Dorsey running for re-election

By Matt Cizek
Winchester Sun

Ben Dorsey, current Clark County Public School Board member, is running for re-election.

Dorsey, a school board member with District 4, is currently running unopposed.

Write-in candidates have until August 11th to file.

Along with current District 5 Board Member Ashley Ritchie-Rowland, Dorsey has been charged with theft in a case involving Winchester Youth Soccer League funds.

Following a Kentucky State Police (KSP) investigation, Ritchie-Rowland and Dorsey were each charged with committing the offense of theft by unlawful taking or disposition involving $10,000 or more but less than $1 million, which is a Class C felony.

Represented by attorneys Alex Rowady and Brian Thomas respectively, both Dorsey and Ritchie-Rowland have pleaded not guilty.

Ritchie-Rowland is not running for re-election this year.

According to a 2023 article in the Winchester Sun, Dorsey had previously been charged with felony drug possession.

Other CCPS school board members include Paula Thomas (District 3), Carl Kiser (District 1; Board Vice Chair), and Dora Hall (District 3; Board Chair).

At a Clark County Public School Board meeting of Tuesday, July 28th, a concerned citizen read the following:

"I am aware that two members of this Board have been charged with the misappropriation of funds. I did not come here tonight to judge either of you as individuals. Our justice system exists for a reason, and you deserve your day in court.

However, I did come here tonight to respectfully ask that you resign.

Our community is incredibly proud of our school system and all that has been accomplished in Clark County. We want our Board of Education focused entirely on our students, our teachers, and the future of our schools. With the ongoing distractions surrounding your indictments, the Board's ability to fully concentrate on that important work has been compromised.

For the sake of your own children, for the students and our families of Clark County, and for the good of this community. I ask you to put the interests of our schools first. Please resign from the Board and withdraw your candidacies for another term.

This is not about prejudice or punishment. It is about leadership, public trust, and ensuring that our school system can move forward without unnecessary distribution.

Our students, our educators, and our community deserve leaders who can devote their full attention to the important work before them. I respectfully ask you to to do what is best for Clark County and step aside."

While acknowledging that they're unable to take direct action regarding potential removal of a school board member and emphasizing that such actions took place apart from their roles as such, Clark County Public Schools board members and administration have expressed being troubled and condemned the allegations in strong terms.

Study shows Kentucky needs to retain more tech grads

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT – Kentucky is successfully producing graduates for its workforce, but many highly skilled technical graduates are leaving for better-paying jobs elsewhere, according to a new report from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE).

It recommends that Kentucky focus graduate-retention efforts on high-demand fields such as computer science, information systems and engineering by expanding competitive jobs, connecting students with employers before graduation and adapting service-linked scholarship programs to encourage graduates to work in the state.

Computer science graduates who leave Kentucky earn median wages of $74,222 one year after completing their degrees, compared with $52,187 for those employed in the state, a difference of more than $22,000. Information systems graduates working outside Kentucky earn approximately $11,000 more.

"Kentucky has made significant progress in producing the educated and skilled workforce our economy needs," said CPE President Aaron Thompson. "Now we must ensure more graduates can find competitive, rewarding careers here. Retaining talent requires strong partnerships among colleges, employers, policymakers and communities to create clear pathways from the classroom to Kentucky workplaces."

The report found that Kentucky retains approximately 92% to 93% of certificate, diploma and associate-degree graduates one year after completion. Retention falls to about 82% for bachelor's- and master's-degree graduates and 75% for doctoral graduates.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

A Stitch in Time: Dresses from the UK Textile Collection: 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Central Library, 140 E. Main St.. Free. www.lexpublib.org

Celebrate Recovery: 7-9 p.m. Calvary Christian Church, 15 Redwing Dr. Free. calvarychristian.net

Classic Fantastic Cinema: 6-7:30 p.m. Clark County Public Library, 370 S Burns Ave. Free. clarkbooks.org

Quilter's Group: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Clark County Public Library, 370 S Burns Ave. Free.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Singo: 7-8:30 p.m. DJ's Steakhouse Bar and Grill, 836 Bypass Rd. Free. business.winchesterkychamber.com

Wednesday Matinee: 2-4 p.m. Clark County Public Library, 370 S Burns Ave. Free. clarkbooks.org

Winchester Kiwanis Club: 12-1 p.m. Arby's, 100 McCormick. Free.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Golden Hour: $5 Friday: 5-8 p.m. Harkness Edwards Vineyards, 5199 Combs Ferry Rd. Free. www.harknessedwardsvineyards.com

Pizza at the Peach House: 12-8 p.m. Harkness Edwards Vineyards, 5199 Combs Ferry Rd. Free. www.harknessedwardsvineyards.com

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO KRS 395.625 THAT THE FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT WILL LAYOVER UNTIL WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19, 2026 @ 9:31 A.M.
A HEARING BY JUDGE TYLER FRAZIER WILL BE HELD IN CLARK DISTRICT COURT WHEN SAID SETTLEMENTS SHALL BE APPROVED AND RECORDED UNLESS PRIOR THERETO EXCEPTIONS HAVE BEEN FILED.

DECEDENT OR WARD	FIDUCIARY	TITLE	NATURE OF ACCOUNTS
BETTY JUNE BAILEY	SHARON K MORRIS 217 N UPPER STREET LEXINGTON KY 40507	EXECUTOR	FINAL SETTLEMENT

WITNESSED MY HAND THIS JULY 39, 2026
TONY KIRK, CLARK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that East Clark County Water District expects to file an application with the Public Service Commission on or about July 31, 2026, seeking approval of a proposed adjustment to its rates for water service. The proposed rates shall not become effective until the Public Service Commission has issued an order approving these rates or six (6) months from the date of the filing of the application, whichever occurs first.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES

			Current	Proposed	Difference	
5/8 Inch Meter						
First	2,000	gallons	$28.08 per month	$33.59 per month	$5.51	19.62%
Next	8,000	gallons	$0.01164 per gallon	$0.01392 per gallon	$0.00228	19.59%
Next	40,000	gallons	$0.01033 per gallon	$0.01236 per gallon	$0.00203	19.65%
Over	50,000	gallons	$0.00903 per gallon	$0.01080 per gallon	$0.00177	19.60%
1 Inch Meter			Current	Proposed	Difference	
First	5,000	gallons	$62.98 per month	$75.34 per month	$12.36	19.63%
Next	5,000	gallons	$0.01164 per gallon	$0.01392 per gallon	$0.00228	19.59%
Next	40,000	gallons	$0.01033 per gallon	$0.01236 per gallon	$0.00203	19.65%
Over	50,000	gallons	$0.00903 per gallon	$0.01080 per gallon	$0.00177	19.60%
1 1/2 Inch Meter			Current	Proposed	Difference	
First	10,000	gallons	$121.16 per month	$144.94 per month	$23.78	19.63%
Next	40,000	gallons	$0.01033 per gallon	$0.01236 per gallon	$0.00203	19.65%
Over	50,000	gallons	$0.00903 per gallon	$0.01080 per gallon	$0.00177	19.60%
2 Inch Meter			Current	Proposed	Difference	
First	20,000	gallons	$224.50 per month	$268.56 per month	$44.06	19.63%
Next	30,000	gallons	$0.01033 per gallon	$0.01236 per gallon	$0.00203	19.65%
Over	50,000	gallons	$0.00903 per gallon	$0.01080 per gallon	$0.00177	19.60%
3 Inch Meter			Current	Proposed	Difference	
First	30,000	gallons	$327.83 per month	$392.18 per month	$64.35	19.63%
Next	20,000	gallons	$0.01033 per gallon	$0.01236 per gallon	$0.00203	19.65%
Over	50,000	gallons	$0.00903 per gallon	$0.01080 per gallon	$0.00177	19.60%
4 Inch Meter			Current	Proposed	Difference	
First	50,000	gallons	$534.50 per month	$639.41 per month	$104.91	19.63%
Over	50,000	gallons	$0.00903 per gallon	$0.01080 per gallon	$0.00177	19.60%
Bulk Sales			Current	Proposed	Difference	
			$0.00904 per gallon	$0.01081 per gallon	$0.00177	19.58%

If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rates, then the effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class is set out in the table below.

Meter Size	Gallons per Month	Existing Bill	Proposed Bill	Change	Percentage
5/8"	4,000	$ 51.36	$ 61.43	$ 10.07	19.61%
1"	15,000	$ 172.83	$ 206.74	$ 33.91	19.62%
1 1/2"	30,000	$ 327.76	$ 392.14	$ 64.38	19.64%
2"	20,000	$ 224.50	$ 268.56	$ 44.06	19.63%
3"	30,000	$ 327.83	$ 392.18	$ 64.35	19.63%
4"	50,000	$ 534.50	$ 639.41	$ 104.91	19.63%

The Application may be examined at the utility's office located at 118 Hopkins Lane PO Box 112, Winchester, Ky, 40391 telephone (859) 745-1458.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the utility. However, the PSC may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

A person may examine this application at the Public Service Commission offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or through the PSC website at http://psc.ky.gov. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the PSC through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. You may contact the Public Service Commission at (502) 564-3940.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.

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NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

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Pursuant to Orders of Sale of the Clark Circuit Court, the undersigned will offer for sale, **AT PUBLIC AUCTION CONDUCTED AT 11:30 A.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026, INSIDE THE FRONT DOORS OF THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY,** the following parcels of real property, to-wit:

Public Notices

1. 104 Bay Hill Drive, Winchester, Kentucky 40391 (Map no. 052-4016-027-00) Clark Circuit Court, Case No. 26-CI-00328
2. 790 Quisenberry Lane (Old Stone Church Road), Winchester, Kentucky 40391 (Map no. 035-0000-058-00) Clark Circuit Court, Case No. 20-CI-00495
3. 11 Apache Trail, Winchester, Kentucky 40391 (Map no. 065-2004-028-00) Clark Circuit Court, Case No. 26-CI-00109

Said property shall be sold to the highest and best bidder upon the following terms: 1. The purchaser shall be required to pay the sum of ten percent (10%) down in cash at the time of the sale. In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser, the Plaintiff shall not be required to make a down payment, but the down payment shall be credited against its mortgage. 2. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate provided in the judgment. The purchaser shall be required to execute a bond or bonds with sufficient surety thereon for said balance which shall have the force and effect of a judgment in order to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price and said bond shall constitute a lien on the said property until paid.
3. All delinquent property taxes shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all ad valorem taxes assessed by the County of Clark and State of Kentucky for the current year and all subsequent years.
4. Any purchaser or purchasers shall have the privilege of paying all or any portion of the purchase price or paying said bond or bonds before maturity by paying the principal thereof together with all accrued interest thereon.
5. Said property shall be sold free and clear of the claims of all parties to the within action and of all liens and encumbrances including all past due taxes except for restrictions and easements appearing of record in the Clark County Clerk's Office.
6. The risk of loss shall pass to the purchaser upon confirmation of sale. **M. ALEX ROWADY, MASTER COMMISSIONER CLARK CIRCUIT COURT**

Winchester Sun:
Aug. 4, 2026
AUGUST 2026 SALE

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