

Public Notice

Legislative Report by Sen. Robin Webb

As February unfolds, the Capitol in Frankfort is alive with purpose as lawmakers return to tackle the second half of this year’s crucial 30-day legislative session. A full agenda awaits us, and already the Senate has acted swiftly on several high-priority items, most notably the passage of House Bill 1 (HB 1). This legislation reduces Kentucky’s individual income tax rate from 4% to 3.5%, with the new rate set to take effect on January 1, 2026. The measure represents a continued effort to phase out the income tax entirely—a long-term objective of recent fiscal policy.

I supported HB 1 because I believe that responsibly structured tax reductions can spur economic growth by enabling families to retain more of their earnings—money they can save, invest, and circulate through local businesses, thereby strengthening our community economies. Yet, I also recognize that tax revenue is indispensable for funding education, healthcare, public safety, and infrastructure. Any future proposals that risk undermining these essential services or disproportionately favor the wealthy at the expense of working families will face my firm opposition. Sound tax policy requires a balance between

SB 37 assigns responsibility for the burial or cremation of unclaimed bodies to the fiscal court or local government and permits coroners to use the deceased’s assets to cover burial expenses. This measure received overwhelming support with a 37-0 vote and one abstention.

SB 43 creates a medical review board to assess whether individuals with physical or mental disabilities are fit to operate motor vehicles. The board will recommend license restrictions if necessary and provide an appeals process. It passed with unanimous approval.

SB 126 proposes a constitutional amendment to limit the Governor’s ability to issue pardons or commute sentences in the window spanning from 60 days before to five weeks after a gubernatorial election. This amendment will be presented to voters at the next regular election. It passed 37-0, with one abstention.

In addition to legislative advancements, this week provided opportunities to engage with stakeholders and advocates on pressing matters. I was particularly honored to meet with members of the National Association of Sportsmen Caucuses and the Congressional Sportsmen Foundation to discuss policies aimed at preserving and promoting Kentucky’s outdoor heritage.

A highlight of the session was welcoming members of the United Steelworkers, whose visits are always a source of invaluable insight on labor and industry concerns. I also met with Lewis County Superintendent Mike Melton to discuss regional education initiatives and had the pleasure of meeting his nephew, Tanner, who served as a Senate page.

Another rewarding moment was reuniting with Lori Cooksey, regent at Eastern Kentucky University, who visited to advocate on behalf of higher education in our region. Hearing directly from educators, labor leaders, and community advocates underscores the importance of making

thoughtful, informed decisions that reflect the needs of those we serve.

One of the most inspiring events of the week was the 8th Annual Serving Up Solutions Dinner—a gathering dedicated to supporting food banks and raising funds to combat hunger across Kentucky. Alongside leaders from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), legislators donned aprons to serve meals and share fellowship. It was heartening to connect with KCTCS leaders Larry Ferguson, Jennifer Lindon, and Laura McCullough, as well as the Cartmell family.

University of Kentucky Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart delivered an uplifting keynote address, emphasizing the critical importance of community service. I am especially grateful to Dr. Ryan Quarles for his leadership in organizing this initiative and for the opportunity to participate once again. Events like these remind us of the collective responsibility we bear to care for vulnerable families across the Commonwealth.

As we navigate the remaining days of this session, the road ahead presents both opportunities for progress and complex challenges. Some issues will invite collaboration and consensus, while others will require robust debate and creative problem-solving. Every decision we make holds significant implications for the daily lives of Kentuckians, which is why your engagement is so vital. By sharing your experiences, concerns, and aspirations, you help ground our work in the realities faced by families and communities across the state. Together, we can build a future that uplifts all corners of Kentucky.

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.

Town hall in Ashland to hear concerns on education in state

F R A N K F O R T – Ashland is the site of a town hall meeting on Feb. 27 with representatives of the Kentucky Department of Education. The meeting will be at the

Kentucky Educational Development Corporation, 904 W. Rose Road, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The goal of the town halls held across the state and the work on assessment and accountability is to move toward a system that prioritizes vibrant learning, collaboration, local innovation, feedback and support.

The department has been working on the assessment and accountability model framework since the COVID-19 pandemic, starting with a survey and listening sessions that eventually led to the formation of the [Kentucky United We Learn Council](#) and its guiding “moonshot” statement, “To build a prosperous Kentucky, we will launch an accountability system that is meaningful and useful to all our learners.”

The council, which is comprised of families, students, educators, legislators, business leaders and community members, has been designing an assessment and accountability model framework. They have gone through several versions leading to [Framework 2.0](#), which is what KDE is seeking input on during the town hall meetings.

The town halls have featured discussions on the proposed framework, as well as discussions on vibrant learning experiences already happening in local school districts –

which feature heavily in the local accountability portion of the framework – and how to make learning relevant to students.

At the town halls, participants are asked to share their “wows and wonders” in an effort to gather more information on what people either like or have questions about with Framework 2.0.

KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd shared with board members some of the positives were the framework’s focus on local flexibility, its emphasis on preparing students for the future and support for the diverse learning needs of students.

The “wonders” centered around how the system would be equitable and consistent across different school districts and content areas, how it would be implemented and what support would be given to teachers and administrators during any changes.

Some of the discussion with board members centered around the interim assessment KDE would produce for school districts to use for grades 3-10 as part of the choice measures in the proposed framework. Fletcher said the proposal for an interim assessment system in Framework 2.0 will likely be modified to an opt-in system in the next framework, allowing some school districts to keep their own assessments in

place, based on discussions with school leaders during the town halls.

Board members also talked about the options for flexibility districts would have to determine certain accountability measures that address the needs of each community, including competency-based measures. KBE Member Mike Borchers said that local flexibility gives school districts the opportunity to tell their own stories.

“For years and years and years, we told our educational story based on our assessments. That’s kind of what we were tasked with doing. Whether we liked it or not, that’s the story of your school district,” he said.

“In my mind, if we’re really wanting to do something unique, our story is being told in all of these local measures and choice measures. ... That’s where every kid, whether they’re a scientist or doing something with industrial arts, that’s where they’re going to tell their story.”

Fletcher said staff and Kentucky United We Learn Council members have been working toward streamlining the federally required statewide measures to provide as much local flexibility as possible in the proposed framework.

“The vibrancy, the innovation is in that local accountability piece,” Fletcher said.

News to use

GREENUP - The Greenup County Genealogy & Historical Society will meet Monday, Feb. 17, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the Community

Room at the Greenup Public Library, 508 Main Street, Greenup, KY 41144. After the meeting, the group will be watching a Roots-

Tech video called “Creating YOUR Organizational System - Part 1”. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Deadline for news items and ads is 4 p.m. Friday

NOTICE TO BID

The City of Russell is accepting bids for the purchase of the following equipment listed below until 11:00 a.m. on the 21st of February, 2025. Please contact the city at 606-836-9666 with any questions.

- John Deere 5100E Cab Tractor
- John Deere 540M Loader
- 2025 ORSI 455 Hydraulic Reach Mower
- 2025 CID Skid Steer Adapter
- 2025 John Deere BL8B Snow/Utility Blade w/ Float

Please list the pricing separate for each piece of equipment. The City of Russell reserves the right to accept or reject any part or all of the bid should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Russell.
Jennifer Williams
City Clerk
PO Box 394
Russell, KY 41169
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR ABC LICENSE

Viking Food Mart Inc. DBA Flatwoods Smart Stop hereby declares intentions to apply for a non-quota retail package license no later than February 28, 2025. The business to be licensed will be located at 2139 Argillite Road, Flatwoods, KY 41139. The sole owner and president is Phillip Fannin, 1107 Powell Ln, Flatwoods KY 41139. Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY GREENUP CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I ACTION NO. 24-CI-00470

DGS DEVELOPMENT, LTD.	PLAINTIFF
VS.	
JULIO C. GUADALUPE-MARCIAL, ET AL	DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on January 30, 2025, I will on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the second floor of the Greenup County Courthouse at Greenup, Kentucky, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Property Address: 0 Lowder Fork, South Shore, KY 41175
Parcel ID#: 008-00-00-019.06

Commonly known as Tract 6, Lowder Fork Farms located in Greenup County, Kentucky.

Being all of Tract 6, Lowder Fork Farms, as shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 12 of the Greenup County, Kentucky Clerk's records.

Subject to Protective Covenants and Restrictions recorded in Deed Book 661, Page 410 of the Greenup County, Kentucky Clerk's records and subsequent amendments thereto.

All or some subsurface rights may have been severed from surface rights. Those subsurface rights remain a separate estate and the surface may be subject to the subsurface rights. Underground mining and strip mining have occurred on some of the lots shown on the plat prior to the recordation of said plat and oil and gas extraction on some of the lots are active as of this date. Grantor is not responsible nor liable for any reclamation to the property related to mining issues or anything related to the removal of minerals from the subsurface.

Subject to conditions, easements and restrictions of record and/or in existence.

Being the same property conveyed to Julio C. Guadalupe-Marcial and Brooklyn M. Johnson, husband and wife, by deed from DGS Development, Ltd., dated March 31, 2023 and recorded in Deed Book 665, Page 579, Greenup County, Kentucky deed records.

The above described property shall be sold as a whole on terms of cash or on a credit of thirty (30) days. If sold on terms of credit, the purchaser shall be required to make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price and shall execute a bond with good surety for the remaining balance, said bond being payable to the Master Commissioner and shall bear interest at the rate the judgment herein bears from the date of the sale until paid and shall have the force and effect of a judgment, upon which execution may issue, if not paid at maturity. A lien shall be retained upon the real estate so sold as additional security. The purchaser shall be responsible for paying the real estate property taxes for the tax year in which they purchase the property.

Out of the proceeds derived from the sale herein, the Master Commissioner shall retain the same until further Orders of the Court. Reference is hereby made to all proceedings in this case now on file with the Clerk of the Greenup Circuit Court, Greenup, Kentucky, this the 30th day of January, 2025.

/s/ Reagan Reed
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