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PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a second reading of proposed ordinance (BAFY202703) amending the Morgan County Fiscal Court budget for fiscal year 2027 to include revenues from road fund sources in the amount of \$534,000.00 and increasing appropriations in the road fund CPPP funds resurface old 172 & Ivy Lane in the amount of \$534,000.00; during a meeting of the Morgan County Fiscal Court to be held on August 27, 2027 at 6:00 pm local time at the County Office Building at 450 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY. A copy of the full ordinance is available for public inspection in the office of the County Judge Executive.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Morgan County Ambulance Service Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2026, has been cancelled, and re-scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Located at 412 Dogwood Lane, West Liberty, KY 41472. All meetings are open to the public.

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a second reading of proposed ordinance (BAFY2702) amending the Morgan County Fiscal Court budget for fiscal year 2027 to include adjustments for cash carryover from general fund sources of \$819,975.42; to include adjustments for cash carryover from road fund sources of \$578,861.88; to include adjustments for cash carryover from jail fund sources of \$10,723.59; to include adjustments for cash carryover from LGEA fund sources of 94,102.41; to include adjustments for cash carryover from timberland taxing fund sources of \$1,518.62; to include adjustments for cash carryover from special projects fund sources of \$223,545.80; to include adjustments for cash carryover from clerk doc fees fund sources of \$16,438.29; and increasing expenditures in the general fund reserve for transfers by \$468,961.89; and increasing expenditures in the general fund sheriffs allotment 27,367.20; and increasing expenditures in the general fund MCFC coroner vehicle/equip coal sev project \$45,000; and increasing expenditures in the general fund MCFC animal shelter vehicle coal sev project \$40,000; and increasing expenditures in the general fund opioid funds \$670.28; and increasing expenditures in the general fund Morgan Co canine search unit \$2,000; and increasing expenditures in the road fund emergency road aid expenditures \$37,900.00; and increasing expenditures in the road fund FEMA DR 4864 projects \$484,249.59; and increasing expenditures in the road fund FEMA DR 4860 Cindas Creek/Old 172 projects \$100.00; and increasing expenditures in the road fund reserve for transfers \$56,612.29; and increasing expenditures in the jail fund reserve for transfers by \$10,723.59; and increasing expenditures in the LGEA fund reserve for transfers by \$52,047.86; and increasing expenditures in the LGEA fund volunteer fire dept insurance \$42,054.55; and increasing expenditures in the timberland taxing fund appropriations by \$1,518.62; and increasing expenditures in the special projects reserve for transfers \$23,341.91; and increasing expenditures in the COAG program admin fees by \$17,297.80; and increasing expenditures in the COAG program ag development grant program \$149,193.70; and increasing expenditures in the MC spay and neuter \$248.84; and increasing expenditures in the litter abatement program \$9,373.80; and increasing expenditures in the farmers conservation tire removal \$413.00; and increasing expenditures in the USDA environmental dead animal removal program by \$4,038.98; and increasing expenditures in the clerks doc fees by \$16,438.29; and increasing expenditures in the ABC funds \$19,637.77; during a meeting of the Morgan County Fiscal Court to be held on August 27, 2026, at 6:00 pm local time at the County Office Building at 450 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY. A copy of the full ordinance is available for public inspection in the office of the County Judge Executive.

Beshear joins lawsuit to fight against Trump Administration’s data requests

FRANKFORT, Ky., Aug. 3 – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear joined leaders from 23 other states and the District of Columbia in a lawsuit to block the Trump administration’s policy changes that would give broad access to sensitive and private information of American families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits. More than 28,200 Kentuckians rely on support from the federal program, which is administered through the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP) in the commonwealth.

“I joined this lawsuit because no Kentuckian – and no American – should have to worry about their confidential and personal information being shared unlawfully,” Gov. Beshear said. “Social Security numbers, addresses and more are private – and we’re fighting back against the Trump administration’s unlawful actions to ensure they stay that way.”

In June 2026, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) issued a notice claiming to dramatically expand its oversight of state TANF programs, including by allowing ACF to share detailed records on TANF recipients with other federal agencies like the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Under ACF’s new policy, TANF recipients’ Social Security numbers, addresses, immigration status and other sensitive personal data would be illegally shared across the federal government and even potentially with private organizations.

Congress created TANF as

part of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The law requires the federal government to provide block grants to states, territories and tribal governments, which then have broad authority to use the funds for a variety of programs

to provide assistance to low-income families with children. TANF funds support childcare subsidies, emergency housing for families fleeing domestic violence, emergency food assistance, support for grandparents caring for children and other crucial services.

The law enacting TANF specifically requires states, not the federal government, to be responsible for verifying TANF applicants’ eligibility for benefits. Yet ACF now claims the agency has broad authority to oversee states’ TANF programs

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BID NOTICE

The City of West Liberty will be accepting sealed bids on asphalt, bituminous concrete within the limits of West Liberty. Companies will bid as placed per ton. Bidders will furnish all necessary equipment, grader, brooms distributor, leader, spread box, flagmen, etc. and bidder will remove asphalt or concrete where required.

All invoices will be turned into City Hall Administrative Office on a daily basis for accounting purposes.

Bids will be accepted at the City Hall Administrative Office until Friday August 14, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

The City of West Liberty reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The City of West Liberty is an equal opportunity provider.

Morgan County Board of Education
Proposed Tax Notification

The Morgan County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 62.9 cents +.4 exonerations equaling 63.3 on real property and 63.2 cents + .4 exonerations equaling 63.6 on personal property. This proposal does not raise the tax rate and will remain the same as last year.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 63.3 cents on real property and 63.6 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$2,667,973.94. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 63.3 cents on real property and 63.6 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$2,824.639.20. Of this amount, \$588,309.92 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 62.3 cents+.4 exonerations equaling 62.7 on real property and 62.3 cents +.4 exonerations equaling 62.7 on personal property and is expected to produce \$2,795,204.72.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$156,665.26 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated as follows: instruction, \$156,665.26.

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 publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

Community Bulletin Board

West Liberty Recovery Meetings Are Listed

The following is listing of West Liberty Recovery meetings:

- **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA)** – Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Morgan County ARH Hospital.
- **CELEBRATE RECOVERY (CR)** – Thursdays at 6 p.m., West Liberty Methodist Church.
- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)** – Fridays at 6 p.m., Index Community Building.

All are welcome! Join us for support, healing and hope.

County tourism cmte. monthly meetings

The Morgan County Tourism Committee will meet at 5 p.m. the last Wednesday of every month at the County Government Building at 450 Prestonsburg St. The public is invited to attend.

Regular Morgan Co. Fiscal Court meetings 4th Thursday of month

Regular monthly meetings of the Morgan County Fiscal Court are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., at the county government building located at 450 Prestonsburg St. All meetings are open to the public. Judge Executive Jim Gazay and magistrates encourage citizens to attend.

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THE PAPER!!!

Kentucky Adult Ed Morgan, Wolfe County Centers Schedule

KY Adult Education Centers for Morgan & Wolfe Counties, 2nd Floor, Room 207, Morgan County Board of Education Building in West Liberty.

The Kentucky Adult Education Morgan and Wolfe Counties Center schedule is as follows:

- Mondays – Morgan County Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and EKCC from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays – Morgan County Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesdays – Morgan County Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursdays – Morgan County Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Fridays – Morgan County Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

If you have any questions, please call 606-743-1500. If there is no answer, please call 606-783-9531 for assistance.

Walk-ins are welcome! We are closed on national holidays!

NEED A GED!!

To qualify for the GED in KY you must be 18 years of age. Withdrawn from Public, Private or Homeschool for 90 days or receive a 90-day waiver from your school district.

For more information, please contact your local Morgan and Wolfe Counties Adult Learning Center in West Liberty at 606-743-1500 or Email: Morgan ALC: msuwladulted@moreheadstate.edu, Wolfe ALC: wolfeabe@moreheadstate.edu.

Morgan Central PTCO meetings scheduled

Morgan Central Elementary School PTCO meetings will be the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Meetings are open to the public.

East Valley Elem. Site Base meetings slated

East Valley Elementary’s regularly scheduled Site-Base Decision Making meetings will be the second Thursday of each month at 4 p.m., in the school’s conference room.

Republican Party mtgs. first Thurs. of month

The Morgan County Republican Party meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the upstairs council room at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Morgan Central SBDM Council meetings

Morgan Central Elementary School SBDM meetings will be the third Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Thank you. TF

Wrigley SBDM Council meetings

Wrigley Elementary SBDM Council meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. TF

Airport Board to meet first Tuesday of month

The West Liberty-Morgan County Airport Board meets the first Tuesday of each month upstairs City Hall located at 565 Main St., in West Liberty. TF

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