

# Ambulance district tax set

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All members of the Grant County Fiscal Court were present at the Sept. 2 meeting, including Roger Humphrey, District 1 Magistrate via Zoom, to decide the Grant County Special ambulance Taxing District Tax Rate for Year 2025-2026.

· Grant County Special Ambulance Taxing District (GCSATD) tax rate

The taxing rate for 2025 for the GCSATD is set at \$0.10/\$100 assessed valuation for both Real Property and Tangible Personal Property. This includes aircraft, documented watercraft, non-

Kentucky registered watercraft and in-transit inventory.

· County maintenance issues

Judge/Executive Chuck Dills noted the courthouse elevator has not been repaired yet because the company doing the work has to purchase more parts. He said they would be working on the unit Sept. 4 and “should be” finished at that time.

Dills said the road department has been “trimming brush and mowing” roadways. As well, they are cleaning out the “old county barn” and scrapping metal from the cleanout.

Anyone with issues concerning

roads, such as weeds or pothole, should contact the Road Department at (859) 823-4851. As there is no secretarial staffing there, if no one answers, leave a message in their voice mail.

During Citizens address, possibly painting white lines on county roadways was brought up. Baton Rouge Road near the Grant County Fair Grounds was mentioned specifically.

It was explained this road has state, county, Williamstown and Dry Ridge jurisdictions on it. Too, apparently, county roads are too narrow for this painting and, as well, the paint is costly.

· Magistrate updates

Jacquelyn Riley, District 1 Magistrate, asked about status of seeking funds from Extension, Soil Conservation or other organizations for help repairing the tire shredder.

Dills reported they are still working on obtaining those funds.

She also noted they are working on the County Road Plan. It was clarified this is a living document that is updated periodically.

Coldiron, Riley and Joe Gordon, Road Supervisor make up the Road Subcommittee.

· Sheriff's report

Sheriff Dennis Switzer noted a deputy may be leaving for Scott

County, but they had interviewed two deputies and one seemed interested.

· Interfund transfer from the General Fund to the Jail Fund for \$100,000. When there is one transfer, this is usually to cover the lag between Department of Corrections payment for inmates and the payout of jail employee payroll.

Due to Dills being out of town, the next meeting of the Grant County Fiscal Court is scheduled for Monday Sept. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse, 101 North Main Street Williamstown. For more information on the meeting, call (859) 823-7561.

# Beware of Medicare fraud

**BY LEGAL AID OF THE BLUEGRASS**  
MEDICARE SHIP PROGRAM

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**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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1. \$2.04 billion, Powerball, Nov. 7, 2022. The winning ticket was sold at a Los Angeles-area gas station.
2. \$1.765 billion, Powerball, Oct. 11, 2023. The winning ticket was sold at a liquor store in a tiny California mountain town.
3. \$1.602 billion, Mega Millions, Aug. 8, 2023. The winning ticket was sold at a supermarket in Neptune Beach, Florida.
4. \$1.586 billion, Powerball, Jan. 13, 2016. The winning tickets were sold at a Los Angeles-area convenience store, a Florida supermarket and a Tennessee grocery store.
5. \$1.537 billion, Mega Millions, Oct. 23, 2018. The winning ticket was sold at a South Carolina convenience store.



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Powerball play slips are seen Friday, Aug. 29 in Nashville, Tenn.

6. \$1.348 billion, Mega Millions, Jan. 13, 2023. The winning ticket was sold at a Maine gas station.
7. \$1.337 billion, Mega Millions, July 29, 2022. The winning ticket was sold at

- a Chicago-area gas station.
8. \$1.326 billion, Powerball, April 7, 2024. The winning ticket was sold at an Oregon convenience store.
9. \$1.269 billion, Mega Millions, Dec. 27, 2024. The

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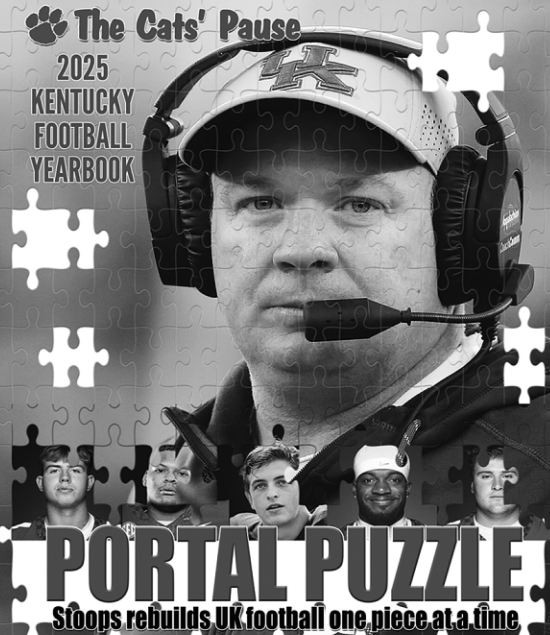
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