

BOARD

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Director of Finance Brandi Burnett presented the July 2025 financial reports, which showed big payouts for construction projects that have been completed over the course of the summer. She also presented fiscal year 2025's unaudited financial report and balance sheets. Burnett explained that the audit on those reports would take place in November 2025.

Director of Special Education Kim Saalwaechter presented the addition of a districtwide autism unit for students in Kindergarten through sixth grade, housed at Clay Elementary. Saalwaechter added that Principal Courtney Noel was excited to welcome the students to Clay.

This new classroom will consist of a current special education teacher and instructional assistant who will help students meet goals on their individualized learning plans. Though the class size will be small — no more than eight students — the intent is to provide specialized instruction to meet their needs. Saalwaechter explained to the board that she had already worked with dis-

trict transportation leaders to ensure all qualifying children could get to Clay as well.

Superintendent Harrell supported the new classroom, saying it was consistent with the district's goal of "offering the best opportunities and experiences for kids." He also told the board that the students "would thrive" in the new classroom and at Clay.

The board approved, without opposition, the purchase of a new HVAC unit for the Dixon Elementary gym. The old unit recently quit, causing the gym to be "hot and stuffy." The total cost of the replacement unit is \$43,763. Board members chose to replace the 26 year old unit instead of repairing it. Both Harrell and Assistant Superintendent Greg Bowles concurred that replacement was the best option when making their recommendation to the board.

While Bowles and the district will order the new unit immediately and installation will be "as quick as possible," Harrell did anticipate that Dixon would make some minor adjustments until the gym had its new HVAC unit.

Harrell also gave quick updates on the "astronomical amount of work" that had been complet-

ed over the summer. While some work is still ongoing, the district felt ready for students, who returned Tuesday.

The secure entrances at Dixon, Providence, and Sebree elementary schools were celebrated by Harrell and board members alike. Board Member Venita Murphy said she had seen the one at Providence, and it was "awesome." Harrell described each one as "amazing" and that "teachers really appreciate it."

Board Chairman Tim McCormick added special thanks to Greg Bowles and his team again for "keeping up with the contractors and the work." McCormick also added that the football field's transformation was "unreal." A ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovated track is also scheduled for Monday, August 18, at 7 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT

The Webster County PVA Office is now accepting resumes to possibly fill a Full Time and/or Part Time Positions that have been allocated to this office.

Resumes can be dropped off on or before August 29, 2025 at the Office of the Webster County PVA on the Ground Floor of the Courthouse in Dixon, Ky.

Webster County PVA Office
PO Box 88
Dixon, Ky. 42409
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TAX

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county taxpayers. He added that while the rate remains the same, a reassessment by the Property Valuation Administrator's office (PVA) can increase the amount of taxes paid by a property owner. Those reassessments are done every four years, with a different quarter of the county addressed each year, Henry explained.

Leslie said his property tax bill has nearly doubled since 2013, from about \$5,200 to over \$9,000.

Henry countered, saying that the county portion of that amount is relatively small compared to

what the school system receives.

Richard Leslie said he would like to know the job description for a magistrate. He pointed to the salaries of the three magistrates as being higher than those paid to counterparts in neighboring counties.


Henry stated the salaries are set by state law.

The county voted on those salaries in the June 23 meeting, setting them at \$27,697.30 for the 2025-26 fiscal year. With training incentives, that amount can be nearly \$32,000.

Dale Leslie asked if there was any specific plan to use the revenue from the next tax collection. He said he wondered whether there were any new plans.

Henry replied that the money would be used to maintain county services like the sheriff's office, clerk's office, and other departments. He said the difficulty in knowing how much would be available came from a budget due date in May before the county knew what

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Webster County Fiscal Court will be accepting bids for the removal and installation of a 60-foot bridge on Slaughters Elmwood Road Crossing over (East Fork Deer Creek).

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