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— 1934 Morgan County License Plate. Call 859-749-4225.

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Public
Notices

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Permit No. 888-0101

Inc. s's 6, 19 and 24

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Southbound Coal, LLC, 12500 St. Rd. 124, Piketon, Ohio 45661, has applied for a Phase III bond release on Inc. #'s 6, and 24 and Phase II & III bond release for increment 19 on permit # 888-0101, which was last issued on October 10, 2024. The application covers an area of approximately 652.71 acres located 0.99 miles southwest of White Oak in Morgan County. The operation is approximately 0.89 miles southwest from US Route 460's junction with May Br. Rd on Mays Branch of White Oak Creek and Wells Branch of Caney Ck.

The bonds now in effect for increment 19 in the amount of \$35,200.00 is included in this application for bond release, increment 6 in the amount of \$12,900.00 is included in this application for bond release, increment 24 in the amount of \$11,000.00 is included in this application for bond release. The bond now in effect for, of which a release of the original bond amount is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes Grading, seeding, and mulching, and successful establishment of the post-mining land use, which was completed in August of 2019.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 November 30, 2026.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 10:00 am. on December 2, 2026 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Hazard Field office, 556 Village Lane, Hazard, Kentucky 41702. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by November 30, 2026.

C-10-8-4T

PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this 6th day of October that Cassie McCarty has been appointed as the executrix of the Ronald Watkins estate. Anyone indebted to said estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of publication.

Cassie McCarty
882 Wolfpen Branch
Salyersville, KY 41465
C-10-1-1T

Post Office will be closed Monday

The U.S. Postal Service will observe Columbus Day on Monday, October 12. All Post Office locations will be closed. Regular mail delivery and retail services will resume on Tuesday, October 13.

Morgan County Board of Education

Budgeted Revenues and Expenditures - Working Budget

For the Year Ending June 30, 2027

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Outlay	Building Fund	Debt Service Fund	Food Service Fund
REVENUES						
Beginning Balance	\$ 4,385,774	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,958
Revenue from local sources	3,701,052	64,656	-	549,872	-	93,064
Revenue from state sources	16,017,167	1,095,711	153,000	1,339,288	2,075,761	157,163
Revenue from federal sources	235,000	1,971,458	-	-	-	1,626,616
Other revenue/Fund Transfers	153,000	31,898	-	-	1,773,190	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 24,491,993	\$ 3,163,723	\$ 153,000	\$ 1,889,160	\$ 3,848,951	\$ 1,916,801
EXPENDITURES						
Instruction	11,023,972	2,323,086	-	-	-	-
Student Support Services	1,584,886	158,145	-	-	-	-
Instructional Staff Support Services	1,120,448	107,621	-	-	-	-
District Admin Support	934,812	-	-	-	-	-
School Admin Support	1,617,269	-	-	-	-	-
Business Support Services	592,718	-	-	-	-	-
Plant, Operations & Maintenance	2,905,870	193,969	-	-	-	-
Student Transportation	1,685,044	-	-	-	-	-
Food Service Operations	-	-	-	-	-	1,916,801
Community Services	5,000	380,902	-	-	-	-
Other Non-Instructional Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	3,848,951	-
Fund Transfers	441,887	-	153,000	1,363,201	-	-
Contingency	2,580,087	-	-	525,959	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 24,491,993	\$ 3,163,723	\$ 153,000	\$ 1,889,160	\$ 3,848,951	\$ 1,916,801

*Detailed budget report is available to view at www.morgan.kyschools.us under financial disclosures, or contact Morgan County Board of Education at 606-743-8002 for an appointment to view in it's entirety.

Minutes from special Sept. 30 fiscal court meeting are listed

The following is an unofficial listing of all items approved during a special Sept. 30 meeting of the Morgan County Fiscal Court:

PRESENT MEMBERS – Magistrates Brandon Evans, Tommy Fannin, Tyler Keeton, Eric Pelfrey and Leroy Phipps, and Judge Executive Jim Gazay.

• Motion Passed – Approval of the minutes of the last meeting. Passed with a motion by Brandon Evans and a second by Tommy Fannin.

Vote – Unanimous yes.

• Motion Passed – Approval of the financial statement ending Aug. 31, 2026, as presented. Passed with a motion by Brandon Evans and a second by Tommy Fannin.

Vote – Unanimous yes.

• Motion Passed – Approval of budget transfers as presented. Passed with a motion by Eric Pelfrey and a second by Tommy Fannin.

Vote – Unanimous yes.

• Motion Passed – Approval of interfund cash transfers as presented. Passed with a motion by Tommy Fannin and a second by Brandon Evans.

Vote – Unanimous yes.

• Motion Passed – Approval for Judge Executive Jim Gazay on behalf of the Morgan County Fiscal Court to co-sign \$50,000 loan from Gateway Area Development District to Morgan County EMS for payroll. Morgan County EMS will be responsible to pay the loan in full. Passed with a motion by Eric Pelfrey and a second by Tommy Fannin.

Vote – Unanimous yes.

• Motion Passed – Motion to continue with FEMA projects as presented. Passed with a motion by Brandon Evans and a second by Tyler Keeton.

Vote – Unanimous yes.

• Informational Item – The county advertised for salt bids month. If no bids are received, the county may negotiate with vendors for the best price, as per the Kentucky Department for Local Government. (Morton Salt submitted “no bid” for the salt.)

• Motion Passed – Approval to acknowledge the following Morgan County special taxing district property tax rates:

• County – 5.8%, real property; 6%, personal property.

• School – 63.3%, real property; 63.6%, personal property.

• Ambulance – 10%, real and personal property.

• Health – 8%, real and personal property.

• Library –11.5%, real property; 20%, personal property.

• Extension – 10.7%, real property; 11.83%, personal property.

• Soil – 3.8%, real property.

(NOTE: Judge Executive Jim Gazay indicated that these rates were the same as last year’s; He also stated that aside from the county rate, the fiscal court does not set these rates. They are set by the taxing districts.)

Passed with a motion by Brandon Evans and a second by Tommy Fannin.

Vote – Unanimous yes.

• Motion Passed – Ratification of paid vendor claims. Passed with a motion by Brandon Evans and a second by Tommy Fannin.

Vote – Unanimous yes.

• Motion Passed – Approval of Unpaid Vendor Claims A. Passed with a motion by Tommy Fannin and a second by Brandon Evans.

Vote – Unanimous yes.

• Motion Passed – Approval of Unpaid Vendor Claims B. Passed with a motion by Brandon Evans and a second by Tyler Keeton.

Vote – Yes: Brandon Evans, Tommy Fannin, Tyler Keeton and Leroy Phipps. Abstain: Eric Pelfrey.

• Motion Passed – Adjournment of the meeting. Passed with a motion by Brandon Evans and a second by Tyler Keeton.

Vote – Unanimous yes.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

RE: Public Service Commission of Kentucky (CASE NO. 2026-00245)

Public Notice is hereby given that East Kentucky Network, LLC, dba Appalachian Wireless has applied to the Kentucky Public Service Commission to construct a cellular telecommunications tower on a tract of land located near 3573 KY 173, Sandy Hook, KY, Elliott County, Kentucky. The proposed tower will be a 300-foot self-supporting tower with attached antennas. If you would like to respond to this notice, please contact the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, PO Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Please refer to Case No. 2026-00245.

Call For Advertising Info: 606-743-3551

SEALED BIDS

The City of West Liberty will accept sealed bids on several listed surplus items. The items can be viewed at West Liberty Wastewater Treatment Plant from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday thru Friday. The item will be sold as is. Bids will be accepted at City Hall 565 Main Street until Friday, October 23rd, 2026, at 5:00 PM. For more information, call 606-743-3330. The City of West Liberty reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. The City of West is an equal opportunity provider.

• 2018 3500 Truck Flat BED

• 2005 Utility Truck

• 2005 Crown Vic

• Cub Cadet RZT 54” (Zero Turn) (Hydraulic Pump)

• Cub Cadet XT1 (Riding Mower) (Front end is bad)

• Cub Cadet LTX 1550W (Riding Mower)

• Husqvarna (Walk Behind) (Bad Motor)

THE STOLEN SPOON

A pastor had dinner at the home of a couple in his church. After he left, the wife said to the husband, “I think he stole our spoon!”

This bothered her for a whole year.

A year later, the couple had the pastor for dinner again. Unable to resist, the wife asked, “Did you steal our spoon last year?”

The pastor replied, “No, I put it inside your Bible.”