



Kenann Choate is presented a gift from magistrate Vera Sanders (right) during the recent Bullitt County Fiscal Court meeting. Choate is retiring after 28 years as the county's treasurer.

County treasurer retires after 28 years

SHEPHERDSVILLE – For the first time in over 28 years, Bullitt County Fiscal Court will be searching for a new treasurer.

Having served under the past four administrations, Kenann Choate has announced her retirement effective at the end of August.

Choate was first appointed to the position during John Harper's administration as county judge in the mid-1990s.

She would continue to serve under her father, Ken-

neth Rigdon, Melanie Roberts and Jerry Summers. "She will be very difficult to replace," said Summers. "She has a wealth of knowledge and you just can't replace that."

He said the search continues for a replacement. The hope is that a recommendation can be made at the Sept. 1 fiscal court meeting.

At her final meeting, Choate was honored by magistrates for her work. She was presented a gift and flowers.

Indictments handed down for felony allegations

SHEPHERDSVILLE – The Bullitt County Grand Jury recently indicted several individuals on felony-related charges.

Those indicted include:

- *Corey D. Tomlinson – charged with receiving stolen property over \$10,000 and criminal mischief.
- According to the indictment, on May 5, 2025, Tomlinson allegedly had property stolen from TrailerMart valued at over \$10,000 and caused more than \$500 in damage.
- The most serious offense is a Class C felony, which is punishable by 5-10 years in prison.
- Det. Joshua Waters of the Shepherdsville Police Department investigated and assistant commonwealth attorney Brittany Ducker presented the case.
- *Damon Dray Schnellenberger – charged with possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and tampering with physical evidence.
- The indictment alleges that on June 25, 2026, Schnellenberger was a convicted felon who was in possession of a firearm. He also had methamphetamine and marijuana in his possession, while trying to destroy evidence.
- Deputy Braxton Faith of the Bullitt County Sheriff's Office investigated and com-

monwealth attorney Amanda Hernandez Troutman presented the case.

- *Jorge Luis Martell Cabrera – charged with complicity to trafficking in a controlled substance.
- According to the indictment, on July 8, 2026, Cabrera allegedly had methamphetamine that he was attempting to sell.
- This is a Class C felony punishable by 5-10 years in prison.
- Hillview officer Michael Dennis investigated and assistant commonwealth attorney Kami Granada presented the case.
- *Jarde D. Ezell – charged with engaging in organized crime.
- The indictment alleges that on April 16, 2026, Ezell stole merchandise with the intent to resell the item.
- This is a Class C felony, punishable by 5-10 years in prison.
- Shepherdsville Sgt. Brandon Beatty investigated and assistant commonwealth attorney Charles VanSickle presented the case.
- *Willie Davis Fultz – charged with possession of a handgun by a convicted felon and possession of marijuana.
- According to the indictment, Fultz allegedly had a firearm in his possession on June 14, 2026. Also, he was in possession of marijuana.
- The most serious offense is

a Class C felony. Sgt. John Evans of the Hillview Police investigated and VanSickle presented the case.

- *Jason Cook – charged with possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.
- The indictment alleges that on June 29, 2026, Cook had a handgun even though he was a convicted felon.
- The Class C felony is punishable by 5-10 years in prison.
- Terry Compton of the Bullitt County Sheriff's Office handled the case and Troutman presented it to the grand jury.
- In a separate indictment, Cook was charged with being a persistent felony offender. With five prior felony convictions, any new sentence could be enhanced.
- *Thomas M. Combs – charged with fleeing police, tampering with physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance.
- The indictment alleges that on June 20, 2026, Combs fled police and then tried to destroy evidence. He was also charged with possession of methamphetamine.
- The most serious offense is a Class C felony, punishable by 5-10 years in prison.
- Deputy sheriff John Fowler investigated and Granada presented.
- In a separate indictment, Combs was charged as a persistent felony offender for a 2018 conviction. Any new sentence could be enhanced.
- *Trenton Clardy – charged with fleeing police.
- According to the indictment, Clardy fled police in his vehicle on June 8, 2026.
- This is a Class C felony, punishable by 5-10 years in prison.
- Det. Bailey McIntosh of the Shepherdsville Police Department investigated and VanSickle presented the case.
- In a separate indictment, Clardy was charged for another count of fleeing police, this one allegedly occurring on July 7, 2026.
- Det. Robert Holland of the Shepherdsville Police Department investigated this Class C felony.
- *Lane Brengman – charged with wanton endangerment and criminal mischief.
- The indictment alleges that on April 2, 2026, Brengman discharged a firearm through the front door of another individual.
- He also caused more than \$1,000 in damage.
- The most serious offense is a Class C felony, punishable by 5-10 years in prison.
- McIntosh investigated and Ducker prosecuted.

An indictment does not mean guilt or innocence. It only means that at least nine of the 12 grand jurors felt there was enough evidence to move forward with a criminal trial.

Board denies waiver for less parking at Twin Eagles Landing

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MOUNT WASHINGTON – Normally, a request to reduce the number of parking spaces or the actual size of those stalls is pretty routine.

However, most of those requests fall in non-residential areas.

The Bullitt County Board of Adjustments recently denied both requests from Twin Eagles Landing, a multi-family project off Highway 44 East in Mount Washington.

Attorney Emily Wade, representing the applicant, said the request was to reduce the 408 required spaces down to 380. And the size of the parking spot would go from 200 square feet down to 172 square feet.

There would be eight buildings, plus a clubhouse, on the property. Wade said 204 units, most with two bedrooms, were planned.

However, board members

were concerned with the actual number of spots being reduced.

Board member Tom Chamberlain said that with 204 units, it would seem that the original requirement of 408 was practical.

He inquired what about a spot for an office worker or if guests were visiting or if a unit had more than two vehicles.

Wade said that the 1.8 average per unit was acceptable and common throughout the region.

There would be times when the units were not all leased or when not all residents are at home, said Wade.

But board member Deborah Massey said that if there were 19 handicapped spaces, what happens if they are not all used and would essentially be wasted as it would not be available to others.

Mike Hill of Land Design and Development said the sloping property made the variance request necessary as

it would help conserve valuable land.

Board chair Daryl Lee said that if he rented an apartment, he should be guaranteed a parking spot any time he needed it.

But Hill said it is not common to guarantee parking spots.

Chamberlain said he just didn't feel there were enough spots prior to the request.

Mary Morris, a resident of East Sanders Lane, said residents have fought the Twin Eagles development from the beginning.

She said the property has restrictions that must be followed. In 2023, a rezoning request dealt with 21.5 acres. In the latest variance request, the area is down to 14.4 acres.

One requirement is that the subdivision plat had to be applied for or approved within two years. It was just lately that an application has been made.

Morris said that there are many questions still left

LEGALS

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

Bullitt County Public Library is soliciting responses from qualified metal scrappers, salvage contractors, demolition firms, and similar vendors for the disassembly, removal, transportation, and recycling of an Envisionware 24-Hour Library Kiosk (Model 340D) located at Ridgway Memorial Library, 127 N. Walnut Street, Shepherdsville, Kentucky.

The selected contractor will retain all salvage and recycling proceeds as compensation. BCPL will provide no payment for this project. A mandatory site visit is required prior to submitting a response.

Responses must be submitted electronically to:

Tara O'Hagan, Executive Director
Bullitt County Public Library
tohagan@bcplib.org

The complete Request for Information is available at
www.bcplib.org/rfp

COUNCIL

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home. And he said that a social media poll showed that over 80 percent of the respondents supported the ability to raise chickens in the city.

"I'm a good neighbor," said Robinson.

He said the chickens are raised in a clean environment and he understands there should be a limit of no more than six. And he agreed that no roosters should be allowed.

For him, it is a way to raise eggs which are high in pro-

tein.

"It should be an option," said Robinson.

City officials weighed in on the discussion.

Councilmember Bonnie Enlow said she was firmly against the proposal. Once you allow one, others will follow.

While she loves animals, Enlow said that some people will obey the laws and others won't.

Councilmember Dana James said she loves animals and is not a meat-eater. Her biggest concern was this would be another case of where the government is getting too involved in the every day lives of individuals.

She just felt this was a situation where the government was over-reaching.

Councilman Rob Adams said it isn't a situation where everyone in the city will go out and get chickens to raise.

Mayor Jose Cubero said he called several of the larger cities in Bullitt County and none allowed chickens.

Shepherdsville is one of the cities which ban the chickens. And he knows that code enforcement must enforce any law that is on the books.

If the current law is changed, that would just be more enforcement calls on top of their busy schedules.

"There's a reason the cities don't have chickens," added

EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the Labor Day holiday falling on Monday, Sept. 7, ALL DEADLINES for the Thursday, Sept. 10, issue of The Pioneer News will be altered.

ALL DEADLINES will be at Noon on Friday, Sept. 4.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Bullitt County Animal Shelter's Pets of the Week

MEET Cat-A-Pult!

A SWEET BOY LOOKING FOR HIS Forever Home!

ABOUT CAT-A-PULT

This handsome little man is Cat-A-Pult! He is estimated to be right around 9 weeks old and currently at Lucy & Oscar's Cat Cafe waiting for his forever home! Catapult is a goofy little guy who loves toys and has some of the funniest little quirks to go along with his salt and pepper fur! If you're interested in meeting Catapult for yourself, book your slot at the cafe here! - <https://www.lucyandoscarscatcafe.com/> If you have any questions just give us a call at 502-543-8686. All pets are spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated, and microchipped at time of adoption.

MEET Simon!

A SWEET GIRL LOOKING FOR HER Forever Home!

ABOUT SIMON

We are happy to introduce Simon! This handsome little guy is around 2 years old and just over 40 lbs. Simon is a little more confident than his brother but could still use a little bit of confidence building as well. Simon is very food motivated though so any training should be pretty easy. Simon loves to run around in the yards and seems to enjoy the company of other dogs! If you're interested in meeting Simon for yourself, please stop by during our walk-in hours between 12 and 3:30pm during the week or 12 to 2:30pm on Saturday! If there are other dogs in the home bring them along too! As always, if you have any other questions, just give us a call at 502-543-8686. All pets are spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated, and microchipped at time of adoption.

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