

COMMUNITY

LG&E and KU Foundation donates \$50,000 to help with tornado recovery efforts

The LG&E and KU Foundation has donated \$50,000 to the American Red Cross to help Kentucky families impacted by the deadly E-F4 tornado that struck London and Somerset on May 16.

The destructive tornado tore through southern Kentucky late Friday night reaching peak winds of 170 mph, according to the National Weather Service. At its widest point, the storm stretched nearly one mile across and stayed on the ground for approximately 56 miles, devastating multiple counties in its path.

Red Cross volunteers have been on the ground since early morning on May 17 assisting the impacted communities. These funds will further help with sheltering, food, critical services, financial assistance and cleanup efforts. “We’re heartbroken community members lost their

lives and by the destruction this tornado caused for our London and Somerset communities, as well as the surrounding areas. Not only are these communities part of our service territory, they are places many of our employees, families and friends call home,” said John R. Crockett, LG&E and KU president. “We know there is a long road of healing ahead, and we hope this contribution provides some relief in that process.”

For those interested in supporting recovery efforts in London and Somerset, visit redcross.org/local/kentucky to make a donation or learn more about ways to help.

Visit lge-ku.com/community to learn more about the LG&E and KU Foundation and the company’s giving initiatives and employee volunteerism.



Regent Lori Shanklin presented NSDAR American History Excellent Awards to the SMS 8th graders chosen by Mr. Taylor Hunt and Mr. Landon Maxey during SMS Awards Day. Recipients of awards: Karter Ishmael, Brynlee Black, Wyatt Hinton, Aubrey Gibson, Alivia Donovan, Haleigh Thrasher, Daylon Damron, Lena Reno, and Bentley Routt

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Representative Matthew Koch

Session Results: Judiciary

The House Judiciary Committee plays a vital role in shaping the laws that impact Kentuckians every day. From contracts and courts to juvenile justice, jails, prisons, and other correctional facilities, the issues before this committee are broad and deeply consequential.

While every legislative

committee reviews new laws, the Judiciary Committee is especially significant because it helps establish the legal framework that underpins both our civil and criminal justice systems. Its work defines and defends our rights and responsibilities, ensures accountability, and promotes public safety.

Here are several key pieces of legislation approved by the House Judiciary Committee during the 2025 session:

Addressing Property

Damage and Loss Caused by Squatters – HB 10 streamlines the process for law enforcement to remove squatters from private property while enhancing penalties for those who unlawfully damage real estate.

Strengthening Domestic Violence Laws – HB 38 makes violating a protective order three times in five years a class D felony.

Enhancing Accountability in Criminal Justice Institutions – HB 136 requires the annual report

made to the legislature by the Department of Corrections to include additional data on persons released from a correctional institution, including time served, gang-affiliation, drug test results, educational attainment, and recidivism.

Penalizing Failure to Return Rented/Leased Personal Property – HB 201 expands the definition of theft by failure to make required disposition of property to include situations where an individual retains rental or lease equipment or other items valued at \$100 or more beyond the contractually agreed period.

Protecting the Integrity of Legislative Proceedings – HB 399 creates the crime of interference with a legislative proceeding for knowingly engaging in disorderly or disruptive conduct in any legislative building that disrupts, impedes, or prevents the legislature from conducting business.

Honoring Kentuckians – HB 662 protects the person-

ally identifiable information of judicial officers and their immediate family members; establishes a process for the removal of personally identifiable information from publicly available content.

Banning Taxpayer-Funded Gender Transitions in Prison – SB 2 prohibits public resources from being used to fund cosmetic services or elective procedures like gender transitioning surgeries and hormone therapies. The measure allows for eligible drug or hormone therapies to be tapered off if a health care provider documents that ending the treatment immediately would cause harm to the inmate.

Protecting Critical Infrastructure – SB 64 strengthens penalties for the theft of copper from critical infrastructure, including cable, telephone, electrical highway, and broadband.

Protecting Our Most Vulnerable from Sextortion – SB 73 establishes the crime of sexual extortion; requires

posting of information and resources available, and mandates school district superintendents to notify students in 4th grade and above, as well as parents and guardians of all students, of the crime of sexual extortion.

Providing Law Enforcement Tools to Investigate Child Exploitation – SB 169 allows administrative subpoenas to gather records from social networks, mobile payment services, and cloud storage providers in law enforcement cases investigating crimes related to child exploitation, harassment, and stalking.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Matthew.Koch@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature’s website at legislature.ky.gov.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00057 ELECTRONICALLY FILED

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee, for
Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate
Pass-Through Certificate Trust 2001-4

PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE.

TERRY S. JOHNSON, AKA TERENCE SCOT JOHNSON,
AKA TERENCE S. JOHNSON, ET AL.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee, for Manufactured

DEFENDANTS

In obedience to an Order of Sale entered in the above action on May 5, 2025, I will, as Master Commissioner proceed on:

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025
FAMILY COURT ROOM
2ND FLOOR, FLEMING COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
FLEMINGSBURG, FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY
AT 10:00 A.M.**

to sell the real estate and 2002 mobile home located at 203 Adams Lane, Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Kentucky 41041. This property is described in a Deed of record in Deed Book 208, Page 499, Fleming County Clerk's Office, with the PVA calling for .691 acres. Parcel Mapping number: 059-00-00-020.10.

This sale is to satisfy Judgment in the sum of \$33,591.92, plus interest, taxes, court costs and attorney fees. The purchaser may pay in full at the sale if he/she chooses to do so. Otherwise, the purchaser immediately after the sale shall pay not less than 10% of the purchase price, and execute bond with surety, who is a Kentucky resident with net worth of greater or equal to the amount of the bond and who is approved by the Master Commissioner, **and who must be present at the sale and execute the sale bond and affidavit of surety at the sale**, for the balance of the purchase price, payable to the Fleming Circuit Court Clerk within thirty days with interest at 9.25% per annum on the balance from date of sale until paid in full. The bond shall have the force of a judgment and a first lien shall be retained on the property as security for the payment of said bond and interest. The purchaser shall at his/her own expense carry fire and extended coverage insurance on all insurable improvements located on the real property from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full, with loss payable to the Master Commissioner. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the property for 2025 and all subsequent years. The title interest of the parties to this lawsuit will be conveyed without warranty by the Master Commissioner to the purchaser and the purchaser shall be entitled to possession upon payment of the purchase price in full after confirmation of the sale by Fleming Circuit Court, subject to any equity of redemption if the property does not sell for two-thirds of its appraised value.

Buyer is advised to have a title search completed on the property and must file any exceptions to the sale within ten (10) days. The purchasers will be required to have any persons evicted or property removed from the premises. The sale is subject to any terms and conditions that may be announced on the day of sale.

JOHN C. PRICE,
MASTER COMMISSIONER
FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT

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Public Notice

The Fleming County Fiscal Court held the first readings of two Ordinances on May 13, 2025 at the regular monthly meeting. The second reading and passage will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 9:00 AM at the Fleming County Fiscal Court regular monthly meeting. The meeting will be held at the Fleming County Courthouse, 100 Court Sq., Flemingsburg, Kentucky 41041. Questions or comments may be directed to the Office of the County Judge/Executive, 100 Court Sq., Flemingsburg, Kentucky (606)845-8801.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-1426 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT TO ALLOW MERCHANT ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCE WHILE PRESERVING AGRICULTURAL LAND USES.

WHEREAS, the Fleming County Fiscal Court recognizes the growing importance of alternative and renewable energy sources, including Merchant Electric Generating Facilities (MEGFs), as part of a sustainable energy future; WHEREAS, the Court also acknowledges the historic and ongoing importance of agriculture as a vital part of the County's economy, heritage, and land use; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT as follows: SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT: The purpose of this ordinance is to: Encourage diversification of energy sources while maintaining the integrity of rural and agricultural land uses; Establish reasonable land use regulations to balance economic development with the long-term preservation of agricultural lands. SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS: Merchant Electric Generating Facility (MEGF): Any facility engaged in the generation of electricity for sale to wholesale or retail markets that is not primarily for personal, residential, or on-site use. Agricultural Land: Land used for farming, including but not limited to the cultivation of crops, livestock production, and other agricultural practices recognized under Kentucky law. SECTION 3. ZONING AND PERMITTED USE: MEGFs must comply with all local, state, and federal regulations, including Kentucky Public Service Commission oversight. SECTION 4. MAXIMUM COVERAGE LIMIT: The total cumulative land area of Fleming County, Kentucky that may be occupied by MEGFs shall not exceed 5,000 acres. This acreage limit applies to both existing and proposed MEGF developments within Fleming County, Kentucky. Acreage shall be calculated based on all land physically utilized for MEGF infrastructure, including solar panels, inverters, substations, access roads, and any associated facilities. SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and publication as required by law. First reading was passed by the Fleming County Fiscal Court on May 13, 2025.

Signed: John Sims Jr., Fleming County Judge/Executive

ORDINANCE 25-1427 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT RELATING TO STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

WHEREAS, 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 89 (hereinafter “the Act”) became law on March 26, 2025 and allows for the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on certain highways within the Commonwealth of Kentucky if allowed by ordinance of the local government within whose jurisdictional boundaries the highway is located; and WHEREAS, the Act becomes effective on Friday, June 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Fleming County Fiscal Court has determined that it is appropriate to allow the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on specified highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of Fleming County in accordance with the Act and this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the fiscal court of county of Fleming, Commonwealth of Kentucky: SECTION 1. Definitions: The definitions set forth in Section 1(1) of the 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 89 (hereinafter “the Act”), and as may be amended in the future by the Kentucky General Assembly, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein. SECTION 2. Designated Highways: Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall be allowed to the extent permitted by the Act on all highways that are located within the jurisdictional limits of Fleming County. SECTION 3. Exceptions: Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall not be allowed to operate: (a) On any highway, or portion thereof, that is a controlled access system, including but not limited to an interstate or parkway; or (b) On any highway, or portion thereof, where the United States Department of Agriculture prohibits special purpose vehicles. SECTION 4. Prohibitions: (a) Street-legal special purpose vehicles are prohibited from traveling a distance greater than twenty (20) miles on a highway displaying centerline pavement markings. (b) Minitrucks shall not be operated as street-legal special purpose vehicles on a highway that has been constructed pursuant to a federal highway program. SECTION 4. Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective on _____ (not earlier than June 27, 2025). The forgoing ordinance having received its first reading on the 13th day of May, 2025.

Signed: John Sims Jr., Fleming County Judge/Executive

SECOND READINGS OF BOTH ORDINANCES WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 10, 2025 AT THE FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING AT FLEMING COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 100 COURT SQ., FLEMINGSBURG, KENTUCKY

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Family Fun Day

The 22nd Annual
Caring Hearts of Nicholas County, Inc.

Trail Ride, Pig Roast, Auction & Cornhole

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Trail Ride - 10:00 am Clay Wildlife

Management Area: Carlisle, KY

Site to be determined.

Please follow signs.

Registration begins at 8:00 am

\$10.00 per rider.

Bring lawn chairs, lunch 12:00 Noon

Auction 2:00 pm

ALL DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Donations accepted at Caring Hearts

of Nicholas County, Inc.

PO Box 334, Carlisle, KY 40311

For more information contact:

Mike Berry 859-473-0161,

or

Sharu Workman 606-842-0022

Rain Date Saturday, June 14th, 2025

SIGNS WILL BE POSTED



(NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS)