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licensed clinical social worker who has worked in similar settings before.

She added that she had previously worked with law enforcement officers with the Nicholasville Police Department and as such understands the kinds of needs that the people law enforcement serves have.

“There’s a need at every level of care,” she told the council. “...There’s cases already waiting on us, so there’s a need here.”

The chief told a story to illustrate the need for a victim services specialist, saying that early in his career he worked on a case where a child was being abused by the mother’s boyfriend, with whom they were living at the time.

While the mother was “irate this had happened

to her daughter” on the night of the initial investigation, he said that she went from that to “wanting her daughter to recant her statement (and) didn’t want to participate in the process of prosecution.”

Chief Wesley stated: “For us it’s easy to sit here and think, ‘Well, what kind of parent would do that?’ But if your options are facing homelessness, (having) no room and board, no resources, no other way out, then she didn’t really have a whole lot. And so, she had to make that decision. ‘Is it manageable to try to manage the abuse in the home and still stay in this house, or what do I do?’”

Josh Wesley said that the department doesn’t have the manpower or the training to walk with victims through the process of finding the resources they need, which is why he went to Mayor Keck to ask

if he could apply for the grant.

Keck not only agreed, he gave praise to the person who was eventually chosen to fill the role.

Keck and Chief Wesley both noted that there were a lot of worthy candidates who applied for the position, but the department was only able to choose one.

“I stand by the fact I think we got the right person for the job,” Josh Wesley said. “She’s hit the ground running. Second day, she was already trying to take cases while learning all this stuff and develop her own paper-work to manage the grant reporting. Because it’s a grant-funded position, she also has to take care of all of the grant recording.”

“I know they have a great deal of confidence in your background (and) training,” Keck told Sidney Wesley.

# Kentucky GOP Senate candidates talk immigration and Iran war in first debate

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LOUISVILLE — Kentucky’s top three Republican U.S. Senate candidates largely agreed that illegal immigration is a major issue for Kentuckians, but they strongly disagreed about which of them would best handle it.

The candidates — U.S. Rep. Andy Barr, former state Attorney General Daniel Cameron and businessman Nate Morris — faced each other in their first debate of the primary season Monday night. Hosted by the Jefferson County Republican Party and TV station WDRB, the debate was held in front of party faithful and elected officials, including state lawmakers, at The Henry Clay in downtown Louisville.

Candidates largely had equal time to

answer questions, but Barr and Morris got heated a few times, talking over each other while rebutting the other’s attacks. Before a TV break halfway through the debate, Morris and Barr clashed over immigration policies following a question about workforce and labor.

In his answer, Barr said that “border security is something that I prioritize with this president” in Congress, adding that he favors securing the country’s borders while streamlining legal immigration programs.

“Securing the border is not incompatible or mutually exclusive with the idea that we are a nation of immigrants,” Barr said. “We are a nation of laws, and we are a nation of immigrants.”

Barr then accused Morris of hiring

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## ALERT

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throughout the county, but not everyone received emergency alerts on their phone, causing some public confusion in the aftermath of the storm (which saw no actual tornadoes touch down in Pulaski County).

With questions abounding, the Pulaski County Emergency Management office addressed the situation on their Facebook page Monday — and then went a step further and put their systems to the test once again.

“Some citizens received phone alerts and some did not,” read the post made by Pulaski County Emergency Management on Facebook. “It could be that the sensitivity of the RAVE system only sent alerts to the parts of a the county where a Tornado Warning was issued. At no point was a Tornado Watch issued for Pulaski County.”

LEX18 meteorologist and TV personality Bill Meck explained similarly on Facebook that affected areas were represented on the map people saw on TV within a polygon shape; if a person’s phone, set to receive warnings, was not within the area covered by the polygon — and most of Pulaski County was not — an alert would not have been sent straight to that device.

Earlier this year, Pulaski County Emergency Management broke off a deal with the CodeRED system and adopted RAVE Mass Notification System instead, as one specifically partnered with local government and available for download on the county’s website.

To make sure RAVE was indeed functioning correctly after rolling it out at the beginning of the month, a test was done on Monday following the storms of the day’s earliest hours.

Those signed up for RAVE Smart911 were expected to receive a test alert. Mason told the Commonwealth Journal that they “basically

set the entire system off again” following a review of the night’s events and a call to the company operating RAVE.

“We understood there were some issues with it, and so we’ve taken steps to correct some of those issues and we feel a lot more confident that that won’t be an issue going forward,” said Mason. “We also conducted a major test (Monday) and we’re actually evaluating how that test went. I feel pretty good about the results.”

Mason said about 32,000 people locally are already enrolled to receive RAVE alerts on their mobile devices.

One thing that definitely went right was the county’s inclination toward proactiveness in addressing the storm. Despite their not being a Tornado Watch issued for Pulaski County ahead of the storm’s arrival, county officials decided to open up the Pulaski County Courthouse as a shelter for those who needed one nonetheless, and nearly 20 individuals utilized the location.

“I looked at it and I called leadership and said, ‘This is kind of what I’m seeing. I don’t have anything to base it on other than I’m looking at this (weather coverage) and it feels like this could get a little contentious,’” said Mason. “The decision was made almost immediately to say, ‘Okay, go ahead and crack (open) the shelter.’”

The decision proved to look like a good one when “we went straight from nothing to (Tornado) Warning in a span of almost no time at all,” said Mason.

He credited John Alexander, executive assistant to Pulaski County Judge-Executive Marshall Todd, as being “huge” in helping these efforts. “I absolutely could not have done it without his assistance.”

Alexander told the Commonwealth Journal that the key aspect of opening the courthouse as a shelter was to “have a centralized location ready for folks if a

Tornado Watch had been issued,” a decision he and Todd made relatively early in the process because of the warnings popping up further west in the state.

“We wanted to make sure we had this in place to give people plenty of time to get to the courthouse for a tornado shelter if they didn’t feel safe in their homes,” said Alexander. “... For us, it was basically having an overabundance of caution, especially with what happened last year (with the May 16 tornado in Pulaski, Russell and Laurel Counties). We want to really ... be overprepared and then not have to use it; we’d much rather that happen than to be underprepared and need it.”

Normally during the week, all of the shelter locations in the county would be opened, but with this storm happening so late at night on the weekend,

it seemed best to simplify things by keeping them focused on the courthouse, observed Alexander.

One area of tornado preparedness that went as expected was with the sirens placed around the county. Pulaski County Public Safety Director Stacy Halcomb oversees those and said that “everything as far as we know activated like it was supposed to.”

There are 19 sirens around Pulaski in the county system, most at volunteer fire departments,

and six additional sirens overseen by the City of Somerset.

The sirens did go off because of the eventual Tornado Warning, but “we didn’t have anything. All we had were high winds and rain.” By Monday morning, there some downed trees and power lines, necessitating fire department presences at those locations, but Halcomb said he didn’t think any of them had to be out on Sunday night for storm

responses.

“We got lucky, I think,” he said. “Most of it missed us.”

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### PUBLIC NOTICE SOUTH EASTERN WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. CUSTOMER NOTICE

On or about March 19, 2026, South Eastern Water Association (the “Association”) will file revised tariff sheets with the Kentucky Public Service Commission that revise its rules and regulations for the provision of water service to conform with the Public Service Commission’s current regulations. The proposed revisions include: (1) reordering portions of the tariff to more cogently organize rules; (2) deletion of outdated practices, provisions, and Association Bylaws; (3) the inclusion of required forms; and (4) the establishment of rules under which electronic billing will be provided and payment via credit card and bank draft will be accepted.

Additionally, the revised tariff sheets provide that Developers constructing water main extensions to serve new residential, commercial, or mixed-use developments shall waive any entitlement to a partial refund for the cost of construction of the water main extension, but in lieu of a partial refund shall not be charged for the cost of testing necessary to place the water lines into service or for the final inspection of the facilities.

Finally, the revised tariff sheets establish that any excavation that changes the contour of the land above an existing Association-owned water line requires the prior written consent of the Association, and that any relocation of the water line necessitated by such excavation will be conducted by the Association at the expense of the person or persons planning and conducting the excavation.

The Association proposes to place the revised tariff sheets into effect on May 11, 2026. The proposed revisions to the Association’s rules and regulations will not affect the rates charged for water service.

Any person may examine the proposed tariff sheets at the Association’s office at 6615 Highway 914, Somerset, Kentucky 42501, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The proposed tariff sheets may also be viewed at the Public Service Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or through the Public Service Commission’s website at <https://psc.ky.gov/trf4/TRFListFilings.aspx?mode=1>.

Comments regarding the proposed tariff revision may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602 or by email to [psc.tariffs@ky.gov](mailto:psc.tariffs@ky.gov).

The rules and regulations contained in the proposed tariff sheets are those proposed by the Association. However, the Public Service Commission may order rules and regulations that differ from those which are proposed. Such action may affect the conditions under which a customer currently receives water service.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY, 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the person’s status and interest. If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the proposed tariff revisions.

South Eastern Water Association

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### MASTER COMMISSIONER’S SALE

In order to comply with the orders of the Pulaski Circuit Court, the Commissioner will sell the property described in the following action on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026** at the hour of **1:00 p.m.** This sale will be held at **207 S. RICHARDSON DRIVE, SOMERSET, KY 42501, (GODBY AUCTION CENTER BUILDING, PLEASE DO NOT CALL GODBY REALTY WITH QUESTIONS: THEY VOLUNTARILY AUCTIONEER FOR THE MASTER COMMISSIONER).** Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and (unless otherwise indicated) upon the following terms and conditions:

(A) At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. **In the event the successful bidder desires or elects to credit the balance, he or she will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon.** Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and from **bear interest at the plaintiff’s judgment rate per** annum the date of sale until paid. **IN THE EVENT THAT THE PURCHASER IS NOT PAYING THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PROPERTY ON THE DATE OF SALE, ANOTHER PERSON MUST BE PRESENT ON THE PURCHASER’S BEHALF TO SIGN AS SURETY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE PURCHASE PRICE.**

(B) Risk of loss of improvements shall be on the purchaser from date of sale.

(C) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year (2026) and all subsequent years. All other delinquent taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds **if properly claimed in writing and the holder(s) thereof is a party to the foreclosure. The Master Commissioner warrants only such title as is referred by Court order and does not guarantee that all taxes are paid.**

(D) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Pulaski County Clerk’s Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendant(s).

**1—10279 HWY. 27, BURNSIDE, Amount to be raised, \$4,571.08, PVA # 080-1-1-47**

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