

Dry Ridge conducts first reading of ordinances

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Mayor Greg Brockman called the Dry Ridge City Council to order on Sept. 21 at the City Building. On the agenda were first readings of two tax rate ordinances. Attorney Avery C. Dietz attended the meeting in lieu of Larry Gatlin of Gatlin Voelker Attorneys of Covington and Cincinnati.

Ordinances

- First reading of Ordinance Number 920-2026 “annual assessment for all real estate and personal property” was conducted.
- According to Deitz, Ad Valorem taxes would be assessed at the rate of 0.194/\$100 and personal property at 0.147/\$100.
- First reading of Ordinance Number 921-2026 “motor vehicle personal watercraft tax rate for year 2027” was conducted. Deitz said this rate would be 0.147/\$100.
- City Administrator Ken Little said the tax rates are “down and assessments are up.”
- Miscellaneous
- Fire/EMS: the Dry Ridge Fire Department (DRFD) responded to 60 runs, 28 within the city

limits and 32 outside, equaling 440 year-to-date (YTD).

Emergency Management Services (EMS) made 255 runs, making a total 1,927 YTD. Their Fleet Maintenance Report shows about 7,903 miles in July for EMS; DRFD reported 925 miles driven.

- Councilmember Kenny Edmondson asked if the plans for Beans’ parking lot were approved. Little indicated they have been.
- Councilmember Shantelle Schachere asked if there were write-in votes. Little said no.
- Schachere asked about replacing Councilmember Bill Webb, who passed away Aug. 21. Brockman said this would be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be a special meeting Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026, at 6 p.m. to have the second reading of the tax ordinances. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Dry Ridge City Building, 31 Broadway. For questions or more information, contact the City at (859) 824-3335.

Grant County sheriff's office investigates death

A man died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound when the U.S. Marshal Service tried to serve a warrant on the morning of Sept. 23, according to a statement issued by Grant County Sheriff Dennis Switzer. The statement indicated the marshals knocked on the door of Isaiah

Fisk's home on Gilbert Avenue in Dry Ridge shortly before 9 a.m., where they saw him "run to the bathroom."

A female, who exited the front door, told the marshals Fisk had a firearm. According to the statement, a single gunshot was heard. Upon

entering the apartment, marshals located Fisk "in the bathroom with a self-inflicted gunshot wound."

The Grant County Coroner pronounced Fisk deceased on the scene. His death is being investigated by the Grant County Sheriff's Office.

County clerk shares 2026 election voter information

J. COLTON SIMPSON
GRANT COUNTY CLERK

With the Nov. 3, 2026 General Election just over one month away, I wanted to take a moment to ensure that you are well-prepared for taking part in the coming General Election! As the election approaches, please make sure that you have a plan in place to ensure that your vote is placed and your voice is heard.

Though Nov 3, 2026 is election day, there are many upcoming dates to keep in mind to ensure that you can cast your ballot.

First, please note that the deadline to register to vote and be able to vote in the General Election is on Oct. 5, 2026! You can register to vote online at govote.ky.gov, send us a voter registration application through the mail, or come by our office to fill out a form in-person. You MUST be registered to vote in Grant County by this date in order to be eligible to vote in the upcoming

election.

The next important item of discussion centers around the Online Mail-In Absentee Portal. Although the online mail-in absentee portal is now open, the portal will remain open through Oct. 20, 2026 at 11:59 p.m., allowing eligible voters to request their ballot early for a variety of approved reasons.

To request your absentee ballot, or to see if you are eligible to receive one, please visit govote.ky.gov. All completed absentee ballots must be returned to our office by Nov. 3, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Moving forward from the Mail-In Absentee Process, the first available option for in-person voting is the “Excused In-Person Absentee Voting” window, where eligible voters can cast their ballot by providing a valid “excuse” that is defined in Kentucky Election Law. Excused In-Person Absentee Voting will take place from Oct. 21-23, and Oct. 26-28, located in our office at 107 N Main

St., Williamstown, Ky 41097. Voting will take place during office hours only. Remember, a valid excuse must be given to vote during this time. An approved list of valid excuses to vote during this time will be shared in the coming weeks in the newspaper and on our Facebook page.

Moving on in the election calendar, “No Excuse Absentee Voting,” or “Early Voting,” will be taking place on Oct. 29–31 at the Grant County Public Library. During this option of voting, any and ALL registered voters in Grant County can cast their ballot. You will not have to have a reason or excuse to vote during this time as is required in the Absentee processes.

Lastly, on Election Day, Nov. 3, 2026, Grant Countians can cast their ballot at ANY of the five Election Day Voting Centers. From 6 a.m.-6 p.m., voting will be held at the following locations: Crittenden-Mt. Zion Elementary School Cafete-

ria, Grant County High School Gymnasium, Grant County Public Library, Mason Corinth Elementary Gymnasium and in the Williamstown High School Gymnasium.

Please remember, you can vote, no matter where you live within Grant County, at ANY of the five voting centers in Grant County.

With more information to be shared over the course of the coming weeks, we highly encourage you to visit our website at grantcountyclerk.ky.gov, and to follow us on our Facebook Page: Grant County Clerk's Office. We will share pertinent updates, reminders, and further information as Election Day approaches.

Should you have any questions, please give us a call at (859) 824-3321, or send me an email at colton.simpson@ky.gov. Please make your plan to vote!

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CHURCH

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Morning Worship — Sundays at 11 a.m.

We invite you to join us in-person, but we also “live stream” on Facebook starting at 10 a.m., www.facebook.com/ NewFriendship1007

Wednesday Evening Bible study and fellowship meal — 6:30 p.m.

NEW LIFE APOSTOLIC
Pastor Jon Manners, 1645 Gardnersville Rd, 859-955-6331

Services are Sunday at noon and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome; come as you are.

OAK RIDGE BAPTIST
2425 Oak Ridge Road, Williamstown, Bro. Willie Ailstock, (859) 391-8557

Bible study Sundays 10 a.m.

Morning worship 11 a.m. Contributions for Operation Christmas Child are ongoing throughout the year.

OPEN DOOR BAPTIST
Pastor Troy Winters, www.LeaveChanged.com, 859-803-6043

PLEASANT VIEW BAPTIST
Pastor Lawrence Longworth, (859) 428-0931, pleasantviewdryridge.com

REVIVE
Pastor Josh Cummins, revivegc.com, 859-903-9451, revivegc@gmail.com

SHERMAN BAPTIST
Pastor Andrew Lane, (859) 428-2695, www.sherman baptist.org.

SHERMAN SOLID ROCK FAMILY CHURCH
Pastor Bobby Coyle, 3515 Dixie Hwy., Dry Ridge

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Pastor Rick Bullard, (859) 801-2091, Stringtownncc@gmail.com. For info, contact Darrell Hurt 859-640-6105.

SHERMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST

Minister: Scotty Simpson, office@shermancoc.org, Phone: 859-428-1661

Traditional worship Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Praise Gathering 10:30 a.m.

SHERMAN FULL GOSPEL
Pastor Ray Gaines, (859) 428-2200, www.sherman-fullgospelchurch.com

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Contact Dee Keith at 859-816-7605 for information or to sign up.

ST. WILLIAM CATHOLIC
6 Church St., Williamstown, Pastor: Rev. Benton Clift, Sr., 859-824-5381, www.saint-william.org

Mass Times: Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Mobile Pantry: 2nd Monday of every month

St Vincent de Paul Outreach : Wednesdays and Fridays 9-11 a.m.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST
Bro. Jason Coffelt, 6350 Warsaw Road, Dry Ridge, www.tabernacle bap-

tistchurch-dryridge.com

Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning 11 a.m., Sunday Evening 6 p.m., Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

THE OLD CHURCH ON THE DRY RIDGE
Pastor Kathleen Daniels, (859) 468-2317, www.dryridge presbyterian.org

Worship service with Children’s Church at 11 a.m.

THE POTTER’S HOUSE
Pastors Linda Courtney and Jimmy Buford

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Ronald Adkins 419-770-9096

1212 Suite C Midway Plaza

Williamstown

Sunday services at 10 a.m.

VINE RUN BAPTIST
Minister David Foley, (859) 428-1079

VIOLET RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Minister Tommy Simpson, 1000 Violet Road, Crittenden

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Night Bible Study 6 p.m.

WILLIAMSTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Sam Newman, 214 North Main St., Williamstown, 859-824-4102, willamstownbaptistchurch.com

Sunday Service: Discipleship groups 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m., characters of the Bible 6 p.m.; Wednesday Worship: Family meal 5 p.m., children’s activities 5:40 p.m., prayer meeting 6 p.m., youth group 6 p.m., adult choir practice 7 p.m.

Supply Closet (hygiene pantry): Tuesdays and Thursdays of the third full week of each month. For more information call 859-428-7395.

WILLIAMSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Senior Minister: Faron Franklin, Youth Minister: Noah Spencer, Children’s Minister: Shawn West, 218 North Main St., Williamstown, (859) 823-2041, willamstownchristian.com, office@willamstown christian.com

Adult Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.

Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Night Small Groups

Free Wednesday Night Meal at 5:30 p.m.

WILLIAMSTOWN CHURCH OF GOD
113 Church St., Williamstown, KY, 859-824-0910, Visit us on Facebook

Services 11 a.m. Sunday mornings and 7 p.m. Wednesday

WILLIAMSTOWN UNITED METHODIST
Minister Rey Garcia, 859-813-0115, www.willamstownumc.org, pastorreyywumc@gmail.com

Sunday School starts at 9

a.m.

Service starts at 10 a.m.

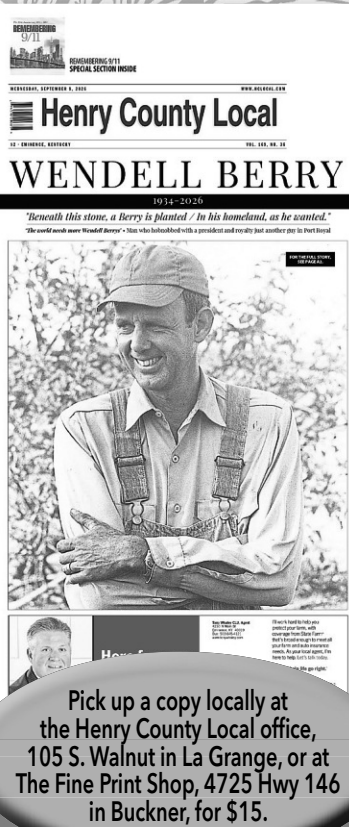
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