

**CITY OF HARRODSBURG
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

DATE: September 16, 2025

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: City of Harrodsburg, Conference Room

Mayor Robert “Bob” Williams called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present, Commissioners; Kerry Anness, Charlie Mattingly, Jack Coleman and Marvin “Bubby” Isham.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Anness – Present; Commissioner Mattingly – Present; Mayor Williams – Present; Commissioner Coleman – Present; Commissioner Isham – Present.

APPROVE TIME CHANGE FOR THE MERCER COUNTY HOMECOMING PARADE

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to approve the time change for the Mercer County Homecoming Parade on Sunday, September 21, 2025. The street closure will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the parade will begin at approximately 1:15 p.m. Mayor said at a previous meeting we had approved it for a 1:45 p.m. street closure, 2:00 p.m. parade start. He said we are proposing to amend that to a street closure time of 1 p.m. with the parade beginning at approximately 1:15 p.m. if not sooner. Mayor said this is to accommodate the final production of the play at Ragged Edge Theatre. Mr. Allan Barlow, Managing Director of the Ragged Edge Community Theatre said he just wanted to clarify the street closing at 1 sounds good, where does the parade start and how far does it have to go before it gets to Main Street. Mayor Williams said the parade starts at the old Harrodsburg High School parking lot goes down 68 to Main Street, goes up Main Street across East Office, back down Greenville Street and then back out 68 to the high school, old high school parking lot. Mr. Barlow said so it does make a full loop. He said he was just concerned that closing the street at 1 sounds fine but if it is going to take a half an hour for the parade to get to Main Street then we are back at the same problem we had before. Mayor said the street will be open after the parade passes Main Street or comes up Main Street. Mr. Barlow said they will open the street up behind the parade as it goes by, okay. Mr. Barlow said that ought to work. He said as I spoke to you Mr. Mayor we have, its not just a question of getting our cast and crew are required to be at the theatre a minimum of an hour beforehand, a lot of people come earlier than that. He said there are a lot of people that come down that have dinner, have a Sunday lunch on Main Street before coming down to the theatre and not having them blocked in or blocked out or be able to get onto Main Street was our concern. Mr. Barlow said so it sounds like if the parade is no more than a half an hour long and if Main Street can be open by 2 at the latest, then we will get along with this. Commissioner Isham said they don’t normally block block the street. He said they usually when the parade starts the police usually in front of them and when they come down here and make this corner then they will block the traffic from going up that way into them and then they will turn. He said they will be coming all up Main Street. Commissioner Isham said they are not going to stop you from coming up Main Street while the parade is coming down Lexington Street when

they get here is when they will stop vehicles from coming up and let the parade go. Mr. Barlow said so they won't actually. Commissioner Isham said there will not be road blocks stopped everywhere by shutting streets down all over town. Mayor said the main thing is for safety purposes we want to make sure there is no traffic driving through the parade or in the parade. Mayor said the parade will be protected. He said as he said [Commissioner Isham] there won't be any barriers because that would block the parade. Mayor said 68 being a state road, we don't have control over it, it is going to be closed as well. He said once our parade clears Main Street your patrons and all should be able to either come up Chiles and across Poplar and down that way to your parking lot. Mayor said they can avoid that section of 68 until the parade is back in the parking lot of the old high school. Mr. Barlow said they will notify, we have a way to get out information to the people coming on that day, what's going on and allow themselves a little bit of extra time to be able to get in, get parked and so forth. Mayor said and hopefully to alleviate this next year if you could provide us with a schedule. Mr. Barlow said that document is being prepared as we speak complete with all the school matinee performances because we have during our kids performances there are school matinee performances during the middle of the day in the week in between the public performances so we've never had an issue with that before. He said there are school buses coming up and down Main looking for a place to at least stop and let the kids out. Mr. Barlow said our producer has said she will have that ready and we just email it to you, Shavonna. City Clerk, Shavonna Huffman said yes. He said you should have that tomorrow morning so we can avoid this issue going forward. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Mattingly to adjourn at approximately 1:07 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Robert O. Williams, Mayor

Shavonna Huffman, City Clerk