

FRYSC

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Kees’ introduction to FRYSC came while she was working in the guidance office at Russellville Middle School alongside Browder. After seeing firsthand what a FRYSC could do for students, she was encouraged by Shirley Nylin to apply for the position at Stevenson Elementary.

“I got the job, and no longer than I began, I realized I had no idea what I was getting into, but I sure am glad I did,” she said.

Her career with Russellville Independent Schools began in 1999, and she served as a FRYSC coordinator for 17 of her 26.5 years with the district. Before that, she had worked as a substitute teacher in every grade and building from preschool through 12th grade, as well as a secretary in the middle and high school guidance offices.

Madison’s FRYSC career began even earlier. She started in July 1993 as an assistant coordinator in Adairville and eventually became coordinator of the Logan County High School Youth Services Center in March 2003. In all, she spent 33 years in FRYSC and Logan County Schools.

Madison was in college at Western Kentucky University when FRYSC was emerging from the Kentucky Education Reform Act. When she graduated in May 1993, Logan County Schools had received grants to establish centers in its schools.

“So I applied at Adairville and started the job July 1, 1993,” she said.

What began as a new program would become a lifelong career.

Over the years, all three women watched the needs of students and families evolve. Browder remembers a time when assistance was more commonly centered around basic school necessities.

“When I started, it was mainly clothes and school supplies,” she said. “Now it helps with housing, medical, and transportation.”

Kees has seen similar changes, particularly in the number of families struggling with food insecurity, transportation and affordable housing. She also pointed to an increased need for emotional support.

“Lack of basic needs brings on stress, and the stress brings on physical implications,” she said. “It seems like one big vicious

cycle.”

Madison said the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated some of those challenges, particularly when it came to mental health.

“The need students had for mental health has skyrocketed and there just are not enough counselors to go around,” she said.

She also noted the increasing financial pressure on families and the ways technology and cell phones have introduced challenges that schools did not face when she began her career.

Despite the changes, the women believe the most important part of FRYSC work has remained constant: caring about people.

For Kees, that means meeting families where they are.

“Loving our kids and their families where they are, building relationships to build trust, and serving out of love to meet needs just as you would for your own kids and your own family,” she said.

Madison said trust is equally important.

“To be that person that can be trusted, caring and passionate about their role,” she said. “For me it is all about relationship building.”

Browder offered perhaps the simplest test for whether someone is suited for the job.

“If you don't have a loving and giving heart, you should never consider being a FRYSC director,” she said. “If you think that people are beneath you, you don't need to be a director.”

Faith has also played a role in how the women approached difficult moments.

Kees remembers an experience early in her career that strengthened her belief that she would always find a way to help a child in need.

One morning, she helped a student who had an accident and gave her the last pair of pants or shorts available in her size. Kees had no money in the budget to purchase more. That very afternoon, a sizable donation of clean, gently used clothing arrived—including plenty of clothes in the exact size she needed.

“I took that as a sign that I never had to doubt being able to take care of our kids,” Kees said. “All I needed to do was have faith, be a good steward, and do what needed to be done for the ones who needed it.”

The women have accu-

mulated countless memories over the years, but many of the most meaningful moments came long after a student left school.

Kees said one of the greatest rewards has been encountering former students as adults.

“They will often ask me if I remember certain times that they have held onto,” she said. “Sometimes we laugh, sometimes we cry. Those moments—well, those moments make my heart sing.”

Browder has experienced the same phenomenon. Former students still approach her and some even call her “Granny,” a nickname she considers an expression of affection.

“There is not just one student or family that stands out because they all have a special place in my heart,” she said.

Madison said she has also heard from former students who have told her the Youth Services Center made a difference in whether they graduated or were able to experience

important milestones.

“You do not really know the impact you have at times,” she said. “But years later I have had students that I will run into and they have shared with me that they would not have graduated or gotten to have some of the experiences they had if it had not been for the YSC.”

Some of Madison’s memories are more unusual.

She recalled visiting a home years ago where there were dirt floors and a large hole in the wall. At one point, something brushed against her legs and ran out through the opening.

“To this day I am not sure if it was a small dog or what!” she said.

And then there is “Mrs. Jama.”

Because Madison has spent so many years in Logan County Schools, she said she can hardly go anywhere without hearing a former or current student call her name.

“My husband always

says, 'Anywhere we go, we hear Mrs. Jama!'" she said. “And now I tell him, I am going to miss that!”

The three women have also become a support system for one another. Though their positions placed them in different schools and districts, years of working in the same field brought them close.

Kees described their friendship as something that goes well beyond the workplace.

“We have become more than co-workers and more than friends; we are more like sisters,” she said. “We have learned together, struggled together, celebrated together, cried together, and oh my goodness, we laughed together.”

Browder said their bond has made their shared retirement especially meaningful.

“We work together for so many years that we are more than just colleagues; we're family and we treat each other as family,” she said. “We love one another, love each other's family and

we're there for one another when we are needed.”

Madison considers it an honor to finish her career alongside the two women.

“To be able to retire with Carol Kees and Debbie Browder is a great honor,” she said. “I just cannot think of a better way to go out than with Carol and Debbie.”

As they look toward retirement, the three are ready for a different pace of life.

Browder hopes to relax, travel and spend more time with family. Kees is looking forward to spending more time with family and friends, particularly her grandchildren.

Madison has travel plans of her own, including a trip to Las Vegas to see Kenny Chesney at the Sphere. She also has a getaway planned with Kees and Browder and hopes to spend more time camping and at the lake with her husband, niece and nephew.

After spending so many

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to KRS 132.027, as amended by the Kentucky General Assembly Extraordinary Session of 1979, the City of Russellville will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 4:45 p.m. at City Hall, Russellville, Kentucky to hear comments from the public regarding the proposed 2026 Tax Rates on Real Property.

As required by law, this includes the following information:

	Tax Rate per \$100 Assessed Valuation	Revenue:
1. Preceding Year Tax Rate and Revenue Produced from Real Property	.255	1,098,703
2. Tax Rate Proposed for Current Year and Expected Revenue from Real Property	.255	1,152,848
3. Compensating Tax Rate and Expected Revenue from Real Property	.244	1,103,118
4. Revenue Expected from New Real Property - Less Exemptions	--	32,115
5. Preceding Year Tax Rate and Revenue Produced from Personal Property	.329	237,557
6. Tax Rate Proposed for Current Year and Revenue Expected from Personal Property	.329	224,930

The City of Russellville proposes to exceed the compensating rate by levying a proposed rate of .255, the same rate as the preceding year. If revenues are in excess of the revenue produced in the preceding year, revenues will be spent in the following areas of City government: Administrative, Police, Fire, Streets, Cemeteries, Parks and Recreation and Service Center.

THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS REQUIRED PUBLICATION OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.
CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE, KENTUCKY

Jennifer R. Maudlin
City Clerk/Treasurer



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

On or about August 31, 2026, East Logan Water District will file an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission to adjust its monthly rates for water service. East Logan Water District is making this application to comply with the Kentucky Public Service Commission’s Order of January 7, 2026, in Case No. 2025-00265. East Logan Water District’s application will be filed pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. Under those procedures, the proposed rates may not be placed into effect until the Kentucky Public Service Commission has issued an order approving the proposed rates or six (6) months from the date of the filing of the application, whichever occurs first.

East Logan Water District proposes the following rates for water service:

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES											
Current Rates					Proposed Rates					Change (\$)	Change (%)
5/8" x 3/4" Meter											
First	2,000	\$	21.77	Minimum Bill	First	2,000	\$	24.32	Minimum Bill	\$	2.55
Next	2,000		0.01033	per gallon	Next	2,000		0.01154	per gallon	\$	0.00121
Next	2,000		0.00990	per gallon	Next	2,000		0.01106	per gallon	\$	0.00116
Next	4,000		0.00868	per gallon	Next	4,000		0.00970	per gallon	\$	0.00102
Over	10,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	10,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073
1" Meter											
First	4,000	\$	42.43	Minimum Bill	First	4,000		47.40	Minimum Bill	\$	4.97
Next	2,000		0.00990	per gallon	Next	2,000		0.01106	per gallon	\$	0.00116
Next	4,000		0.00868	per gallon	Next	4,000		0.00970	per gallon	\$	0.00102
Over	10,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	10,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073
1-1/2" Meter											
First	6,000	\$	62.23	Minimum Bill	First	6,000		69.51	Minimum Bill	\$	7.28
Next	4,000		0.00868	per gallon	Next	4,000		0.00970	per gallon	\$	0.00102
Over	10,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	10,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073
2" Meter											
First	10,000	\$	96.95	Minimum Bill	First	10,000		108.30	Minimum Bill	\$	11.35
Over	10,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	10,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073
3" Meter											
First	30,000	\$	222.55	Minimum Bill	First	30,000		248.59	Minimum Bill	\$	26.04
Over	30,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	30,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073
4" Meter											
First	50,000	\$	348.15	Minimum Bill	First	50,000		388.89	Minimum Bill	\$	40.74
Over	50,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	50,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073
6" Meter											
First	100,000	\$	662.15	Minimum Bill	First	100,000		739.64	Minimum Bill	\$	77.49
Over	100,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	100,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073
8" Meter											
First	150,000	\$	976.15	Minimum Bill	First	150,000		1,090.39	Minimum Bill	\$	114.24
Over	150,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	150,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073
Trailer Park											
First	36,000		\$391.86	Minimum Bill	First	36,000		437.72	Minimum Bill	\$	45.86
Next	36,000		0.01033	per gallon	Next	36,000		0.01154	per gallon	\$	0.00121
Next	36,000		0.00990	per gallon	Next	36,000		0.01106	per gallon	\$	0.00116
Next	72,000		0.00868	per gallon	Next	72,000		0.00970	per gallon	\$	0.00102
Over	180,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	180,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073
Leak Adjustment											
All			0.00338	per gallon	All			0.00378	per gallon	\$	0.00040

If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rate, the increase in a customer's monthly bill will be:

Customer	Average Usage (gals)	Monthly Bill at Current Rates	Monthly Bill at Proposed Rates	Monthly Bill Increase (%)	\$ Increase
5/8" x 3/4" meter	4,231	\$ 44.72	\$ 49.95	11.71%	\$ 5.24
1" meter	23,468	\$ 181.53	\$ 202.73	11.68%	\$ 21.20
1-1/2" meter	17	\$ 62.23	\$ 69.51	11.70%	\$ 7.28
2" meter	186,991	\$ 1,208.45	\$ 1,349.00	11.63%	\$ 140.55
3" meter	-	\$ 222.55	\$ 248.59	11.70%	\$ 26.04
4" meter	1,128,146	\$ 7,118.91	\$ 7,946.70	11.63%	\$ 827.79
6" meter	-	\$ 662.15	\$ 739.64	11.70%	\$ 77.49
8" meter	-	\$ 976.15	\$ 1,090.39	11.70%	\$ 114.24
Trailer Park	87,792	\$ 920.08	\$ 1,027.81	11.71%	\$ 107.74
Leak Adjustment		0.00338	0.00	11.83%	\$ 0.00040

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has established Case No. 2026-00228 to review East Logan Water District’s application. Any person may examine this application at East Logan Water District’s office, 333 South Franklin Street, Russellville, Kentucky 42276, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or at the Kentucky Public Service Commission’s offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Public Service Commission’s Web site at <https://psc.ky.gov/Case/ViewCaseFilings/2026-00228>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Kentucky Public Service Commission through the Commission’s Web Site at <https://psc.ky.gov/Case/SearchCasesPublicComments> or by e-mail to psc@d.ky.gov or by mail to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by East Logan Water District. However, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the person’s status and interest. If the Kentucky Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of notice, it may take final action on the proposed rates.

East Logan Water District