

McConnell returns to Senate after hospitalization

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WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky returned to the Senate to vote on Monday for the first time in three months, looking noticeably more frail after he was hospitalized for a June fall in his home.

McConnell’s lengthy absence from the Senate generated a flood of criticism and online speculation, as he initially remained quiet for weeks about his condition. The 84-year-old senator eventually disclosed a month

later that he had been “briefly unconscious” due to the fall and had also been treated for mild pneumonia in the hospital.

He briefly addressed reporters Monday from a wheelchair outside the Senate chamber, smiling but speaking slowly and with some difficulty. McConnell joked that he wasn’t sure how many reporters would be there after dodging so many questions during his almost two decades as leader.

He said he was back in the Senate to work on a pending farm bill and



Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., speaks to reporters at the U.S. Capitol on Monday in Washington.

because he has an ongoing interest in NATO and “backing up our good friends who are totally in the fight against the Russians.” Reporters and photographers were told by

Senate staff not to take video of his remarks in the second-floor hallway, even though video is often permitted in that area. Still images were allowed.

McConnell, who holds the distinction of being the longest-serving Senate leader, is in his final months of his four decades in office. He is retiring at the end of January after one of the most consequential careers in modern politics.

Republicans have nominated U.S. Rep. Andy Barr to replace him, while Democrats have nominat-

ed former state lawmaker Charles Booker. McConnell has said he is determined to finish out his term.

In a statement issued before his remarks, McConnell made clear that he may still miss some votes due to his health issues.

He said that he is “still not quite back to 100%, but I’ve assured Leader (John) Thune that, as I continue with physical therapy on the advice of my doctors, I will do my best to be present for tough votes when our Conference needs me.”

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
LYON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
ORDINANCE NO. 06 – 2026
PUBLICATION SUMMARY
DATA CENTER MORATORIUM
SECOND AND FINAL READING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND OPERATION OF DATA CENTERS OF ANY SIZE AND ALL DATA STORAGE FACILITIES WITHIN LYON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

SECTION ONE – MORATORIUM IMPOSED
A moratorium is hereby imposed on the construction, development, and operation of data centers of any size and all data storage facilities within Lyon County, Kentucky for a period of two years from the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION TWO – PURPOSE
The purpose of this moratorium is to allow the Lyon County Fiscal Court the opportunity to fully consider the environmental impacts, utility capacity, economic benefits for the community, and best practices from other jurisdictions for data center development.

SECTION THREE – COMMITTEE CREATED
There is hereby created the Lyon County Data Center Committee. The Committee shall consist of not less than three members, including one member of the Lyon County Fiscal Court, appointed by the Lyon County Judge Executive. The committee shall be charged with studying the impacts of data centers and shall give a report to the Lyon County Fiscal Court outlining the potential benefits, detriments and challenges created by the location of a data center in Lyon County, Kentucky.

A complete copy of this Ordinance is available in the office of the Lyon County Judge/Executive during normal business hours

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

CML TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC, PLAINTIFF VS. TRI STAR PETROLEUM, LLC, AMERICAN ENTERPRISE BANK, CITY OF PRINCETON, KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CALDWELL, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00007
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale and Summary Judgment entered in the Caldwell Circuit Court on July 28, 2026, in the above action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the courthouse door, in the City of Princeton, Caldwell County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at PUBLIC AUCTION on Friday, September 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., cash or upon a credit for 30 days, a tract of real estate located at **vacant lot situated at the corner of Kentucky Avenue and Baldwin Avenue, Kentucky 42445, Parcel PIDN: P2-7-12, described more particularly in Deed Book 265, Page 569, Caldwell County Clerk's Office. Description supplied by Plaintiff's attorney.**

The judgments in this case are for approximately \$4,748.58 plus 6.0% per annum interest, late fees, taxes, insurance premiums, maintenance costs, Court costs, assessments, advances and attorney fees. The Master Commissioner will take from the purchaser or purchasers cash payment in full, or for the balance of the purchase price, the purchaser must execute a bond with approved surety, which shall bear interest at the rate of 6.0% per diem until paid in full, which the judgment bears from date of sale with the balance on credit due and payable to the Commissioner within 30 days. If bond is given, the Commissioner shall require the purchaser to make a cash deposit of 10% of the bid amount. This sale is subject to all ad valorem taxes for prior years. Current year ad valorem taxes not yet due and payable and thereafter shall be paid by the purchaser.

Please note the following: the “approved surety” mentioned above may be a person, bank, or other entity who agrees unconditionally to pay the balance due should the purchaser fail to pay in full within thirty (30) days. If your “approved surety” is a bank Letter of Credit it must be provided to the Commissioner on the day of the sale and state the specific dollar amount they are guaranteeing you without stipulation. A loan commitment is not sufficient. If you are providing a personal surety, said person must be a resident of Caldwell County, present at the time of sale, and must furnish proof that he/she owns property (real or personal) worth at least the amount of the sales price. You must have your down payment and your Letter of Credit or Surety at the time you bid.

***If the successful bid is less than two-thirds (2/3) of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six (6) months from date of sale. *Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination in advance of the sale. *Possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the full purchase price and delivery of deed.**

In the event the Plaintiff is the successful purchaser, Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obliged to pay the Court costs, fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any delinquent real estate taxes payable pursuant to the Order of Sale. Bidders should be prepared to comply promptly with these terms. This Master Commissioner has no knowledge of the property other than what is in the Order and Judgment of Sale. Any announcements made on day of sale shall take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. Barclay W. Banister, Master Commissioner
Hon. Katy Lawrence, Attorney for Petitioner

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PRINCETON ELECTRIC PLANT BOARD, KENTUCKY
GRID RESILIENCE - POLE REPLACEMENT
AND RECONDUCTOR**

Princeton Electric Plant Board is seeking proposals for Pole Re-placement and Reconductor Services on Eagle Street, Market Street, Main Street, and Hwy 62 West for power distribution sys-tem upgrades. All materials will be provided by the Board. This RFP is for installation services only. This project will be partially funded through the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of En-ergy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation (RECI) Program. Companies desir-ing to provide services must submit sealed proposals through the DFS Procurement Services Portal at dfs.bonfirehub.com. The full RFP can also be reviewed at erassist.com/work. Questions re-garding this RFP are to be submitted within the Portal at dfs.bon-firehub.com by October 19, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. CDT. All propos-als shall be submitted within the Portal at dfs.bonfirehub.com by 12:00 PM CDT on October 21, 2026. Award is set to occur at the subsequent PEPB meeting at the Princeton Electric Plant Board office.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NUMBER 07-20-2026
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, AND AMENDMENT THEREOF.**

WHEREAS, the budget for fiscal year 2026 was adopted on June 16, 2025; and **WHEREAS**, the budget for the fiscal year was amended 09-02-2025; and **WHEREAS**, the city incurred expenditures that were not anticipated in the original budget for the fiscal year 2026; **THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Princeton, Kentucky, that the annual budget for fiscal year 2026 is hereby amended as follows: **Part I: General Fund, Expenditures, Parks and Recreation** General Fund, Expenditures, Parks and Recreation is increased by \$421,700. **Part II: General Fund, Administration Expenditures** General Fund, Administration Expenditures is increased \$15,000. **Part III: General Fund, Community Services** General Fund, Community Services is increased \$17,500. **Part IV: General Fund, Revenues, Taxes** General Fund, Revenues, Taxes is increased \$300,000. **Part V: General Fund, Revenues, License and Permits** General Fund, Revenues, License and Permits is increased \$54,775. **Part VI: General Fund, Revenues, Miscellaneous** General Fund, Revenues, Miscellaneous is increased \$99,425. **SO PASSED** on first reading this 20th day of July, 2026. **SO PASSED** on second reading this 3rd day of August, 2026. This ordinance shall be in effect upon publication. **BROCK THOMAS, MAYOR CITY OF PRINCETON, KENTUCKY ATTEST: LACI HARPER, CITY CLERK CITY OF PRINCETON, KENTUCKY.**

**TAX ORDINANCE NO. 08-31-2026
AN ORDINANCE SETTING CITY PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2026.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1. THE TAX RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2026 IS HEREBY FIXED AT THE RATE OF 16.3¢ ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) WORTH OF TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING FRANCHISES; SAID TAXES ARE HEREBY LEVIED ON ALL REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF PRINCETON, KENTUCKY, BELONGING TO PERSONS, PARTNERSHIPS, CORPORATIONS AND/OR FIDUCIARIES, AND SHALL BE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: THE 16.3¢ LEVY SHALL BE PAID INTO THE CITY GENERAL FUND FOR CITY PURPOSES. SECTION 2. THE RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2026 IS HEREBY FIXED AT THE RATE OF 19.7¢ ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) WORTH OF TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING FRANCHISES; SAID TAXES ARE HEREBY LEVIED ON ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF PRINCETON, KENTUCKY, BELONGING TO PERSONS, PARTNERSHIPS, CORPORATIONS AND/OR FIDUCIARIES, AND SHALL BE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: THE 19.7¢ LEVY SHALL BE PAID INTO THE CITY GENERAL FUND FOR CITY PURPOSES. SECTION 3. ALL CITY TAXES FOR THE 2026 TAX YEAR WHICH ARE PAID NOVEMBER 1, 2026 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2026 WILL BE GIVEN A 2% DISCOUNT. TAXES PAID DECEMBER 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 SHALL BE PAID AT FACE VALUE. A FIVE PERCENT (5%) PENALTY SHALL BE ADDED TO ALL TAXES PAID JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026. A TWENTY-ONE (21%) PENALTY SHALL BE ADDED TO ALL TAXES PAID FEBRUARY 1, 2026 UNTIL THE END OF COLLECTION IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE APRIL 15, 2026. SECTION 4. ALL AD VALOREM CITY TAXES FOR 2026 SHALL BE COLLECTED BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY SHERIFF. SECTION 5. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED, AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE REQUIRED READINGS, PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION. PUBLICLY READ AND PASSED ON FIRST READING AUGUST 31, 2026. PUBLICLY READ AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING SEPTEMBER 8, 2026. **BROCK THOMAS, MAYOR CITY OF PRINCETON, KENTUCKY ATTEST: LACI HARPER, CITY CLERK CITY OF PRINCETON, KENTUCKY**

**ORDINANCE 2026-08-19
CITY OF EDDYVILLE
2026 PROPERTY TAX RATES**

WHEREAS, it is required for the City of Eddyville to fix its annual property tax rate; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Eddyville to adopt a rate for needed revenue,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED:

The tax rate for 2026 is fixed as follows:

Real Property	.2450 per hundred
Tangible Personal Property	.2450 per hundred
Automobiles and Boats	.1990 per hundred

The purpose of the tax for which these rates are set is to provide revenue for the City of Eddyville General Fund.

This the 19th day of August 2026.

First Reading	08/19/26
Second Reading	09/14/26
Published	09/16/26

Greg Greene, Mayor
City of Eddyville, Kentucky

ATTEST:

Linda Greene-Williams
City Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE: CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00010

KAR TAX LIEN PORTFOLIO, LLC, VS WILLIAM BROCK LADY, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. LADY, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DE- VISEES AND LEGATES OF WILLIAM F. LADY, UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEG- ATEES OF WILLIAM F. LADY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JACKIE LYNN LADY, SHERRI LADY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHERRI LADY, ROD BOOTH LADY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROD BOOTH LADY, JOCK WAYLON LADY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOCK WAYLON LADY, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DE- VISEES, AND/OR LEGATEES OF JACKIE LYNN LADY, UN- KNOWN SPOUSES OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND/OR LEGATEES OF JACKIE LYNN LADY, COUNTY OF CALDWELL, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS.

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Hon. Katy Lawrence, Attorney for Plaintiff