

THE COURT RECORD

The Hancock County District Court docket for Tuesday, January 20, 2026. The Honorable Daniel Boling presiding.

Probate

Estate of Jerome Merritt Jr., Inventory, continued to February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Estate of Linda Wimmer, Probate Hearing, Order and Bond Signed with Oath Given.

Estate of Zackery Martin, Inventory, continued to February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Estate of James Rearden, Show Cause Hearing, Order Signed.

Estate of Floyd Bray, Review, Court Notice to file Report by February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Civil Court

McClain Dewees PLLC vs. Denise Shocklee, Et Al, Other Hearing, Judgment in favor of Plaintiff for \$2,500 plus costs.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Christopher Poole, Motion for Default Judgment, Order Signed.

Criminal Court

Thomas Catron, Pretrial Conference, Three Charges: 1) Leaving Scene of Accident/Failure to Render or Assistance, 2) No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt, 3) Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance 1st Offense, case continued to February 17, 2026, at 12:30 pm.

Thomas Catron, Pretrial Conference, Any Violation Not Covered, case continued to February 17, 2026, at 12:30 pm.

Thomas Catron, Pretrial Conference, Two Charges: 1) Failure to or Improper Signal, 2) Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Substance 1st Offense, case continued to February 17, 2026, at 12:30 pm.

Rodney Cron Jr., Arraignment, Criminal Mischief 1st Degree, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a Preliminary Hearing on February 3, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Jordan Reardon, Arraignment, Flagrant Non-Support, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a Preliminary Hearing on February 3, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Ashley Gattie, Arraignment, Three Charges: 1) No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt, 2) Failure to Produce Insurance Card, 3) No Tail Lamps, count 1 was deferred for one year on the condition on no new charges of a same or similar nature, counts 2-3 were dismissed with proof shown.

Amanda Simpson, Arraignment, Two Charges: 1) Speeding 15mph over limit, 2) Improper Registration Plate, count 1 was referred to the County Attorney Traffic Safety Program, count 2 was dismissed.

Patricia Henning, Pretrial Conference, Operating Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol .08 or higher, the Defendant's case was continued to February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Shannon Delozier, Pretrial Conference, Three Charges: 1) No Operators/Moped License, 2) No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt, 3) Failure to Produce Insurance Card, the Defendant's case was continued to February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Paige Sandage, Arraignment, Two Charges: 1) Speeding 10mph over limit, 2) License to be in Possession, count 1 was referred to the County Attorney Traffic Safety Program, count 2 was deferred for 6 months.

Jackie Dewitt, Arraignment, Possession of Marijuana, the Defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to a fine and fee totaling \$407.50.

Brandon Taylor, Review, Flagrant Non-Support, the Defendant's case

was continued to March 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Aaron Corley, Preliminary Hearing, Seven Charges: 1) Speeding 26mph over limit, 2) Reckless Driving, 3) Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree, 4) Disregarding Stop Sign, 5) Failure to or Improper Signal, 6) No Tail Lamps, 7) Failure to Illuminate Head Lamps, the Defendant waived his case to the Grand Jury.

Jeffrey Nichols, Arraignment, Passing Loading/Unloading School Bus 1st Offense, the Defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to a total fine and fee of \$242.50.

Gary Estes, Arraignment, Three Charges: 1) Operating Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol 1st Offense, 2) Criminal Mischief 1st Degree, 3) No Motorcycle Operators License, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a Preliminary Hearing on February 3, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Jaden Lankford, Arraignment, Four Charges: 1) No Operators/Moped License, 2) Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance 1st Offense, 3) No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt, 4) No/Expired Registration Receipt, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a Pretrial Conference on March 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Christopher Thompson, Arraignment, Two Charges: 1) Assault 4th Degree No Visible Injury, 2) Terroristic Threatening 3rd Degree, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a Pretrial Conference on February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Damon Farris, Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment, the Defendant failed to appear, and the Court issued a Bench Warrant.

Mark Brinksneader, Arraignment, Two Charges: 1) Failure to Produce Insurance Card, 2) Improper Lane Usage/Vehicles to Keep Right Except to Pass, count 1 was dismissed, count 2 was deferred for 6 months on the terms and conditions of no new traffic violations.

Russell Puckett, Pretrial Conference, the Defendant's case was continued to February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Anthony Logsdon, Arraignment, Disorderly Conduct 2nd Degree, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a Pretrial Conference on February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Crystal Miller, Arraignment, Passing Loading/Unloading School Bus 1st Offense, the Defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to a fine and fee totaling \$242.50.

Trisha Wettstain, Show Cause/Installment Payment, the Defendant's case was continued to February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Russell Henry, Arraignment, Two Charges: 1) Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine), the Defendant's case was continued to February 3, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Joshua Beeler, Pretrial Conference, Registered Sex Offender Residence Restrictions 1st Offense, case continued to February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Kristin O'Bryan, Preliminary Hearing, Three Charges: 1) Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Degree 2nd Offense (Methamphetamine), 2) Drug Paraphernalia Buy/Possess, 3) Possession of Marijuana, the Defendant's case was continued to February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Jonathon Dunn, Arraignment, Five Charges: 1) Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License, 2) No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt, 3) Failure to Produce Insurance Card, 5) Rear License Not Illuminated, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a Pretrial Conference on February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

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ed/Revoked Operators License, 2) No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt, 3) No/Expired Registration Plates, 4) Failure to Produce Insurance Card, 5) Rear License Not Illuminated, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a Pretrial Conference on February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Jennifer Lackey, Preliminary Hearing, Five Charges: 1) Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Degree 1st Offense (Methamphetamine), 2) Possession of Marijuana, 3-4) Drug Paraphernalia Buy/Possess, 5) Tampering with Physical Evidence, the Defendant waived her right to a Preliminary Hearing, and the case was referred to the Grand Jury.

Christina Herp, Arraignment, Two Charges: 1) Speeding 20 mph over limit, 2) License to be in Possession, count 1 was referred to the County Attorney Traffic Safety Program, count 2 was deferred for 6 months on the condition of no new charges of a same or similar nature.

Kasandra Rodriguez, Pretrial Conference, Two Charges: 1) Possession of Marijuana, 2) Drug Paraphernalia Buy/Possess, the Defendant pled guilty to count 1 and was sentenced to 5 days in the County Jail probated on the terms and conditions of no new violations of the law, count 2 was deferred on the terms and conditions of no new violations of the law, the Defendant was also sentenced to fines and fees totaling \$312.50.

Skylar Pierce, Pretrial Conference, Violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO, the Defendant's case was continued to March 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Skylar Pierce, Pretrial Conference, Disorderly Conduct 2nd Degree, the Defendant's case was continued to March 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

David Hidenrite, Arraignment, Five Charges: 1) Leaving Scene of Accident/Failure to Render Aid or Assistance, 2) Improper Registration Plate, 3) No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt, 4) Possess Open Alcohol Beverage Container in a Motor Vehicle, 5) Failure to Produce Insurance Card, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a Pretrial Conference on February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Isaiah Siddons, Arraignment, Four Charges: 1) Speeding 26 mph over limit, 2) Reckless Driving, 3) Failure to Produce Insurance Card, 4) Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License, the Defendant's case was continued to April 21, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Calvin Roland, Pretrial Conference, Three Charges: 1) Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License, 2) No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt, 3) Failure to Produce Insurance Card, the Defendant's case was continued to February 17, 2026, at 9:00 am.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Representative Scott Lewis

House sends bills to Senate for further consideration

While I usually reserve this space for legislative updates, I want to begin by thanking the many people who made it possible for our communities to stay safe and keep moving during the winter storm. Snow plow drivers who worked through the night, utility crews restoring power in brutal conditions, first responders who never pause for the weather, and so many others all deserve our sincere gratitude. The storm disrupted the General Assembly's schedule, limiting lawmakers to just four days of meetings this week.

When we returned on Tuesday, we got to work immediately with the filing of the first draft of the state budget. The budget is by far the most important legislation we pass. Like our personal checkbooks, it reflects the state's priorities and prepares us for future challenges and opportunities.

The budget filed on January 27 is a starting point and reflects a new direction for how the General Assembly approaches state spending. The measure, HB 500, includes more than \$14.9 billion for each year of the two-year spending plan. Because of the new approach, significant changes are expected as budget review subcommittees continue their work with state agencies and stakeholders. As introduced, HB 500 prioritizes Kentucky's core responsibilities — public safety, K-12 education and workforce readiness, access to health care, and maintaining critical infrastructure, while also identifying areas for potential savings by including a 4% reduction in the first year and an additional 3% in

the second year in other areas. The process is designed to reevaluate programs that are outdated, duplicative, or no longer necessary, including temporary COVID-era initiatives while protecting essential services and making targeted investments where needed.

I will continue to report on the budget as it moves forward. In the meantime, the House approved several measures this week, sending them to the Senate for the next step in the legislative process. They include:

HB 3 would allow pharmacists to receive Medicaid reimbursement for clinical services that are already covered when delivered by other non-physician health care providers, recognizing pharmacists as accessible front-line members of the care team. It does not expand pharmacists' scope of practice or mandate coverage of any new services under Medicaid.

HB 34 would add hematologic, commonly known as blood cancers, including leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma, to those eligible for death benefits paid to public safety and service personnel under existing statute.

HB 134 would create a position within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services committed to ensuring victims of sexual assault have access to specialized care. Under the provisions of the bill, a sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) coordinator would focus on aligning the efforts of different state agencies and hospitals in order to increase access and promote standards in training and practice, provide technical assistance to build and maintain SANE programs, and collaborate with community partners and appropriate state agencies.

HB 281 would streamline how churches and nonprofits donate prepared food to homeless shelters and individuals displaced by natural disasters. The legislation removes barriers for churches and nonprofits like requiring the food be made in an industrial kitchen.

HB 320 would strengthen Kentucky's laws to better combat human trafficking by giving law enforcement and prosecutors stronger tools to hold traffickers accountable. The bill updates state law to more fully define the crime of promoting human trafficking, capturing the full range of traffickers' actions, from recruiting and advertising to transporting, harboring, and soliciting victims. It also increases penalties, classifying the offense as a Class B felony and elevating it to a Class A felony when the victim is a minor.

HB 366 would clarify that knowingly possessing or intentionally viewing visual depictions, including computer-generated images, of sexual performances of minors constitutes a criminal offense while maintaining clear protections for accidental viewing and legitimate legal and law enforcement investigations. The measure would also require those convicted to serve at least 85% of the sentence before being eligible for probation or parole.

HB 389 would require school districts to develop a policy for programs to identify and support students with dyslexia. Additionally, the Department of Education would be required to review and update the dyslexia toolkit annually, and teacher education programs would be required to include instruction on dyslexia.

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 Scott.Lewis@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

Hancock County Clerk Records

Land of Indiana Inc to David O Vatland - 196.96 Acres Highway 69

Donald J Edge and Brenda L Edge to Donald J Edge and Brenda L Edge - 3 Parcels in Reynolds Station

Janet Beth Schulman to William C Rollins - 2579 Happy Hollow RD Hawesville

Joel S White and Karen White to Vasantkumar Patel and Sandeep Patel - 285 Us Highway 60 E Hawesville

Roger L Boling To Caleb Michael Payne

- Tract 4 4.728 Acres State Rte 2181

Daniel C Quinn Jr to Daniel C Quinn Jr - Lot 8 Indian Lake Club Subdivision

Ethan Novak and Rebecca Novak to Caleb Wayne Tolson - 3973 State Route 657 Lewisport

Larry S Gaynor and Ellen T Gaynor to Gordon K Gaynor and Kaysey J Gaynor - Tract 3 39.608 Acres

Mary L Stanton, Mary L Brake, and Nathaniel Stanton to Mary L Stanton, Mary L Brake, and

Nathaniel Stanton - 195 Cheek Ln, Hawesville

Matt Nicholas to Angela Nicholas - 405 River St, Hawesville

Gary Gene Williams and Alisha Williams to Christopher A Roby and Karen L Roby - 10.8 Acres Gordon Board Division

Ginger N Harpenau, Kevin L Harpenau, and Ginger N Simpson to Robert Glen Snyder - 150 Powers St, Hawesville

Jason Yankey to Scott Cooper and Ann Phelps - 368 Tick Ridge Rd, Hawesville

Kevin E Yoder, Sarah E Yoder, Eli E Yoder, and Lovinia S Yoder to Toby Schrock, Edna Mae Schrock, Norman Jr Coblentz, and Loretta Coblentz - 2 Acres Baker Ln, Hawesville

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