

First Black woman elected to Kentucky Supreme Court takes oath

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Kentucky Lantern

Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Pamela Goodwine — the first Black woman elected to the high court — was officially sworn into office Friday to cheering and clapping in the packed Frankfort chamber and the two overflow rooms.

Goodwine reflected on her life of overcoming obstacles when speaking Friday, and promised to carry “the importance of faith and education and perseverance” with her in the future.

“I always say I don’t give up on my dreams when life gets hard, I simply work harder to make my dreams come true,” she said. “If there is one philosophy and action I would like to be known for and for you all to recognize and live by as well, that is it. No matter what life brings your way, keep dreaming, keep working for your goals.”

Goodwine spent time in foster care as an infant and was later adopted by her foster parents, the Lantern previously reported. The Youngstown, Ohio, native and high school valedictorian gave up a college scholarship to support her adoptive father who was dying of lung cancer. About six months after her father was diagnosed, he died. After his death, his brother killed her mother.

At 24, she was diagnosed with Crohn’s disease, an incurable bowel inflammation condition that can be painful and disruptive to life. After that diagnosis, she spent two months hospitalized and had to re-learn how to eat and walk.

She began working in the courts as a legal secretary and



Former Kentucky Chief Justice Laurance Van Meter, left, administers the oath of office to Justice Pamela Goodwine. With Goodwine are her husband, Lee A. Padgett Jr., and great-grandson, Beckham Mourning. (Photo by Mark Cornelison/Administrative Office of the Courts)

court stenographer. She earned undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Kentucky and in 1994 entered private practice with the firm Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs until her appointment to the district court bench in 1999. Goodwine won her circuit judge seat in 2003. She became the first Black woman to serve on the Kentucky Court of Appeals after being elected in 2018.

“I have often been called a trailblazer,” Goodwine said. “More important than achieving any individual accomplishment,

I have always believed that it is each of our responsibility to live and serve in ways that make the world a better place for generations that follow us.”

PRAISE FOR GOODWINE

During her investiture, Goodwine’s fellow justices praised her for her tenacious character and long career of firsts. They also applauded her for making history yet again in officially donning her Supreme Court robes and inspiring broader trust in the court

Justice Angela McCormick Bisig said race and gender aren’t usually part of the discussions justices have about cases on their docket.

But, she said, “for this court to do that very important work, it is best to have all lived experiences and points of view at the table, because we can all strive to be compassionate and understanding, but we really can’t know what it’s like to be someone else.”

Gov. Andy Beshear said Goodwine’s win is a “cause for celebration” but “it’s also a re-

minder of our reality, that nearly 250 years into the history of this great country, we are still recognizing firsts.”

“Because of Justice Goodwine’s tenacity, pushing through personal tragedy, struggle and, yes, discrimination that still exists in our world, we are closer to the promise of our country that every child no matter their circumstances can dream of being a Kentucky Supreme Court justice,” Beshear said. “I’d like to thank her for making us a little bit better here in the commonwealth today.”

Chief Justice Debra Lambert called Goodwine’s presence a “gift to our court” and “a reminder that the court should be principled and deliberate and deeply human.”

While judicial races are non-partisan, both Goodwine and her opponent received partisan support. Democrat Beshear’s political committees contributed \$510,000 to help Goodwine win. Her donors also included former Democratic Govs. Steve Beshear and Paul Patton, as well as some Democrats in the legislature.

Goodwine won her race for the 5th District seat in November, becoming the first woman and fifth person in history to serve at every level of the judiciary. The Kentucky Supreme Court also has a majority of women now, for the first time ever. Goodwine’s investiture was originally scheduled for January but was delayed because of weather.

During the ceremony, Fayette County District Judge Melissa Moore Murphy led the crowd in singing “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” the Black National Anthem.

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2025, AT 10:30 A.M. BEFORE THE JESSAMINE DISTRICT COURT, JESSAMINE COURTHOUSE ANNEX, NICHOLASVILLE KENTUCKY. UNLESS EXCEPTIONS ARE FILED BEFORE THAT TIME, THE SETTLEMENT SHALL BE APPROVED, CONFIRMED AND RECORDED ACCORDING TO LAW.

/s/Doug Fain
Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

Jessamine Journal:
Apr. 24, 2025
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
MERGER OF NORTH J
ESSAMINE TAXING DISTRICT
INTO THE JESSAMINE
COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**

In accordance with KRS 424.160(1)(a), notice is hereby given that the North Jessamine Taxing District will be merged into the Jessamine County Fire District. This notice serves to inform the public that the full advertisement is available online. To View the Full Notice, Visit: <https://www.jessaminefire.com> Official Notice Website: <https://www.jessamineky.gov>

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MERGER

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Jessamine County Fiscal Court on April 15, 2025 enacted an ordinance, the full text of which is available for public inspection in the office of the Jessamine County Clerk, Jessamine County Courthouse, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40356. The Ordinance by title and summary is as follows:

An Ordinance relating to: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by the City of Nicholasville and the Jessamine County Fiscal Court to Jointly Fund the Construction of and Jointly Own a Community Recreation Center Located on John Preece Drive, Nicholasville, Kentucky, 40356

JESSAMINE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF FIRE DISTRICT MERGER

Notice is hereby given that the North Jessamine Taxing District is merging into the Jessamine County Fire District, effective

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following the public hearing scheduled for **May 12, 2025, at 4:30 PM at Jessamine County Fire Station 1, located at 1310 South Main Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356.**

This action follows the reduction of the North Jessamine Taxing District’s tax rate to 0%, and service responsibilities will transfer to the Jessamine County Fire District. There will be **no interruption of fire protection services.**

Public Rights & Access: Pursuant to KRS 75.020 and KRS 75.420, property owners may inspect all associated documents and provide comments. Written objections may be filed with the Jessamine County Clerk by **May 12, 2025**, in accordance with KRS 424.130(1) (b). A hearing will be held if 51% or more of affected property owners object.

To inspect documents or obtain copies:

Visit: <https://www.jessaminefire.com>
Call: (859) 885-9221
Mail or visit: **Jessamine County Fire District, 1310 S. Main St., Nicholasville, KY 40356**
Full notice available online at: <https://www.jessaminefire.com>
Official notice website: <https://www.jessamineky.gov>

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An Ordinance relating to: Interlocal Agreement between the City of Nicholasville and Jessamine County for the Operation of the Joint Parks and Recreation Program

JESSAMINE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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ACG BBQ, LLC, with a mailing address of One Buckhead Plaza, 3060 Peachtree Road, Suite 425, Atlanta, Georgia 40356, hereby declares its intention to apply for a NQ-2 Retail Drink License and a Special Sunday Retail Drink License no later than April 30, 2025. The business to be licensed will be doing business as Sonny’s BBQ and will be located at 109 N. Pla-

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za Dr., Nicholasville, Kentucky 40356. ACG BBQ, LLC, is a Delaware limited liability company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is wholly owned by ACG BBQ Opco Holdings, LLC. The principal officers are: Michael Klump (President of ACG BBQ and ACG BBQ Opco Holdings) One Buckhead Plaza, 3060 Peachtree Road, Suite 425, Atlanta, Georgia 40356; and Karl Jaeger (Vice President of ACG BBQ and ACG BBQ Opco Holdings) One Buckhead Plaza, 3060 Peachtree Road, Suite 425, Atlanta, Georgia 40356. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the approval of the license

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by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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SONNY’S BBQ

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on January 21, 2025, scheduling a hearing to be held on May 13, 2025, at 9 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for Case No. 2024-00326. This is an examination of the Electronic 2024 Joint Integrated Resource Plan of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company.

This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

Louisville Gas and Electric Company and
Kentucky Utilities Company
2701 Eastpoint Parkway
Louisville, Kentucky 40223

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY’S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan (“2025 Plan”). (Collectively, KU’s Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU’s “tariff filing.”) If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU’s existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers’ bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU’s 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU’s tariff filing at the Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission’s website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or KU’s website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.