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## Deadline to File for Office is Extended

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Those seeking political office now have until January 25 to declare their candidacy.

Last week, the Kentucky General Assembly passed a bill extending the filing deadline to later this month.

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear signed the bill within hours of its passage.

The new deadline will reportedly address current congressional and legislative redistricting plans under consideration in Frankfort.

The redistricting process could take several weeks, officials said.

Present office holders may find themselves in new or different districts, and the interest of potential candidates may be affected by redistricting.

Prior to the original, January 7 deadline, nearly

50 people declared their candidacy for the upcoming Primary Election.

The Russell County Judge Executive's race has seen the most interest with seven candidates filing for that office as of presstime.

Four people are seeking the office of Russell Court Clerk.

At the December meeting of the Russell County Fiscal Court, current Clerk Sue Popplewell Brockman said she did not intend to seek office again, and was commended by the court for her service.

Jamestown City Councilman Barry Coffey recently filed papers to lead the city after Mayor Nick Shearer announced his resignation to accept a leadership position with the Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency.

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Surrounded by supporters

## Hinton Sworn In As Jamestown Mayor



Surrounded by friends, family, and well-wishers, Regena Hinton, center, was sworn in last week as the new Mayor of Jamestown.

By Wade Daffron  
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Surrounded by friends, family, and well-wishers, Regena Murray Hinton was sworn into office last week as Mayor of Jamestown.

Hinton, who had been serving as a council member, was chosen to replace exiting Mayor Nick Shearer - who recently accepted a leadership role with the Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency (LCCAA).

Last Monday, at a special called meeting of the

Jamestown City Council, City Attorney H.K. Cooper administered the oath of office to Hinton.

Cooper explained the city had accepted Shearer's resignation, and "some member of this body" (Aside from Hinton), would have to serve "as moderator, mayor pro-tem, or whatever...for the purposes of swearing her in."

Councilman Tony Wright recommended Terry

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New Jamestown Mayor Regena Hinton presided over her first meeting last Monday.



Laker Dance team members celebrated their success Sunday at the "Battle of the Bows" event in Jeffersonville, IN. Photo by Amanda Turner

## Laker Dance to Represent Russell County at Nationals

Staff Report

Laker Dance will represent Russell County at an upcoming national competition.

The local team of dedicated and determined dancers travelled to

Jeffersonville, IN where they captured top honors in the "Battle of the Bows" Sunday.

Laker Dance won first place in Lyrical and Hip Hop, earned honors for Best Use of Skills for Lyrical - chosen by judges from all routines,

and competing teams, and Grand Champs, Highest Scoring Routine, Hip Hop.

Four Laker Dance team members: Mia Keen, Olivia Thomas, Madison Caldwell, and Morgan Taylor, were singled out by judges as "On-Point

Performers."

Laker Dance Coach Amanda Turner said her team has earned a bid to participate in top-level competition.

"We are actually going to Nationals in Louisville," she said.

"The bid gives us the needed invite (Nationals are by invitation-only), so it's the 'best of the best.'"

Laker Dance will compete with other teams from Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, and

other places," Turner said.

"This team got a bid back in 2020," the coach said, "and two days before we were set to leave COVID shut everything down so it means a lot to them to get to go."

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