

## Current Public Records

# Ky. Business Investment Program helps Letica expansion

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, on Jan. 30 announced Letica Corp., a subsidiary company of Berry Global, announced plans

to expand its operation in Fulton County with a \$27.8 million investment creating 15 new Kentucky jobs.

“Kentucky’s manufacturing growth has been a critical component in our state’s recent historic economic momentum,” said Gov. Beshear. “We continue to see global leaders in their respective industries invest in the commonwealth and its communities, providing quality job opportunities for Kentuckians and their families. I want to thank Letica Corp. and Berry Global for their trust in this great state and look forward to their continued success.”

To meet growing industry and customer demand, the company is planning to expand its manufacturing operation in Fulton County, adding an additional 45,000 square feet to its warehouse. The investment will also include building and property improvements as well as the addition of new machinery and equipment upgrades. The 15 new jobs created will push the company’s statewide employment to 216.

“We are excited to announce the expansion of our Fulton, Kentucky, plant,” said Kody Chapman, Berry’s Fulton County plant director. “This expansion is a testament to the employees here in Fulton. Their work ethic coupled with high technical aptitude has made expanding at this site possible. We look forward to con-

tinuing our partnership with the Fulton community and are proud to contribute to its economic vitality.”

Berry Global Inc. is a global leader in innovative packaging solutions with over 240 locations worldwide and more than 40,000 employees. Through its subsidiary, Letica Corp., Berry has been operating in Fulton County since 2019, where the facility manufactures plastic containers with corresponding handles and lids for customers in the food, commercial and industrial manufacturing industries.

Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin is excited to see the company expand its local operation: “The Fulton County Fiscal Court is very appreciative of the assistance the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development provided for Berry Global’s expansion in Fulton County. Berry is a great asset to our community, and we are very happy to see them expand their business here. We are committed to assisting the state and Berry Global in all endeavors here in Fulton County. Thank you for making Fulton County a better place!”

Fulton City Manager Mike Gunn highlighted the positive economic impact the project will have on the community: “This invest-

ment by Berry Global and Letica in the city of Fulton is vital for our community’s prosperity. It not only safeguards existing jobs but also paves the way for new opportunities, boosting our local economy and strengthening the fabric of our community. This investment signifies a shared commitment to building a thriving community, that is sustainable in the city of Fulton and the surrounding region.”

Mark Welch, president of the Fulton-Hickman Counties Economic Development Partnership, noted the important role the company has played in the local community: “Letica and Berry Global have, for many years, been an important industrial partner with the city of Fulton and Fulton County. This expansion project is another indicator that Fulton is open for business and growing!”

Letica and Berry’s investment and job creation build on the best five-year period for economic growth in state history.

Gov. Beshear announced a Supply Kentucky initiative with the goal of boosting job growth, reducing costs and providing more security in the supply chains of our Kentucky companies. And in November, the Governor announced a new initiative, called New Kentucky

Home, to increase economic investment, attract and retain talent, and increase tourism across the state.

To encourage investment and job growth in the community, the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) preliminarily approved a 15-year incentive agreement with the company under the Kentucky Business Investment program. The performance-based agreement can provide up to \$405,000 in tax incentives based on the company’s investment of \$27.8 million and annual targets of: creation and maintenance of 15 Kentucky-resident, full-time jobs across 15 years; and paying an average hourly wage of \$27.48, including benefits, across those jobs.

By meeting its annual targets over the agreement term, the company can be eligible to keep a portion of the new tax revenue it generates. The company may claim eligible incentives against its income tax liability and/or wage assessments.

In addition, Letica Corp. can receive resources from Kentucky’s workforce service providers. Those include no-cost recruitment and job placement services, reduced-cost customized training and job-training incentives.



Dan Pirtle, right, was presented an engraved watch for his service to the Kentucky Soybean Association at the recent annual meeting. (Photo submitted)

## Pirtle honored by Ky. Soybean Assoc.

The Kentucky Soybean Association (KSA) held its Annual Meeting during the Kentucky Commodity Conference in Bowling Green on Jan. 16.

Dan Pirtle of Water Valley, Ky., has served the maximum of three, three-year terms permitted by the Association’s bylaws, which left an open seat in the Purchase Area. Mako Nesler of Mayfield was

elected by the farmers in that area to represent them on the Association board. Nesler has been an Association member intermittently since 2009, and renewed his commitment to the organization in 2023.

Retiring director Pirtle was presented with engraved watches as tokens of the Association’s appreciation by incoming KSA President Jonathan Reynolds.

# South Fulton Planning, Zoning Board announces agenda for Feb. 6 meeting

The City of South Fulton Planning & Zoning Board will meet Thurs., Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. in the South Fulton Municipal Complex commission room. The meeting is open to the public.

The following items are listed on the meeting’s agenda: I. Pledge and Prayer II.

Determination of Quorum, Call to order. III. Review/Approval of minutes. IV. Old Business: a. 116 Oak Street, Owner, Titan Real Property, LLC - condemnation status check b. 505 College Street, D. Gray, LLC - condemnation status check c. 700 Enterprise Street, Owner, Ezell

Johnson - condemnation status check d. 309 Broadway Street, Owner, Tonda Casey - condemnation status check e. 112 Taylor Street, Owner, Charles Cutwright - condemnation status check f. 415 Williams Street, Owner, Mr. Escobar - condemnation status check g. 510 E. Smith

Street, Owner, Mr. Maldonado - progress check. h. 703 East State Line, Owner, Mr. Kenneth Moore - progress check V. New Business. a. 205 Williams Street, Church Of Christ Holiness, Owner Major Martin - discussion to start condemnation process b. 203 Williams Street, Owner Major Martin - discussion to start condemnation process. c. 224 Willow Drive, Owner Ricky Parker - discussion to start condemnation. d. 209 Holmes - Double wide with Brick Foundation VI. Sign-In sheet for Question, Comments, and Suggestions Germane to the agenda. VII. Adjournment.

## BRIDGE

The Fulton Duplicate Bridge results from Mon., Jan. 27 included: 1. Dr. Tommy Taylor and Julia Rambo; 2. Pam Fee and Sarah Pentecost.

Also competing were Miriam Hicks, Jackye Hohman, Pam Wade, Carol Howell,

Nancy Jo Yarbrough, Nancy Richards, Kathy Wilson and Dianna Nerren.

Fulton Duplicate Bridge results from Mon. Feb. 3 include: 1. Pam Fee and Sarah Pentecost; 2. Nancy Jo Yarbrough and Nancy Richards.

Others playing included Dr. Tommy Taylor, Julia Rambo, Pam Wade, Carol Howell, Kathy Wilson, Dianna Nerren, Jackye Hohman and Miriam Hicks.

The next game will be Mon., Feb. 10.

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