## **SCHOOL & SPORTS**

### Woods are ready for spring hunting seasons Conditions favorable for novice turkey and squirrel hunters

Kentucky's spring hunting seasons kick off with the youth-only turkey season April 5-6, followed by the general season for turkeys April 12-May 4. Spring squirrel season, a popular activity for both novice and experienced hunters, commences May 17 and continues for nearly a month, concluding June 15.

Surveys foreshadow a great turkey season ahead. "During our winter netting and leg banding research, we caught an unusually high number of jakes, or younger birds," said Zak Danks, Wild Turkey Program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "This aligns with the productive poult hatch in 2024, so I expect hunters will see more jakes this spring."

Danks suggests this should be an especially good season for youth and new hunters looking to bag a bird for the first time. Younger birds are easier for hunters to fool than older birds that have been hunted previously.

Hunters would do well to have a good turkey call and know how to use it. The online Learn to Hunt Turkey webpage on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website is a great place to start for tips and resources.

While most turkeys are harvested the opening weekend of the spring season, hunters should remember they still have three more weeks to take their bird. Weather plays an important role. "In general, turkey hunting is more difficult on windy or rainy days, although I still hunt whenever I can," Danks said.

l No more than two legal . turkeys may be taken per t spring season. A legal turkey is defined as a wild turkey that is male or has a visible beard. Hunters may only harvest one bearded turkey per wildlife management area (WMA), and no more than one bird may be taken per day. Turkeys taken by youths during the youth-only season count toward their spring turkey bag limit.

For those without a place to hunt, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife manages dozens of WMAs across the state open to the public for hunting. Find these online at the department's Wildlife Management Area & Public Lands Search webpage.

Danks recommends public lands hunters focus on prescribed burn sites with the fresh regrowth favored by turkeys. Scouting via an interactive topographic and aerial photography map, like the one available on the department's Hunting webpage, will provide a starting point for finding this type of land. Hunters can also contact a regional US Forest Service ranger office or local Kentucky Fish and Wildlife biologist in an area they have chosen to hunt to ask about potential burn sites.

Hunters who want to stay in the woods after turkey season have nearly a month in May and June for squirrel season. The department's online Squirrel Hunting page provides expert advice on hunting, processing and cooking squirrels.

Squirrel hunting is ideal for novice hunters because it is not as equipment intensive as many kinds of hunting. It also helps hunters develop their woodsmanship skills. While the state has eastern gray squirrels and eastern fox squirrels, most hunters

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# **CLASSIFIEDS**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Notice of Availability Branton C. Bryant Poultry Barn Construction, Kentucky Draft Environmental Assessment

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces they will be completing an Environmental Assessment for the construction of four Tyson poultry houses for Branton C. Bryant. The houses will be constructed on Rhoten Cave Road, Tompkinsville, KY. The primary objective of the activity is to construct the poultry houses for broiler chicken production for Tyson Foods.

FSA is accepting comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through April 13th, 2025. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the Columbia FSA Office. Comments should be submitted to Joe Collins at 961 Campbellsville Road Columbia, KY 42728 or by email to joe.collins@usda.gov.

#### Mayor's Budget Message

To: Commission, City of Gamaliel, Kentucky Citizens of the City of Gamaliel Employees of the City of Gamaliel

From: Bob Greer, Mayor Date: \_\_\_\_\_*3/10/25*\_\_\_\_\_ CITY OF GAMALIEL

GAMALIEL, KENTUCKY WWTP – DO CONTROL PROJECT

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

General Notice

City of Gamaliel (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

WWTP - DO Control Project

#### Project #S24187

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Gamaliel City Hall** located at **340 Main St**, **Gamaliel**, **KY 42602**, until **Thursday**, **April 10**, **2025** at **1:00** p.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be **publicly** opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

The project includes but is not limited to installation of variable frequency drives, controllers, and DO probes to allow the existing WWTP aeration equipment to be controlled in real time by dissolved oxygen levels within the oxidation ditch. The work includes installation of all drives, panels, wiring, conduit and all other work required for the completion of the project.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: WWTP – DO Control Project. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be as shown in the Bid Form.

#### **Obtaining the Bidding Documents**

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., 922 State Street #400 Bowling Green, KY 42101. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Prospective Bidders may also examine the drawings via the Web-based service of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. at www.commonwealthengineers.com.

The Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings will be provided via the web-based service of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. at <u>www.commonwealthengineers.com</u>. The plan holder will receive an email link to the PDF downloadable documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of <u>One Hundred</u> <u>Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$150.00) plus 6% sales tax</u>, per project division desired.

One set of printed Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings may be obtained upon payment of an additional non-refundable fee of <u>Two Hundred 00/100 Dollars (\$200.00) plus 6% sales tax</u>, per project division desired, via the web-based service of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. at <u>www.commonwealthengineers.com</u>. Requests for Contract Documents and Specifications and Drawings must also include a return street address; post office box numbers are not acceptable.

#### Subject: FY 2025-2026 Budget Proposal and Message

The Kentucky Revised Statutes set forth the requirements and certain guidelines for financial administration of the fiscal affairs of cities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. KRS 91A.010 Through 91A.060, 83A.130(12), 83A.140(8) and 83A. 150(5) specifically address the requirements of financial administration and fiscal responsibility.

I am presenting to you this budget message and attached budget proposal for fiscal year 2025-2026 on an effort to comply with these statutes.

The proposal and explanations in the subsequent exhibits are presented for your consideration and I hope you will find them both reasonable and workable.

#### Thank you.

#### CITY OF GAMALIEL, KENTUCKY MUNICIPAL ROAD AID PROGRAM PROPOSED USE OF BUDGET JULY 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026

Unappropriated fund balance June 30, 2025		\$ 12,752.07
Anticipated receipts		\$ 8,536.67
Total available for appropriation		\$_21,288.74
Proposed projects and appropriation		
1. F	Roadway Improvements	\$ 13,000
2. 8	Sidewalk repairs	\$
3.	Gravel	\$ 5,500
4. 5	Signage	\$ 2500
5		\$
6		\$
7		\$
Total appropriations		\$600.60
Balance unappropriated June 30, 2026		\$2 88.74

Contract Documents will not be sold separate from the web-based service (i.e. <u>All</u> plan holders will be required to purchase through the web-based service). Partial sets of Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings are not available. Questions pertaining to this project shall be submitted directly to Travis S. Harper, P.E. at Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. via <u>https://login.procore.com</u>. Additional questions concerning access to the website may be directed to Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. at (317) 888-1177.

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All addenda, which may be issued for this Project, will be issued to each plan holder via email. For those whom also purchase printed Contract Documents, printed addenda will be provided as well. All plan holders shall note, the printed documents are provided as a courtesy and do not preclude the plan holder from relying upon the web/email based materials (i.e. delays in mail delivery will not be considered relevant due to all contract document holders access to materials via web/email).

No refunds will be issued for this project.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. NO bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least Sixty (60) days.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

#### Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday March 27, 2025** at **1:00 p.m.** at **City Hall**, **340 Main St, Gamaliel**, **KY 42140**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

#### Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Gamaliel

By: Bob Greer

Title: Mayor

Date: March 20, 2025

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