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Hutchinson (R) and Derrick Cantrell (D).

• ***Magistrate, District #4 –*** Frankie Spencer (R) and Brandon Evans (D; incumbent).

• ***Magistrate, District #5 –*** Joseph Lee Howard (R), Anthony Lykins (D) and Leroy Phipps (I; incumbent).

• ***Mayor, City of West Liberty –*** Grant Sorrell and Patty Hutchinson. (This is a non-partisan race.)

• ***West Liberty City Council –*** Dwayne Nickell, Sarah Beth Legg, Tony Smith, Mark Walter, Russell "Rusty" Lindon and Kyle Risner. (All candidates are incumbents except for Kyle Risner, who currently serves as mayor.)

• ***School Board Member, District #1 –*** Elizabeth "Liz" Potter and Esther Cain (incumbent). (This is a non-partisan race.)

Unopposed candidates for local offices include the following incumbents:

Property Valuation Administrator Darby Franklin (D), County Attorney Myles Holbrook (R), County Clerk Randy Williams (D), Coroner Shawn Vancleave (D), County Surveyor Joseph Curd (D), Magistrate Eric Pelfrey (D; District #1), Constable Chris Adams (D; District #1), Constable Jarred Murphy (D; District #4), Constable Ricky Stamper (D; District #5), School Board Member Ricky Pennington (non-partisan; District #5) and District Judge Rupert Wilhoit (37th Judicial District).

Other unopposed candidates include Ray Adkins (R; Magistrate District #3) and Brian Scalf (D; Constable District #2).

No candidates have filed for District #3 constable, a position County Clerk Randy Williams said would remain vacant until an appointment is made by the judge executive.

**State Offices**

Contested races for state offices include the following:

• ***State Representative, 99th District –*** Richard Lee White (R; incumbent) and Iva Markicevic Daley (D).

Also on the ballot is the incumbent State Senator Brandon Smith (R; 30th District), who is unopposed in the general election.

**Federal Offices**

• ***United States Senator –*** Andy Barr (R), Charles Booker (D) and Christopher Campbell (Kentucky Party).

• ***United States Representative in Congress, 5th District –*** Hal Rogers (R; incumbent), Ned Pillersdorf (D), Mikel Wein (I) and Gerardo Serrando (I).

**State Constitutional Amendment**

The following Kentucky Constitutional Amendment question is also on the ballot:

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*Are you in favor of limiting a Governor's ability to grant pardons or commute sentences by prohibiting him or her from granting pardons or commuting sentences during the time period beginning 60 days prior to the general election at which the Governor is elected, and ending when the Governor is sworn in for that term by amending the Constitution of Kentucky as stated below?*

*It is proposed that Section 77 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:*

*(1) The Governor shall have power to:*

*(a) Remit fines and forfeitures; and*

*(b) Commute sentences and grant reprieves and pardons, except:*

*1. In case of impeachment; or*

*2. For the period beginning sixty days prior to the date of the gubernatorial election and ending the fifth Tuesday succeeding the election.*

*(2) The Governor shall file with each application therefor a statement of the reasons for his or her decision thereon, which application and statement shall always be open to public inspection.*

*(3) In cases of treason, the Governor shall have power to grant reprieves until the end of the next session of the General Assembly, in which the power of pardoning shall be vested; but he or she shall have no power to remit the fees of the Clerk, Sheriff or Commonwealth's Attorney in penal or criminal cases.*

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Voters will select "YES" or "NO" to answer this question.

**Voter ID Requirements**

County Clerk Randy Williams noted that voters are required to show photo ID at polling places, as per state law.

"We don't have to scan your ID, but we have to see it," Williams said.

Acceptable forms of ID include the following:

• Kentucky driver's license.

• Kentucky state ID.

• U.S. Passport.

• Military ID.

• College ID from a Kentucky institution.

• Government-issued photo ID.

Social Security cards and SNAP/EBT/Food Assistance cards will not be accepted, however.

**Additional Information**

Polls will be open on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Persons with questions regarding voting procedures, polling places and other election-related issues should contact County Clerk Randy Williams at 743-3949 or visit his office in the County Government Building at 450 Prestonsburg St.

# Council ...

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the federal examination.

Upon concluding his presentation, Bryant told the council that he expected the full official report to be complete in November.

In other news, Mayor Kyle Risner opened several bids for various surplus items, and the items were awarded to the following bidders:

• ***2005 Utility Truck –*** John Beasley, $1,000.50 (accepted); Daniel Wright, $800 (rejected).

• ***2005 Ford Crown Victoria –*** John Beasley, $200.

• ***XT1 Riding Mower –*** Preston Wright, $125 (accepted); John Beasley, $101.50 (rejected).

• ***LTX Riding Mower –*** Preston Wright, $100 (accepted); John Beasley, $50 (rejected).

• ***Husqvarna Walk Behind Mower –*** John Beasley, $50.

A bid from Beasley ($1,000) on a 2018 3500 flat bed truck was rejected, as well as bids from Beasley and Preston Wright (both $50) on a Cub Cadet RZT Zero Turn Mower.

In departmental reports, Clerk Cox announced that city employee Tyler Cantrell will assume the position of gas department superintendent following the recent retirement of his predecessor, David Hinton.

Clerk Cox and Mayor Risner expressed their gratitude to Hinton for his service to the City of West Liberty.

Councilman Grant Sorrell thanked city employees for their efforts to make recent street improvements and their assistance with this year's Live on the Licking events, which concluded earlier this month.

Before adjournment, Councilman Sorrell also expressed the council's condolences to all those throughout the county who have lost loved ones in recent months.

VOTE LYKINS ★ ★ ★ ★ VOTE LYKINS

**Anthony Lykins**

**For MAGISTRATE District #5**

I am asking for your vote Tuesday, November 3. If I haven't made it by your home to talk to you about your concerns for our district it isn't because I didn't think your vote isn't important. The truth is, I have simply run out of time. We have a large district and while visiting with as many of you as possible, I have tried to take the time to listen to you about your concerns.

I was your District 5 MAGISTRATE from 2011 thru 2018. I served you the people of District 5 and Morgan County to the very best of my ability. If you had a problem or concern, I was willing to answer your phone calls, listen to you, do my very best to address the concerns you had and get back to you with an answer to what could be done about your concern, and I will do it again.

**IF YOU WANT A MAGISTRATE THAT WILL:**

- Address county road problems in a timely manner, **VOTE LYKINS!**
- Answer or return all phone calls. I will address your concerns or problems in a timely manner, **VOTE LYKINS!**
- Continue to give a District 5 Magistrate Scholarship. This will be a $250.00 scholarship given to a graduating Morgan County High School senior in this district, VOTE LYKINS!
- Willing to work on /and pursue grants. I have worked on grants in the past and will be willing to do so again. **VOTE LYKINS!**
- I am 100% against the large raise that the Magistrates voted for themselves.
- I am in favor of renovating the swimming pool, so the young people and older people have something to do.

My promise to you is one thing. I promise is to do the best job as your magistrate that I can possibly do and to treat each and every person with respect.

**I am asking for your vote Tuesday, November 3.**

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

**I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING YOU AGAIN.**

(Paid by Anthony Lykins)

VOTE LYKINS ★ ★ ★ ★ VOTE LYKINS

**VOTE FOR**

**GRANT SORRELL FOR MAYOR**




**NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

PAID FOR BY GRANT SORRELL

**Vote Frankie W. SPENCER**



MAGISTRATE

DISTRICT 4

Serve the People,
For the People

Humbly ask for your Vote & Support

Paid for by Candidate

**VOTE FRANKIE W. SPENCER**

With less than a week remaining before Election Day, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has welcomed me, taken the time to speak with me, and offered their support throughout this campaign. I have worked hard to visit as many of you as possible, and if I have not had the opportunity to meet you personally, I sincerely apologize. I am still knocking on doors and making every effort to reach more families before November 3rd.

As I reflect on this past year and the future of our county, I believe it is important to learn from our past. I have seen both the challenges and successes of county government, and I understand that progress requires honesty, accountability, and a willingness to learn from past decisions. My hope is to help build a future where our children and grandchildren see Morgan County not simply as the place they grew up, but as a place where they can find opportunities, raise their families, and proudly call home rather than feeling they must leave for larger communities.

I recognize the challenges we face, but I am ready to get to work on day one. I will approach every decision with fairness, integrity, and respect for the taxpayers of Morgan County. I believe in focusing on solutions rather than dwelling on problems, listening to the people I represent, and working toward practical improvements that benefit our communities.

I also believe public service means being present when people need you most. Whether it means showing up during difficult weather, helping clear a road with my chainsaw when necessary, or simply taking the time to listen to a concerned citizen, I want to be a magistrate who is visible, accessible, and willing to work alongside the people of this county.

**This campaign has never been just about a position; it is about service, responsibility, and the future of our community.** I am asking for your trust and your vote on November 3rd. To the good citizens of Ezel and Chapel precincts, thank you for your time, your encouragement, and your consideration. If given the opportunity to serve as your magistrate, I will work hard to represent you with honesty, fairness, and a genuine commitment to Morgan County.

**I WOULD BE HONORED TO EARN YOUR VOTE.**

Paid for by Frankie Spencer