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Historic Livingston gets new local ownership



Businesses line the corner of Livingston Church Road and Old Cedars Lane in Livingston on Sept. 24. The town is expected to change ownership, with the new buyers planning to bring more development.

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New vision for the future

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There have always been big plans and a vision for the Livingston development where highways 463 and 22 join in rural Madison County. But for all of the time, money and effort that has been put in for more than a decade, the vision has never lived up to the hype. Local developer Todd Sandridge aims to change that. Sandridge, who owns multiple business operations in and around Madison County, including Crosstown Development with partner Trey Pace, closed on The Town of Livingston on Sept. 26. Sandridge says he wants to make the 44-acre town square what it was intended to be from the beginning. All of the buildings on the property are built in the style of the 1880s, when Livingston actually served as Madison County’s first county seat from 1829 until 1833. It was a bustling place until the railroad moved and the population scattered, causing the town to lose its charter by the 1940s. This current development to 2007 when David Landrum bought the property, intent on turning the

new Livingston into a shrine to its past. Livingston’s farmers market, open since 2012, has become a staple for summertime entertainment. Country music star Travis Tritt even headlined a show there in May 2013. “We want to take the original vision for the town of Livingston and complete the vision that David Landrum had,” Sandridge told the Clarion Ledger. Part of that will be to build out as many as 74 Charleston-style cottages on the property that were originally planned but never came to fruition. The 400-acre subdivision called Chestnut Hill featuring larger homes has come to fruition and sits adjacent to the square. That is not owned by Sandridge and his partners, but his group will connect the two properties so that those wanting to use golf carts can access Livingston. Walkability also has been a primary component of all of it. “While we love the original vision, things have changed over the years, so maybe different sizes are needed for certain buildings that will be built,” Sandridge said. “The good that has come from it not originally being built out is that we are able to sit back and look and see that this might need to be tweaked a little bit here and this other thing might need to be tweaked a little bit there.” Sandridge says he expects his group will build 10

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Council signs off on Horhn’s department head hires

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The Jackson City Council on Tuesday, Sept. 30 confirmed Mayor John Horhn’s choices to lead most of the city’s key departments, marking the first wave of appointments under his new administration. Below are the appointments who were confirmed and their approximate salaries, according to a 2025 city employee master list obtained by the Clarion Ledger through a public records request:

- **RaSean Thomas — Fire Chief:** \$105,758.90
- **Pieter Teeuwissen — Chief Administrative Officer:** \$113,767.68
- **Nic Lott — Director, Department of Constituent Services and Communications:** \$88,647.52
- **Angela Harris — Municipal Clerk:** \$88,646.22
- **Toya Martin — Director, Department of Human Resources:** \$88,647.52



Thomas



Teeuwissen

- **Pamela D. C. Junior — Director, Department of Human and Cultural Services:** \$88,647.52
- **Nathan Slater — Director of Information Technology:** \$88,647.52
- **Drew M. Martin — City Attorney:** \$116,574.64
- **Lorenzo Anderson — Director, Department of Public Works:** Not listed in employee records
- The *Clarion Ledger* previously reported the **Public Works Director’s** salary at \$164,000, the city’s highest. After Tuesday’s vote, Horhn said his team negotiated it down since Jackson no longer manages water and sewer, telling the *Clarion Ledger* it was “above \$120,000, but below \$140,000.” Even at that rate, Anderson remains the city’s highest-paid employee. The *Clarion Ledger* has submitted a records request to confirm the exact figure.

Still, some of the city’s most critical posts remain unsettled. Horhn has yet to nominate a permanent police chief following the retirement of Joseph Wade. The search for a new leader of the Jackson Police Department is ongoing, with community forums now underway to give residents a chance to weigh in on who should lead the force. Other departments also remain under temporary leadership. Chief Financial Officer Fidelis Malembeka, Parks and Recreation director Steve Hutton and Planning and Development director Von Anderson are all serving in interim roles. Those positions were not part of Tuesday’s confirmation votes, though Lott said Horhn expects to make an announcement about them in the coming weeks.

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Lawsuit filed against Capitol Police for 2022 fatal shooting

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The mother of Jaylen Lewis, a 25-year-old who died in a 2022 shooting incident involving Capitol Police, filed a lawsuit against the police agency and others in federal court last week. The lawsuit, filed Sept. 24 in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, alleges that then-officers Michael Rhinewalt and Steven Frederick Jr. used “excessive and unjustified force” when they fatally shot Lewis on Sept. 25, 2022. Rhinewalt and Frederick were part of the Captiol Police crime suppression unit called “Flex.” In March 2025, a Hinds County grand jury indicted Rhinewalt and Frederick Jr. on a manslaughter charge for the fatal shooting of Lewis during what authorities previously said was a routine traffic stop on E. Mayes

Street. According to the indictment, Frederick and Rhinewalt said one of them shot Lewis because it “was necessary to protect himself from great bodily harm or death at the hands of Lewis,” but a Hinds County grand jury concluded that was “not a reasonable belief under the circumstances.” The lawsuit seeks compensatory and punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the Court for “the willful, reckless and malicious conduct of defendants.” “Jaylen Lewis should be alive today,” said Bobby DiCello, a DiCello Levitt partner who is representing the Lewis family. “The actions of these officers were not just reckless — they were unconscionable and indefensible. Jaylen was a devoted father with his whole

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This file photo shows Capitol Police working outside the state Capitol in Jackson.

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