, and professional offices.
- Trades, repair, fabrication, and compatible small-scale manufacturing.
- Arts, antiques, local products, and heritage tourism.
- Lodging, outfitters, and recreation businesses connected to the river.

With owner permission and appropriate safety approvals, we will also explore pop-up shops, seasonal markets, window displays, and short-term leases. These can provide opportunities to test ideas and bring activity to vacant storefronts while longer-term rehabilitation proceeds.

City government has a practical role to play: make its processes clearer, respond promptly, connect owners with resources, and help businesses overcome avoidable obstacles.

A Riverfront Plan Built in Phases

The Ohio River should be a stronger connection to downtown and a place residents enjoy.

I will pursue a phased riverfront planning process that begins with public input, ownership and access questions, flood considerations, permitting requirements, and realistic cost estimates.

Early work would identify manageable improvements such as cleanup, signage, lighting, seating, and better connections between downtown and existing public spaces. Longer-term proposals would include:

- A safe, accessible public dock and possible marina area near the mouth of Salt Creek.
- Improved boat access, parking, restrooms, and security.
- A riverwalk connection between downtown and the waterfront.
- Gathering space for markets, concerts, festivals, and community events.
- Wayfinding that directs visitors toward downtown businesses.
- Flood-resilient design and a practical maintenance plan.

We will advance these projects in phases as engineering, permits, funding, and partnerships come together. Planning will also address who will operate and maintain new facilities so improvements remain attractive and useful over time.

The objective is a clean, welcoming, accessible riverfront that serves residents, draws visitors, and creates opportunities for local businesses.

Address Utility Costs With Facts and a Workable Strategy

Utility costs matter to households, public services, and businesses.

Within the first six months, I will present an initial utility-cost assessment and action agenda developed with the relevant utility officials and qualified advisers. It will distinguish between what city government controls, what existing contracts allow, and what would require cooperation or approval from others.

We will examine:

- Rate structures, power-supply arrangements, and contractual limitations.
- Energy-efficiency improvements in public and downtown buildings.
- Peak-demand management and battery storage where savings justify the cost.
- Solar, backup generation, and distributed-energy options where technically and financially appropriate.
- Available assistance for qualifying residents and businesses.
- Lawful opportunities for different purchasing arrangements or rate structures.

Where state involvement is appropriate, I will work with legislators, regulators, and utility partners.

The goal is to identify credible opportunities to lower costs and improve reliability. We will make the findings public and pursue workable options that benefit residents and businesses.

Clear Priorities and Public Accountability

Residents should be able to see what we are working on, what has been completed, and what comes next. Our schedule will distinguish between beginning a project, completing a study, securing funding, and starting construction.

First 90 days

- Begin the review of municipal finances, infrastructure, and essential services.
- Launch the downtown inventory and publish an initial assessment.
- Establish a coordinated business contact.
- Meet with property owners and potential project partners.

First six months

- Present an initial utility-cost assessment and action agenda.
- Publish preliminary infrastructure and maintenance priorities.
- Identify potential early downtown projects and their funding requirements.

First year

- Develop the Downtown Revitalization Compact and a prioritized project pipeline.
- Advance early projects as owner agreements, funding, and approvals come together.
- Present a capital-improvement framework tied to available and prospective resources.

First 18 months and beyond

- Present a phased riverfront plan and funding strategy, working with planning partners and the agencies involved.

- Advance larger rehabilitation and infrastructure projects through design, funding, and construction as they become ready.

Quarterly public updates will report on spending, funding applications and awards, project milestones, buildings improved, and business activity. Those updates will explain delays and setbacks as well as accomplishments.

Accountability means more than announcing a plan. It means showing the work and following through.

Restore Confidence by Following Through

Downtown is part of Vanceburg's future, but it cannot stand apart from the rest of the city. Historic buildings need dependable infrastructure. Businesses need responsive government and manageable costs. Families need safe neighborhoods, reliable services, and confidence that public money is being used responsibly.

I respect the residents, city employees, business owners, and public officials who have worked to keep Vanceburg moving through difficult years. Building on that effort requires clear priorities, strong partnerships, and consistent follow-through.

Our historic buildings are assets worth putting back to work. Our riverfront is an opportunity worth developing. Our existing businesses deserve support, and our residents deserve a city government that handles everyday responsibilities while working toward a stronger future.

I am asking voters to support leadership that sets clear priorities, brings people together, and works persistently to turn good ideas into completed projects.

The direction is clear: take care of the basics, restore buildings that can be saved, help businesses succeed, develop the riverfront, lower operating costs, and account openly for the money we spend.

We do not need to give up on downtown—or overlook the everyday needs of the people who live here.

We need leadership that brings both responsibilities together and gets to work.



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