

Planning and Zoning discuss cell tower and White Oak Estate

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On Monday, Sept 15, the Cynthiana-Harrison County-Berry Joint Planning Commission met for a regular meeting.

After a call to order and roll call, minutes were approved for the previous meeting on Monday, Aug 18.

With no old business to discuss, the meeting went straight into the new.

NEW BUSINESS

-The first item of new business was a lengthy back-and-forth between members of the commission, the public and presenters of a potential cell phone tower at 8279 Ky. Hwy. 32 West, Sadieville, Ky. 40370.

Keith Brown with Pike Legal Group spoke to the commission to present details on the cell tower application.

Brown noted that the applicants are Verizon Wireless and a company called The Towers LLC., who will construct the tower for Verizon's antennas.

"We filed all of the exhibits that are required by the Kentucky revised statutes," noted Brown. "We think followed all of the procedural guidelines..."

Mr. Brown stated that "Harrison County deserves great cell coverage in as many areas as possible. We think we're going to improve your coverage, so we thank you for listening to me and we ask for your approval..."

Some questions were raised by members of the commission as well as members of the public, several of whom live in or around the proposed area of construction.

Questions of treatment of the land, which Brown assured would be "limited land use" and not a "ongoing construction site of people plowing up things."

Questions of necessity, with citizens stating that they have fine cell service already.

Questions of potentially impacted property value and animal life.

Brown, again, responded saying "I always appreciate citizens that are interested in their community and show up to give their comments...keep in mind that under the Federal law, that each of these licensed wireless characters has an independent right to have their coverage and to seek approval to get their coverage."

"And remember what I told you about the Federal law saying that you cannot legally deny an application on lay testimony."

Brown also expressed that he couldn't imagine that animals will care about the tower one way or the other.

"A cell tower may not be pretty to everybody, but think about all the coverage, all the people driving highway 32 and think about that person who might have an auto accident at 2 a.m. trying to call 911 from that area."

One other area of concern brought up by the public was one of potential health concern, in

reference to rf frequency so close to homes.

"There are some homes in this area, there's no doubt about that...but we've met all of the setbacks and regulations that the planning commission has adopted here and that's what state and federal law requires us to do," responded Brown. "Meeting local setbacks and local regulation, that is substantial evidence in favor of an application and we have done that."

After thoughtful discussion among members of the commission, a motion was made to accept the application which carried.

-The next and final item of new business was listed as #2025-SD-03-Mike & Angie Sosbe-Review of Major Subdivision (6.025 acres) adjacent to White Oak Estates, Zone: Residential Two (R-2).

Mike Sosbe, along with Shawn Ravenscraft, recused themselves from the item due to direct involvement.

Audrey Middleton spoke in Sosbe's stead.

"My wife and I are owners of this property...we obtained and purchased this property to develop residential housing which is a need in Harrison County, Cynthiana," explained Sosbe.

The property was annexed by the city just a week prior.

Both Sosbe and his civil engineering expert spoke to the quality of the property and plan.

After discussion, a motion to approve Phase 1 carried.

Free movie series designed to lift spirits

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, the historic Rohs Opera House will roll the projector on a new program designed to lift spirits and bring neighbors together: Movies Are Medicine, a Senior Matinee Series presented by Bluegrass Care Navigators.

Screenings run the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. throughout the fall. Seniors 60+ attend free—popcorn and a drink included—thanks to generous sponsors like Bluegrass Care Navigators. The series is also supported by WEDCO District Health Department and the Harrison County Senior Center & Adult Day as producing sponsors.

The movies are not limited to seniors; anyone can attend. Admission is only \$5 for those under 60.

"Like a lot of families, we've seen loneliness take a real toll," said James D. Smith, co-owner of Rohs Opera House. "I've watched how much better seniors feel after a simple afternoon around other people. We're using what we know—movies—and the place we love to give seniors a reason to get out, laugh, and belong."

Public-health leaders say social disconnection harms health as seriously as heavy smoking, and roughly 1 in 12 adults 60+ screen positive for depression. Organizers

designed the matinees to counter that trend with two hours of community, conversation, and classic cinema.

MOVIE LINEUP

Wed, Oct. 1 – Driving Miss Daisy
Wed, Oct. 15 – Arsenic and Old Lace

Wed, Nov. 5 – Rear Window
Wed, Nov. 19 – On Golden Pond
Wed, Dec. 3 – White Christmas
All shows are at 1:30 p.m.; doors/concessions open at 12:45 p.m.

Each movie will also include pre-show trivia from the year the film was released, information, giveaways from sponsors and fun!

The Rohs seats 240 and welcomes individuals and groups—including churches, Sunday school classes, homemaker clubs and friend groups.

Seniors from Harrison County and surrounding communities are welcome.

"This is more than entertainment—it's preventive care with a bucket of popcorn," Smith added. "A friendly lobby hello, a shared laugh, and a classic on the big screen can change the whole week."

Organizations interested in sponsoring additional seats or dates

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Board of Commissioners hold last summer meeting

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On Tuesday, Sept 16, the Cynthiana Board of Commissioners met for their second and final regular meeting of the month.

Mayor Isaac Dailey kicked things off with starting a discussion about street legal special purpose vehicles on public roadways. Mayor Dailey noted that it's an ordinance that mirrors an ordinance passed by the county several weeks prior.

With no one in attendance to participate in discussion, Mayor Dailey noted that another public discussion would happen at the next meeting to allow the public enough time to give feedback.

VISITORS

-Garnett Furnish attended the meeting and addressed the Board to give an update on the Economic Development Authority.

Furnish works with business retention and attraction and workforce development, working very closely with industry in our community. Furnish is an employee of the economic development authority.

UPDATES INCLUDED

-Occupational taxes are showing an increase from last year.

-The business park has 40 acres left to be developed.

-CSTH, or E-Z Pak, plans to open the new plant on Oct 1. They'll add about 50 new jobs and are keeping the old plant in operation.

-They removed the fence and trees in from of the new CSTH on New Lair Rd.

-GlenGery Stone is being backfilled by Tri County Lumber.

"You and EDA have been a lot to keep up with in these first nine months," noted Mayor Dailey. "There's been a lot of good progress and projects going on in 2025."

MINUTES

-Mayor Dailey made a motion to approve minutes from the Sept 2 regular meeting, which carried.

LEGALS

-City Attorney John Lair gave a public first reading of Ordinance #1680 - Street Legal Special Purpose Vehicle Usage.

Mayor Dailey made a motion to approve the reading, which carried.

Dailey also noted that only one individual has approached them to inquire on the ordinance and was in favor. He also stressed that a public forum would occur before the second reading.

-Attorney Lair also gave a public reading of Municipal Order 2025-2 changing Police/School Resource Officer job description.

A motion was made to approve the reading, which carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

-Mayor Dailey updated the board on several projects, like the roundabout project (which is near compete), the connector road project (still in design phase), fire station expansion project and Bullard Cares Day (which Dailey gave thanks for).

-Mayor Dailey made a motion to authorize himself to sign utility easement for water line at Flat Run Veteran's Park, which carried.

-Dailey also read aloud Resolution 2025-3 authorizing filing application for Drinking Water Revolving Funds. A motion was made to approve the reading, which carried.

-A discussion was had on 139 East Pike Street proposals of which there were two.

"I think it would be smart of us to have a conversation on what restriction, limitations or expectations we would assign to the sale of the building so that John [Lair] can get something

together for when we move to sell the property," noted Dailey.

An update is supposed to be given at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

-Commissioner of Public Utilities and Works, David Conner, gave an update on the Municipal Road Aid bid.

Conner reminded everyone of the list of intersections in need of roadwork that were ranked by need of work/importance.

"I just want to thank the commissioners here who turned in their rankings so we can figure this out and make the best stretch of our buck possible," thanked Dailey.

Commissioner Conner made a motion to work Oddville and Wyatt, West Pearl and Locust, Federal and Riggs, N. Elmarch Ave. from Oddville to Wilson and Hickory Ct., which passed.

-Commissioner of Public Property and Finance, Mark Mattmiller, made a motion to play bills: \$89,857 in the general fund and \$118,703 in the water and sewer fund, which carried.

Cash in the bank in the general fund is \$109,517, water and sewer is \$263,394 and municipal road aid fund is \$129,583.

-Commissioner of Police Safety, Taylor Peoples, was not present and thus the report was read by Commissioner Roger Slade.

A motion was made to authorize to accept the resignation of Jeffery Asbury as Police Officer/School Resource Officer effective Sept 30, 2025, which carried.

A motion was made to authorize to use DA Asset Forfeiture Equitable Sharing Funds in the amount of \$2,160 to pay the yearly license fee of the Axon Camera Auto-tagging feature on all the body worn cameras, which carried.

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PLEAS FROM THE POUND



Mable
Mable enjoys her naps. While the world spins around her in chaos and mayhem, Mable simply won't be bothered. She is one cool customer- calm, serene and minding her own. This sweet girl has a beautiful face too—but you'll have to come to the shelter to see it.



Enzo
Enzo loves absolutely everyone he meets—humans and dogs alike—but he's tired of shelter life and wants to trade in his kennel for a soft bed in a forever home. Enzo loves going on walks and exploring the world outside the shelter walls. He's a one to two year old neutered shepherd mix and he's ready to take on the world! This boy loves adventures ... are you ready to be his adventure buddy?



Goose
Goose is a charmer. He loves the staff, the visitors and even dogs. He says a cuddle is a cuddle, whether it's human, feline or canine. If you've got love to give, Goose is all in.



Winnie
Winnie is a young Border Collie. She's fairly new to the shelter but already stealing hearts with her affectionate personality. She loves people and craves attention. Because Border Collies are a working breed, Winnie will most likely have herding instincts and energy to burn. She'll need a family who understands her unique needs and can provide the physical and mental stimulation she requires. If you're an active person who loves the outdoors and you're looking for a loyal companion to join you on adventures, Winnie might be your perfect match



Superfly
Superfly has practically grown up at the shelter, and we just can't understand why nobody has adopted him. This boy is sooooo good. He loves playing with other dogs; he loves going on walks; he adores all people; and he's incredibly handsome to boot! What's not to love? We wish everyone could see how special this sweet boy is. To know him is to love him.

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