

SEBREE BANNER



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JORDAN PELTON, RIGHT, an employee in the county Property Valuation Administrator's office was made a Kentucky Colonel on Monday during the Webster County Fiscal Court meeting. Pelton has been working on the aerial mapping and property identification of county properties. The presentation was made by Chad Townsend who moderated Monday's court meeting.

Primary Election Candidates To Draw For Ballot Positions

Individuals who have filed to run for county offices in the May 19, primary election will draw for ballot positions on Thursday, January 15. The filing deadline ended on Friday, January 9, at 4:00 p.m. with 22 Webster County residents filing for office.

Voters will have important decisions to make in several races that feature four candidates. Two Republicans and two Democrats will seek to fill the county judge/executive's seat, and two magisterial races have four individuals vying for a seat in Districts two and three. The jailer's race will feature two Republican and one Democrat candidate, and two individuals have filed to run for coroner.

Following are the offices, names of candidates and the candidates' political affiliation listed by office.

Magistrate District 1

Chad Townsend (R)-incumbent

Magistrate District 2

Bob Hardison (R)-incumbent
Jerry "Poogy" Brown (R)
Jimmy Ray Collins (R)
Darrin Dean Buchanan (R)

Magistrate District 3

Charles M. Syers (R)
Taryn Bailey Zaretzke (R)
Tony Felker (R)-incumbent
Ken Stuart (R)

County Judge/Executive

Ryan Morgan Hammack (R)
Stacey Britt Eliot (D)
Stephen R. Henry (R)-incumbent
Jeremy Tyler Brown (D)

County Attorney

Wm Clint Prow (R)

County Clerk

Valerie Newell (D)

Sheriff

William "Billy" Braden (R)

PVA

Jeffrey D. Kelley (D)

Jailer

Cameron Shelton (R)

Nathan Mitchell Stinchcomb (R)

Benjamin R. Chandler (D)

Coroner

Jason Todd (R)

Darin K. Townsend (R)-incumbent

Voters will cast their ballots in the primary election on May 19. The primary will also include US Senate and US House races, state Senate and House races, Supreme Court races and District Court Judge for the Fifth Judicial district election. The general election is slated for November 3, 2026. At that time voters will also choose mayors, council/commission members and school board in some districts.

Dixon Commission Employs Attorney; Passes Ordinance

The Dixon City Commission met in regular session on Monday night with Mayor Terry Webb presiding and all commission members in attendance.

Following approval of the minutes from the December meeting and the approval of bills, commissions discussed several agenda items, approved an appointment to the ethics commission and passed first reading of an ordinance concerning access to water lines and water meters.

Prior to the beginning of the business session, Mayor Webb told members the city's street certificate of deposit at United Community Bank is scheduled for renewal on January 19. He also told commissioners the city continues to await approval of CPPP/LARP funds. City Clerk Barb Goff told commissioners the CD funds would be needed when the grant funds are approved. Commissioners approved renewing the CD for six months.

Commissioners approved the employment of Bobby Murray as city attorney. He will be employed at a rate of \$175.00 per hour with a minimum of two hours per meeting. His employment was approved on a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Robert Brown expressed concern about the cost of \$350.00 per meeting night and abstained when the vote was taken. That will require an amendment to the city's current ordinance. First reading of that change will apparently be done at the February meeting.

Mack Townsend was re-appointed to the city's ethics committee. That appointment is for a four year term. Member Geraldine Rich submitted her resignation as a member of the committee. Her position will be discussed at the February meeting.

Commissioners passed first reading of an ordinance governing access to water lines and meters in the city. That ordinance states that water lines, meters, and me-

ter boxes must be accessible. If an access area is covered by gravel, concrete or some other material that would have to be removed to obtain access, the responsibility for replacement of that material is the responsibility of the water customer. Second reading of the ordinance will be held at the February meeting.

Mayor Webb told commissioners a discussion needs to be held concerning an increase in the deposit amount for water customers in the city. He recommended a minimum of \$250.00 for renters. The meter deposit currently is \$150.00. Commissioner Peggy Poole recommended contacting the Kentucky League of Cities concerning the legality of having different deposit amounts for homeowners and renters. The matter will be discussed again in February.

The Dixon Volunteer Fire Department responded to 24 incidents in December.

The City of Dixon pur-

chased 2,740,700 gallons of water in December. The city sold 1,791,900 gallons, and 326,500 gallons were used for flushing. The city's water loss in December was 22.71%.

Commissioner Brown noted that the end of Stegal Street is closed for the installation of a water line, and Commissioner Mandee Brown told the members that the parks and recreation committee is currently seeking to fill a vacancy on the board. That vacancy was created with the death of former commissioner Jeff Graham.

Chris O'Leary, the city's code enforcement officer, reported two notices of violation of been mailed; three violations have been resolved; and three violations are in the process of being resolved.

Mayor Webb voiced concern about possible damage to the city building caused by semi trucks making a short turn from KY 132 on to northbound U.A. 41-A. The commission discussed plac-

ing ballast posts at the corner in December. On Monday night, Commissioner Randy Norman stated his contact with the Kentucky Department of Transportation indicated state approval would be required before any posts could be erected at the corner. Mayor Webb responded, "This is definitely something that needs to be addressed."

In final business, Mayor Webb told members a meeting with FEMA on Monday had secured approval for the funding to make repairs to the bridges on the walking trail at Baker Park. That project is estimated to cost about \$15,000. According to the mayor, FEMA is expected to provide some \$12,000 toward the work, and the city would pay the difference.

No further business came before the commission, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

The next regular meeting of Dixon City Commission will be Monday, February 9, 6:00 P.M.