

Educating Kentucky children

Education remains the General Assembly’s top priority this session. Last session, we provided our K-12 education system with historic investments included in HB 1 and HB 6 and provided schools with stronger



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strategies to improve student performance in mathematics through the Numeracy Counts Act (HB 162, 2024). This session, there has been no shortage of bills filed related to our education system ranging from efforts to help schools recover from the severe weather we have faced this winter to legislation addressing the administrative burdens our teachers face in the classroom.

Several education-related measures have cleared committee and/or the full House this week, including:

Addressing the healthcare workforce shortage through scholarships: HB 305 aims to address the healthcare worker shortage in the commonwealth by extending healthcare training

scholarships funded by the Kentucky healthcare workforce investment fund, established in HB 200 from the 2023 Regular Session, to physician assistants, dietitians, and nutritionists. HB 305 passed the House of Representatives 92-0 and is on its way to the Senate for consideration.

Establishing college credit transfer pathways for high-demand degrees: HB 427 would establish college credit transfer pathways for high-demand degree pathways between KCTCS and 4-year institutions ensuring that college credits earned are applied to a student’s degree. This legislation passed the House 93-0 and is on its way to the Senate for considerations.

Establishing performance standards for higher education educators: HB 424 would establish a performance and productivity evaluation for employees at public higher education institutions, administered at least every four years. This legislation would permit universities to remove employees who do not meet performance

or productivity standards.

Improving school safety: HB 14 continues the work the General Assembly has done to improve school safety. It would allow school districts to employ an enhanced security system that includes a wearable alert alarm system and direct the Center for School Safety to establish the Wearable Panic Alert Grant Program to support districts as they seek access to these devices.

Reducing red tape in education: HB 48 removes administrative burdens placed on teachers, schools, and school districts that do not improve their ability to educate students.

Promoting advanced coursework in schools: HB 190 would require school districts to establish an advanced coursework pathway policy with automatic enrollment for high potential students who are distinguished for grades 4-12.

Supporting school districts through severe weather: would allow school districts to shift their calendar model from 170 instructional days to 1,062 instructional hours. This would allow schools

to extend school days to offset lost instructional time due to school closures. Additionally, this legislation would allow the Commissioner of Education to grant up to five disaster relief days for alternative student instruction and waive up to five student attendance days to school districts that would be unable to achieve 1,062 instructional hours with an extended schedule by June 4, 2025. HB 421 passed the House 82-7 and will move on to the Senate for consideration.

Identifying and supporting low performing schools: HB 298 would require the Department of Education to annually review schools to determine CSI status. This would allow KDE to provide support to more school districts. Federal law requires CSI identification every three years.

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 Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature’s website at legislature.ky.gov.

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discussed is the oldest pipe in the City of Grayson and had been installed in 1931. And although it might look good from the outside, he explained, the inside of the pipe had become quite constricted over the years. This restriction can cause problems with firefighting in the city due to reduced water flow, as well as other issues, he said. The pipe will be replaced with the same size pipe only in plastic and will dramatically increase that flow.

“All the customers that are affected will remain on the old line until the new line is installed and tested, and then we will move them over slowly one at a time,” Haney explained the process. “The old line will be cut, capped, and abandoned in place,” he said. “It will also be drained, and there won’t

be any pressure on the old lines after we put the mechanical caps in place.”

The process does not involve the city sewer, only the water supply lines.

“As they go, we will be cutting a trench, and for every meter they will be cutting a smaller trench,” Haney told the council. “That will be blacktopped as it goes. Then when this is done there will be a two-inch overlay over the full width of the street. It’s a great thing for the water system and the city because we will be eliminating a lot of problems.”

There have been fifteen leaks so far this year in the affected area, Haney said.

Haney said he will be in contact with the contractor and notify dispatch so residents will be informed of what road is going to be

closed and when.

“We also have a Grayson Utilities App that can be downloaded to your phone, and we will be posting that information there as well,” he said.

“It’s a five-month project, 150 days, and there will be some weather days I’m sure,” Haney said. “And they won’t be working at all beginning Thursday of Memorial Day weekend.”

Haney said there is approximately \$650,000 in grant money left over from the Robert and Mary site, and an additional \$350,000 in revenue bonds from the Integrity Water Project. Those funds, combined with capital improvement funds, will pay for the project.

“I don’t want to leave any of this undone,” Haney said. “I want to do it all.”

In other business

council discussed the lease agreement with Enterprise Rentals for police cars. In the agreement Enterprise will buy four five-year-old police cruisers the city already owns that are out of warranty, and that money will be credited toward the lease. The cars are fully equipped, minus the radios that will be repurposed from the current vehicles. The new cars are 2023 models but come with a full factory warranty.

The council voted to approve the lease using money from the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Fund until the current year budget, after which the expense will be picked up by the police department.

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chain of accountability of performance. It passed the Senate 25–10, and I feel we haven’t seen the bill in its final form.

Some of the other measures passing the Senate during the fourth week of the 2025 session include:

SB 2 prohibits state correctional facilities from using government funds to provide hormone treatments and gender-related healthcare to transgender inmates. I voted for this measure, and it passed the Senate 31–6.

SB 84 establishes a de novo standard for judicial review of state agency actions. It passed 28–6.

SB 18 updates insurance requirements for vehicle business licensees. This measure passed unanimously.

SB 24 expands the definition of insurance fraud to

include property and casualty misrepresentations. It passed 36–0.

SB 13 limits the number of Medicaid managed care organizations to three by 2026. This measure passed 36–0.

SB 77 adjusts the membership structure of Kentucky’s Education Professional Standards Board. It passed 36–0.

SB 15 clarifies employment relationships within franchise businesses. This measure passed unanimously.

SB 103 directs Kentucky’s Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to prioritize in-state service providers and report annually on its activities. It passed unanimously.

SB 179 establishes the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority and creates a Nuclear

Energy Development Grant Program to support nuclear energy projects across Kentucky. I was a cosponsor of this bill, and it passed 36-0.

SCR 43 supports the Crisis Recovery Support Network for mental health recovery following crises. The resolution passed unanimously.

All the measures granted passage by the Senate will now go to the House to continue their journey through the legislative process.

For an in-depth review of the bills passed thus far, I encourage you to visit the legislative record online by visiting the Legislative Record at LEGISLATURE.KY.GOV. There, you can also review the progress of other legislation and delve into all the bills filed this session.

Moving forward to the latter portion of this 30-day session, I encourage you to stay engaged in the legislative process. With the

bill filing deadlines now passed in both the Senate and the House, the stage is set for the policies on the docket for this session. Over 1,100 bills have been filed in this short, 30-day session, and your advocacy remains crucial.

I encourage you to stay engaged in the legislative process—your voice matters. Whether you’re advocating for your community, your profession, or an issue close to your heart, your input helps shape the decisions that impact us all. Please reach out to share your thoughts and perspectives. I can be contacted by email at SD18@cm.kylegislature.gov or through the General Assembly Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. Kentuckians with hearing loss can use Kentucky Relay by dialing 711.

For more information or high-resolution photos, visit www.legislature.ky.gov.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21-CI-00193	
RTL-F-KY, LLC	PLAINTIFF
VS.	
ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC	DEFENDANT/ CROSS- CLAIMANT
VS.	
HAL DAVID SMITH; VICTORIA LEIGH SMITH; LIEN SOLUTIONS, LLC; AND COUNTY OF CARTER, KENTUCKY	
NOTICE OF SALE	
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on February 4, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 12th day of March, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:10 a.m. , to the highest bidder on the following terms:	
The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.	
Description of the Property: 202 Maple Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 100, Page 608, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)	
Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-10-50-009.00.	
NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.	
Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky	

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 23-CI-00423	
ROMA L. WEBB, JR.	PLAINTIFF
VS.	
NOTICE OF SALE	
LARRY DEAN LEMMONS; HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, AND BENEFICIARIES, IF ANY; LINDA ANN LANCASTER; HER UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, AND BENEFICIARIES, IF ANY; ROBERT D. LEMMONS; HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, AND BENEFICIARIES, IF ANY; BARBARA K. GIFFORD; HER UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, AND BENEFICIARIES, IF ANY; CHARLES NORMAN LEMMONS; HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, AND BENEFICIARIES, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT(S) OF THE PREMISES, IF ANY; AND CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY	DEFENDANTS
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on January 9, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 12th day of March, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:05 a.m. , to the highest bidder on the following terms:	
The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.	
Description of the Property: 1056 Lost Hills, Olive Hill, KY. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 216, Page 644, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)	
Map/Parcel ID Number: 014-00-00-019.00.	
NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.	
Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky	

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 23-CI-00239	
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC	PLAINTIFF
VS.	
NOTICE OF SALE	
GREGORY BLAKE HALL AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RHONDA CAMPBELL	DEFENDANTS
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on September 17, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 12th day of March, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:00 a.m. , to the highest bidder on the following terms	
The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 2.875% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.	
Description of the Property: 664 Glancy Fork, Denton, KY 41132. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 449, Page 542, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)	
Map/Parcel ID Number: 123-00-00-047.00.	
NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.	
Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky	

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION	PUBLIC NOTICE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Pursuant to KRS 271B.14-070, this is a public notice that the shareholders of J. D. Trust, Inc., a Kentucky corporation with its principal office in Carter County, Kentucky, did adopt on December 31, 2024, a plan of liquidation for J. D. Trust, Inc. (the "Corporation"). Any individuals, corporations or other organizations which have a claim against the Corporation must submit a written claim, stating the amount of the claim, date it was incurred and basis of the claim, to James S. Womack at 253 Womstead Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. Unless a proceeding to enforce a claim against the Corporation is commenced within two (2) years after the date of this public notice, the claim will be forever barred.	FIVCO Area Development District (FIVCO ADD) and the Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living (AAAIL) are requesting proposals for various programs in Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, and Lawrence Counties. The following programs are open for proposal submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homecare Services (In-Home Services)• Title III C-1 Congregate Meals• Title III C-2 Home Delivered Meals• Title III-E Respite Services• Title III-B Supportive Services• Title III-B Legal Services• Title VII Elder Abuse Prevention & Ombudsman• State Health Insurance and Assistance Program (SHIP) The complete Request for Proposals (RFP) package can be obtained by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contacting Nicole Davis, Director of Social Services, at 606-929-1366• Emailing Nicole at nicole@fivco.org• Visiting our website at www.fivco.org Proposal Deadline: All proposals must be submitted by 12:00 PM (noon) on March 31, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE
The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass (Sorghum halepense), Canada thistle (Cirsium arvense), Cutleaf Teasel (Dipsacus laciniatus) Nodding thistle (Carduus nutans), Common teasel (Dipsacus fullonum), Poison hemlock (Conium maculatum), Marestail (Conyza canadensis), Amur Honeysuckle (Lonicera maackii), Multiflora Rose (Rose multiflora) Japanese knotweed, (Polygonum cuspidatum), Spotted Knapweed (Centaurea stoebe) and Kudzu (Pueraria montana).

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages

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Looking to hire or trying to find work?
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Contact advertise@cartercountytimes.com