

# Local law enforcement lists challenges to Cameron

BY JAMES MAYSE  
MESSENGER-INQUIRER

Local and regional law enforcement officials discussed challenges accessing federal funding and other issues affecting their agencies Monday afternoon with U.S. Senate candidate Daniel Cameron.

Cameron, the former state attorney general, is running in a crowded GOP primary for the Senate seat being vacated by Mitch McConnell, who is retiring at the end of the year.

Cameron met with sheriffs from Daviess, Henderson and Ohio counties, as well as Daviess County Jailer Art Maglinger, Commonwealth's Attorney Mike Van Meter and others at the Green River Building Industry Association offices on Wathens Crossing to gather opinions about how Washington could better assist Kentucky law enforcement.

"I know that this discussion, having talked to you, will help guide your policies and the decisions you will make," Daviess County Sheriff Brad Youngman said. "As Attorney General ... Daniel was very receptive to input from the field and law enforcement, and I fully anticipate that will happen in the U.S. Senate." Cameron said the meeting was a chance for him to hear from officials about "what you're seeing on the ground, the challenges that exist" for law enforcement.

"You all know my heart, it's to stand with you all, and ensure you have a voice in Washington for your values and your interest," he said.

Cameron said he learned as attorney general that law enforcement agencies face challenges with finite resources and illegal drugs.

Cameron also said he understands "the scrutiny you face, day-in and day-out."

Cameron said he would be "an advocate for law and order."

"I feel we have lost our way when it comes to respect for law enforcement," Cameron said.

Cameron then told the gathered officials protests such as the Black Lives Matter demonstrations and the recent "No Kings" demonstrations against the Trump Administration were "orchestrated."

"There's a theme among the BLM protests, the No Kings protests, the ICE protests, a lot of that is orchestrated to sow division in our country and to denigrate or disparage the men and women who wear the uniform.

"So we've got to essentially say, 'enough is enough,'" Cameron said, adding that "law enforcement operations are being hindered or obstructed, and that has to end."

The officers also discussed access to federal funding, with Youngman saying agencies need federal funding but that applying for federal grants

can be difficult.

"Some of your smaller agencies are completely overwhelmed" by the process of applying for grants, Youngman said.

Youngman said he was concerned about discussions to strip officers of immunity from prosecution.

Henderson County Sheriff Chip Stauffer said it can be harder for rural communities to receive federal grants.

Stauffer said that while a federal law enforcement grant might look at the number of shootings in a community when awarding grants, smaller communities are equally impacted by gun violence.

"In the city of Henderson, you have five or six shootings, where shots were fired, it doesn't seem like a big deal to Louisville," Stauffer said. "But to my community, it becomes a huge deal, but we don't get the criteria for them to even consider" the city for grants, he said.

David Thompson, the former director of the Pennyriale Narcotics Task Force, said federal grants and laws that allow agencies to seize assets in drug trafficking investigations make up the task force's entire budget.

When asked how agencies would be impacted if asset forfeiture were ended, Thompson said, "If that's gone, I don't know how we'd do investigations."

Keith Stiff, a member of the command staff at the Daviess County Detention Center, said, "those monies are even tougher to get when you're a jail."

"They exclude us pretty much right off the bat," Stiff said.

Youngman said officials in Washington should stop any discussion of ending immunity for officers.

Law enforcement officers have "qualified immunity," meaning they are protected from civil liability as long as they do not violate "clearly established statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person should have known," according to a U.S. Congress article on law enforcement immunity.

"If you can start getting locked up for the split-second decisions you have to make, that would be pretty alarming," Youngman said.

When asked about drug trends, the officials said methamphetamine remains the primary drug in the Owensboro area, but they said enforcement action at the U.S.-Mexico border appears to be affecting drug trafficking.

"I think fentanyl has slowed down some," Thompson said.

Meanwhile, drug prices that undercover detectives are paying on the street have increased, he said.

"That tells me the supply has been cut off," Thompson said.

When asked what Washington could do to boost law enforcement benefits, George Ballard, president of

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 16, said departments are losing officers to the private sector over benefits.

"Our best recruiters are the people doing the job, but they are not being taken care of to stay in the job," Ballard said. "Private industry is wiping us out."

"If we could get control of these health care costs, where it's worth it to stay in the job ... I think it would go hand in hand with retention," Ballard said.

Ballard said there are federal bills that could also help departments keep officers if the bills are passed.

Cameron asked about the strain on law enforcement officers.

"I know there are challenges internally, with the day-in, day-out pressures that exist on men and women who make the sacrifice," Cameron said.

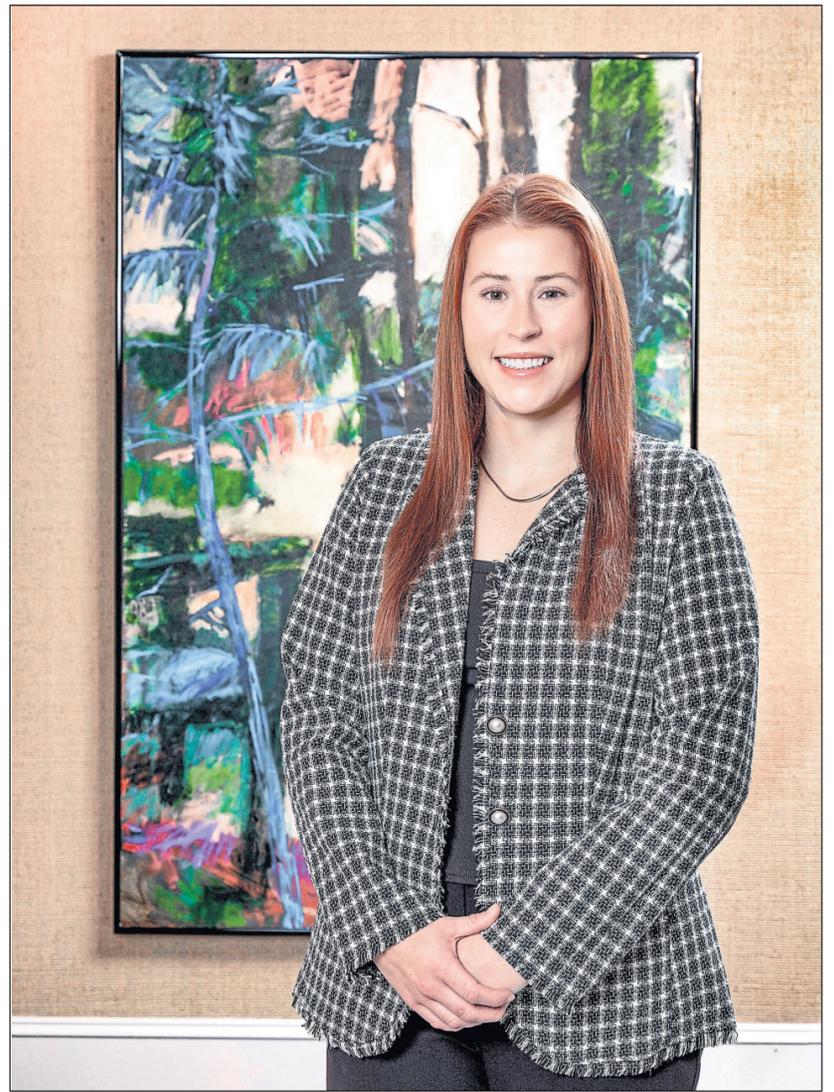
Later, Cameron said, "I want you know I'm aware those challenges do exist. It's hard to compartmentalize and not take what happens on the job home and not feel it and internalize it, whether it's because of protesters disparaging or a traumatic event."

Cameron said afterward some of the officials' concerns and requests could be addressed at the federal level.

"It did sound like there were a couple of pieces of legislation," Cameron said, citing a bill Ballard discussed to help law enforcement officers purchase homes. "I want to look into that to see exactly what that's about."

The discussion of grants and state programs that could be replicated nationally to help law enforcement officers deal with trauma were also productive, Cameron said.

"There were certainly some actionable things that came out of this meeting," Cameron said later. "I'm very grateful they took the time to have the conversation."



Jade Jenkins is the new registrar and education assistant at the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art.

## Jenkins hired as museum registrar

BY KEITH LAWRENCE  
MESSENGER-INQUIRER

Jade Jenkins has returned to Owensboro as registrar and education assistant at the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art.

Jason Edward Hayden, the museum's director, said her hiring is part of the museum's plans to "increase its educational outreach to the community, state and region."

Jenkins, a Jessamine County native, came to Owensboro to attend Kentucky Wesleyan College.

While she was earning a bachelor's degree in history with an art minor, Jenkins worked part-time at the museum as a staff assistant, helping monitor the galleries and assisting with exhibition installation.

After her graduation in 2024, Jenkins moved to Tennessee.

She returned to Owensboro in December.

Hayden said as registrar, Jenkins' responsibilities include the management, documentation and safety of the museum's collection, acquisitions, loans and exhibition logistics.

He said, "She maintains detailed records, handles legal paperwork, manages shipping and monitors environmental conditions to ensure the long-term preservation of the museum's Permanent Collection."

As education assistant, Jenkins will be involved in all aspects of the museum's educational programming for children and adults, he said. She is the second new hire this year at the art museum.

Aaron Walker was named operations manager in January.

The museum, 901 Frederica St., has free admission.

Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.



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PUBLIC NOTICE  
BID ADVERTISEMENT

The McLean County Regional Water Commission is accepting SEALED BIDS for the **MCRWC Clearwell Elevated Tank Project until 1:00 p.m. CT on March 26, 2026**, at 130 Water Works Lane, Calhoun, KY 42327 at which time, all proposals will be publicly read aloud. This project includes cleaning, repairing and painting of the Clearwell Tank at the McLean County Regional Water Plant. Request for proposal packet may be obtained from MCRWC, 130 Water Works Lane, Calhoun, KY 42327, 270-273-5566, or emailing mcrwc@att.net. **A MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting must be attended on **March 19, 2026** between the hours of **10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. CT** at 130 Water Works Lane, Calhoun, KY 42327. To schedule a mandatory pre-bid meeting, please call 270-273-5566 or email mcrwc@att.net. Sealed bids for this project can be mailed to McLean County Regional Water Commission, PO Box 483, Calhoun, KY 42327, or dropped off at McLean County Regional Water Plant, 130 Water Works Lane, Calhoun, KY 42327. Sealed bids for this project shall be clearly labeled on the outside of the envelope or in the subject line as follows: "ATTN Superintendent Lance Wilson: Sealed Bid for MCRWC Clearwell Elevated Tank Rehab Project", not to be opened until 1:00 p.m. CT on March 26, 2026. The bid opening will occur at **1:00 p.m. CT on March 26, 2026** at 130 Water Works Lane, Calhoun, KY 42327. The McLean County Regional Water Commission reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the contract, and to accept what in their opinion is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Publishing Date: March 12, 2026

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# LEGAL NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Adoption of a proposed ordinance amending the McLean County budget for fiscal year 2026, to include unanticipated receipts from various funds in the amount of \$830,624.99 and increasing expenditures in various funds was held on February 26th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the McLean County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

**Ordinance: 26.2 20/100** **MCLEAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT** **Amendment: 00000001**  
AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual budget and amendment thereof. Whereas McLean County, Kentucky has realized unbudgeted receipts. Be it ordained by McLean County of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section One: Current Fiscal Year: 2025 - 2026  
The budget for the Current Fiscal Year is amended to: Increase / Decrease the receipts of the following fund(s) to include unbudgeted receipts from:

A. Revenues	Fund	Account	Description	Amount
	General	01-4102-	TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	22,691.71
	General	01 4503- A	FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT	145,846.49
	Jail	03-4533-	STATE/JAIL ALLOTMENT	176.20
	Road	02-4542-	FEMA REIMBURSEMENT	40,173.10
	Jail	03-4567-	HB 413 JAIL COURT FEES	29.58
	General	01-4699-	SHERIFF ORDINANCE 00.220-8	140.00
	General	01-4727- G	MYER CREEK PARK UTILITIES REIMB	608.75
	General	01-4732-	REVOLVING LOAN RECEIPTS	2,683.75
	OPIOID	74-4760-	NAT'L OPIOID REVENUE	96,613.25
	General	01-4799-	OTHER RECEIPTS	58,039.04
	Road	02-4799-	OTHER RECEIPTS/ MISCELLANEOUS	48,510.38
	LGEA	04-4799-	OTHER RECEIPTS	494.34
	Ambulance	09-4799-	OTHER RECEIPTS GRANT	3,515.00
	911	80-4799-	OTHER RECEIPTS	125.80
	CENTRAL FIR	85-4799-	MISCELLANEOUS	374,793.11
	CTY CLK STC	75-4801-	INTEREST EARNED	111.51
	Ambulance	09-4806-	BANK ACCOUNT EARNED INTEREST	220.03
	OPIOID	74-4806-	NAT'L OPIOID INTEREST	1,728.47
	General	01-4901-	SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YEAR	1,845.00
	Road	02-4901-	SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YEAR	2,674.26
	LGEA	04-4901-	SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YEAR	19,096.34
	CTY CLK STC	75-4901-	PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS	2,241.66
	WESTERN FI	84-4901-	PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS	7.53
	EASTERN FI	86-4901-	EASTERN FIRE PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS	6,078.21
	SE FIRE FUND	88-4901-	PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS	2,020.48
	WESTERN FI	84-4903-	PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT	161.00
<b>Total Amended Revenues</b>				<b>830,624.99</b>

B. Approp.	Fund	Account	Description	Amount
	General	01-5005-573-	CO ATTY PHONE	300.00
	General	01-5010-573-	COUNTY CLERK PHONE	1,000.00
	CTY CLK STC	75-5010-540-	COUNTY CLK STORAGE FEES EXPENSE	2,353.17
	LGEA	04-5015-429-	SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FUEL	3,000.00
	General	01-5025-445-	FISCAL COURT, OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,000.00
	General	01-5025-569-	MAGISTRATE-CONFERENCE EXPENSES	3,000.00
	General	01-5040-573-	CO. TREASURER PHONE	400.00
	General	01-5080-586-	COURTHOUSE/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	100,000.00
	Ambulance	09-5140-586-	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	3,735.03
	General	01-5231-334-	HEALTH DEPARTMENT BLDG MAINTENANCE	3,000.00
	General	01-5305-586-	SR SVC BUILDING MAINTENANCE	3,000.00
	General	01-5305-356-	SENIOR CONGREGATE MEAL EXPENSE	1,000.00
	General	01-5305-578-	SR SVC UTILITIES	500.00
	General	01-5401-578-	MYER CREEK PARK UTILITIES	5,000.00
	OPIOID	74-9100-515-	NAT'L OPIOID EXPENDITURES	98,341.72
	General	01-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	109,654.74
	Road	02-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	91,357.74
	Jail	03-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	205.78
	LGEA	04-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	16,590.68
	911	80-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	125.80
	WESTERN FI	84-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	168.53
	CENTRAL FI	85-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	374,793.11
	EASTERN FI	86-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	6,078.21
	SE FIRE FUND	88-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	2,020.48
<b>Total Amended Expenditures</b>				<b>830,624.99</b>

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"Any hiccup can cause us to be behind schedule," Lynch said. "When you look at our schedule, it's like, 'at 3:04, this is happening' (and), 'at 3:22, this is happening.'"

Bowlds, who is vice president of the city Figure Skating Club, said the family competition is for families with different skill levels.

Amelia Bowlds, who is 9 years old, "is capable of doing an axel," Ashley Bowlds said. Meanwhile, "my husband is lucky if he can stand up on the ice," she said.

Chris Bowlds said his level of skating expertise is, "I can skate in a straight line," adding that the time on the ice with the family is important to him.

"I have fun out there, but

I'm not the greatest," he said.

"It's a nice way to bond as a family, and the kids are taking to it."

Cameron, the 2-year-old, "was pretty much raised here," Chris Bowlds said.

The event runs from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Lynch said she hopes people interested in skating will come, ask questions of the staff and become involved.

Lynch said her goal is "to make people aware of ice sports in Owensboro."

The skaters who started with lessons as toddlers are largely still skating today, Lynch said. The ice rink becomes an important place in families' lives, Lynch said.

"We have hosted wedding events, gender reveals," Lynch said. "This is their home."