Bracken County District Court

Nov. 25, Judge Kim Leet Razor Presiding:

Damian Lee Thorp, 34, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, first degree criminal mischief, no/expired registration plates, leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, failure to appear notice Jan. 13.

Christian Thomas, 43, speeding 10 mph over limit, failure to appear notify DOT.

Edward Day, 45, violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O., pretrial conference Jan. 27.

Brooklyn C Aulick, 24, operating motor vehicle under the influence, three counts first degree wanton endangerment, pretrial hearing Dec. 2.

Lewis County District Court

Nov. 25, Judge Paul E. Craft Presiding:

Nathan D. Lumpkins, 26, operating motor vehicle under the influence (first offense), resisting arrest, pretrial conference Dec. 16.

Jessica Bare, 38, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance (first offense), failure to produce insurance card, no operator's/moped license, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Jessica Dawn Bare, 38, display of illegal/altered registration, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense), no operator's/moped license, careless driving, failure to produce insurance card, failure to notify address change to DOT, failure to or improper signal, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

James M. Cygnor, 65, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure to appear.

Stephanie Ann Fryman, 35, speeding 5 mph over limit, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure to appear.

Jonathan Colton Gage Meredith, 19, fourth-degree assault, pretrial conference Jan. 13.

Roger Mosley, 41, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, license to be in possession, inadequate silencer (muffler), no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, improper registration plate, improper display of registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense), failure to produce insurance card, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Todd Adkins, local county ordinance, pretrial conference Dec. 9.

Dustin Kyle Highfield, 34, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense), failure to appear.

Faith Walje, local county ordinance, pretrial conference Dec. 9.

Gov. Beshear: Trump's Dangerous Policy Changes Will Increase Homelessness in Kentucky, Across Country

Submitted by the Office of Gov. Andy Beshear

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 25, 2025) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear joined leaders from 19 other states and the District of Columbia in a lawsuit challenging the Trump administration's decision to unlawfully end support through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which will result in more homeless Kentuckians and Americans. The drastic policy changes would gut more than $15 million in federal funding to the commonwealth, putting 700 households at risk of returning to homelessness and 1,200 Kentuckians at risk of losing their housing.

"These illegal and cruel policy changes will cause more people – like veterans and families – to go homeless and make our communities less safe, with more people forced to live on the streets," said Gov. Beshear. "We should be helping people get back on their feet through a safe place to call home, not barring them from any chance of success. These policy changes are wrong and dangerous, and they will set our commonwealth and country back."

The lawsuit is focused on proposed changes to the Continuum of Care (CoC) program, which directs federal dollars to keep families with children, seniors, veterans and disabled persons housed. The changes would put a 30% cap on funding that states can receive for permanent supportive housing projects and would require states to re-apply for money previously approved by Congress and awarded in 2024. Without the changes, Kentucky expected to have its total award of over $21 million to keep people housed and to provide homeless services.

With a 30% cap, Kentucky would lose 70% of the more than $15 million currently approved that supports permanent supportive housing in 118 of the state's 120 counties. The cap would also negatively impact more than $20 million in federal funding going toward rental assistance and supportive assistance for homeless Kentuckians.

Eight of the grants currently awarded are specifically for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), which serve around 324 Kentuckians, including 69 survivors of domestic violence and 205 individuals with at least one disability.

Amanda Couch, CEO of Welcome House Inc., an organization that helps with housing services across Northern Kentucky, shared what is at risk if this grant funding ends: "In 2025, Welcome House has already served 99 households, 122 adults and 69 children through our two Rapid Re-Housing grants and six Permanent Supportive Housing programs. These grants, totaling nearly $2.4 million, are the backbone of housing stability across multiple rural regions in the Kentucky Balance of State. Behind every number is a real family – parents trying to keep their children safe, individuals living with chronic health conditions, and people who simply need a stable home to begin rebuilding. If this funding disappears, these households will be pushed back into homelessness, and communities will lose the very programs proven to reduce crisis system costs and improve long-term outcomes. The need will not go away, but without this funding, our ability to respond will be severely diminished."

None of these requirements received Congressional approval, and they are in direct contrast to previous guidance.

The other states represented in the challenge are Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin, along with the District of Columbia.

EKP settlement rate hike less than $5 a month, AG says

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman announced on Tuesday a proposed settlement with East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) to preserve affordable and reliable electricity for over 570,000 Kentucky homes, farms and businesses in 89 counties.

The proposed settlement, which must be approved by the Public Service Commission (PSC), protects Kentuckians from double-digit rate increases that are facing families in other parts of the country. According to the settlement terms, residential customers will see an increase of less than $5 on their monthly bills. EKPC also agreed not to seek another rate increase on families for at least three years.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the average American residential price for electricity has risen nearly 34 percent since 2020. Kentucky's residential rate increases are far below the national average, and Coleman is fighting to keep double-digit increases out of Kentucky.

In the settlement, Coleman said he prioritized both keeping Kentuckians' rate increases as low as possible and preventing another rate increase for multiple years.

"Affordable and reliable energy is Kentucky's competitive advantage, and it's the reason so many families are proud to call the Commonwealth home," he stated."This settlement will preserve affordability while also building out our energy capacity to fuel new jobs and economic growth for a generation."

The proceeds from the settlement will be used by the cooperative to fuel what they term bold growth intended to power Kentucky's next chapter. The cooperative is embarking on a $2 billion capital investment plan that will build two new power stations and will upgrade an existing coal plant to be co-fired with natural gas.

EKPC is a not-for-profit, rural electric generation and transmission cooperative with headquarters in Winchester. It provides services to 16 member cooperatives that cover nearly three quarters of Kentucky.

Executive Director of the Attorney General's Office of Rate Intervention John Horne and Assistant Attorney General Larry Cook negotiated the settlement on the behalf of the ratepayers.

No word on when the PSC will take action on the settlement.