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FAMILY RESOURCE representatives from each school in the Lawrence County District attended the Lawrence County Fiscal Court meeting on Tuesday, April 21, to witness LC Judge Executive signing a proclamation declaring April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. BSN photo by Roberta Cantrell

### LC FISCAL COURT SIGN RESOLUTION ON KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY RATES AND AUDIT

By **ROBERTA CANTRELL**  
BSN Editor

The Lawrence County Fiscal Court met in regular session today with all agenda items addressed approved by the court. Among those items were approving the treasurer's report, approving bills and minutes from the March meeting. Also, during the meeting both Paul Walker and David McGuire were re-appointed to the Big Sandy Water Board. The first reading of the new fiscal year budget was heard with Josh Puckett, County Treasurer stating it was almost identical to last year's budget. The court heard and accepted the LC Extension Board Budget as well.

During the meeting LC Judge Executive signed a proclamation declaring this month Child Abuse Prevention Month with a group of representatives from family resource centers at each school on hand for the signing. Brenda Curry expressed her thanks to Carter for all he has done for their efforts in providing for the children in the school district. The court also adopted a resolution concerning the rates by Kentucky Power Company that was presented by Zachary

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### LOUISA STORE ANNOUNCES CLOSURE SET FOR MAY

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Rumors of the closing of one Louisa grocery store began circulating on social media last week prompting the Assistant Manager Wesley Brian to confirm and inform the public by providing the details of the upcoming closure of Louisa A Lot in the following post on Facebook.

"I would like to take a moment to formally address the information that has recently been circulating throughout Martin County, Lawrence County, and the surrounding areas regarding the status of the Louisa Save A Lot location.

In my capacity as the Assistant Manager of Save A Lot, I can confirm that the store will be permanently closing, with our final day of operation scheduled for Friday, May 8.

This decision follows careful evaluation of the store's long-term operational viability, including factors related to maintaining the current facility. After thorough consideration, it was determined that

continuing operations at this location is no longer sustainable.

We recognize the important role our store has played within the community, and we sincerely appreciate the support and trust that customers from across the region have shown us over the years. It has been a privilege to serve you!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly, and I will do my best to provide assistance.

Until our closing date, we remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our customers and ensuring a smooth transition in the coming weeks.

Kathy Shortridge Stewart, long-time manager also posted a confirmation as

### JC MAN CHARGED AFTER THREAT MADE TO FLOYD COUNTY JAILOR

PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED IN THE SHOOTING OF A PRESTONSBURG OFFICER  
By **ROBERTA CANTRELL**  
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A Johnson County man finds himself with a new charge after threatening Floyd County Jailor Steve Little.



Robert Powers

According to court documents, Robert Powers, 38, of Sitka, who previously served time for shooting a Prestonsburg police officer Adam Dixon, made the threat Thursday, April 9, while being held in the Floyd County Detention Center.

Authorities say he indicated he knew where Little lived and referenced the prior shooting of Prestonsburg Police officer Adam Dixon.

The complaint says Powers cursed the Floyd County Jailor saying "Steve Little, will lose this election anyways" before saying he knew where he lived and said he was not afraid to do him what he did to Prestonsburg officer Adam Dixon.

Powers was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 2018 in connection with the 2015 shooting of Dixon, who survived.

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well by stating she wanted to thank everyone who supported the store throughout the years.

"I would like to take a moment to address the recent news regarding the closure of Louisa Save A Lot on May 8. Unfortunately, this information is accurate. It had been my intention to communicate this personally with each of our employees and vendors, allowing them the respect, time, and privacy to process the news and discuss it with their families. I sincerely apologize to anyone who learned of this development through social media before hearing it directly from us. I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to our valued customers. Your support, loyalty, and kindness have meant more than words can fully express. You have truly been the most rewarding part of this experience, and we will deeply miss serving each and every one of you. I hope to see many of you in the coming days as we prepare to close our doors."

The building was constructed in 1994, however, Stewart wasn't sure of the date of grand opening.

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