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Reynolds honored with KSA's Eddie Voils Leadership Award

The Kentucky Soybean Association (KSA) presented its 2025 Eddie Voils Leadership Award during the Kentucky Commodity Conference held on January 15.

This award is presented to the past year's top volunteer. It is a reflection of hard work, respect, and dedication to the soybean industry. This award is named for former KSA President Eddie Voils, who was extremely passionate about what the Kentucky Soybean Association stands for.

This year's winner has been an active member of the Kentucky Soybean Association since 2016, and he has earned this award through dedication to service in a wide variety of ways.

Jonathan Reynolds first came on the soybean scene as a youngster, accompanying his grandfather to the National Farm Machinery Show, Murray State University Soybean Promotion Day, University field days and other events. While still in college at the Murray State University Hutson School of Ag, he reached out to the soybean office to inquire if he could attend Soybean Leadership College while still an undergrad. Of course, the answer was a resounding "yes," and he has been active ever since.

From Frankfort to Wash-

ington, D.C., Reynolds has a solid grasp on issues that affect his operation (and yours) at the farm gate level. Time spent with his grandfather along with his FFA State Officer training have served him well, as he's an outstanding and persuasive speaker. He's written and signed off on countless letters since being in Association leadership, and he's quite accessible to the media, speaking out on ev-



Reynolds accepts the Eddie Voils Leadership Award from Eddie Voils' granddaughter, Ashley Coffey, during the Kentucky Commodity Conference Awards Celebration. (Photo submitted)

Kentucky tax filing season begins Jan. 26

The Kentucky Department of Revenue (DOR) will begin accepting state individual income tax returns on Mon., Jan. 26 and begin processing refund requests on Mon., Feb. 2. The deadline for Kentuckians to file 2025 returns is Wed., April 15, 2026. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) also will begin accepting federal individual income tax returns on Jan. 26.

Electronic individual income tax returns typically take four to six weeks to process. Taxpayers may check the status of their refund online by entering their Social Security number and exact dollar amount of the expected Kentucky refund.

Each year, DOR partners with the IRS to operate Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites across the state. At these sites, knowledgeable staff provide free tax filing assistance to eligible individuals and families, as well as Kentucky state government employees.

This free service is available to help individuals with an annual income of \$67,000 or less or any Kentucky state government employee, regardless of income. In-person assistance will be offered by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Feb. 10 to April 14. If you believe you qualify and would like to take advantage of this service, please schedule an appointment by contacting the nearest regional taxpayer service center. A complete list of the regional taxpayer service centers are available here.

Kentucky also offers KY File, a no-cost option to file Kentucky individual income tax returns. KY File is free and is designed to be the simple electronic equivalent of a paper form. KY File will provide basic mathematical and error checks, but unlike tax software, it does not ask about or explain tax scenarios. There are no income limitations to use this service.

Before using KY File, taxpayers should complete their federal tax forms. KY File will allow you to file your returns electronically and receive a paper check sooner. Direct deposit is not an option

with KY File. To learn more, visit filetaxes.ky.gov.

Taxpayers who have questions or require assistance may submit a general inquiry on the DOR website at "Get Help" or contact DOR taxpayer assistance at (502) 564-4581. Representatives are available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

COUNTY OF FULTON
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-27

AN ORDINANCE DISCONTINUING REEVES ROAD

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Fiscal Court recognizes that a fundamental responsibility of the Fiscal Court is the provision of streets and roads as enumerated in the Kentucky Revised Statute 67.083;

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Revised Statute 178.070 provides that the Fiscal Court may direct any county road to be discontinued;

WHEREAS, a proposal was made to the Fulton County Fiscal Court by a Fulton County citizen to discontinue Reeves Road as a county road;

WHEREAS, notice was published according to the provisions of KRS 178.050 including placement of three notices in prominent and visible public places within one mile of Reeves Road;

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Fiscal Court appointed two viewers, namely Nathan "Lyle" Wilson and Nathan Campbell, with no vested interest in the discontinuance of the road, and who together with the County Road Foreman, Alan Coffey, viewed the road and reported in writing to the Fiscal Court that no inconvenience would result to the public from the discontinuance of Reeves Road;

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Fiscal Court held a public hearing, as advertised, on December 15, 2025, regarding the discontinuance of Reeves Road; and

WHEREAS, there was no public comment either at the public hearing nor provided in writing to the Court.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County of Fulton, Kentucky, as follows:

1. The county road known as Reeves Road which begins at State Highway 239 North and continues toward the east to a "dead end", shall be discontinued as a county road.
2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effective upon passage, publication, and recording, according to law.

On Motion by Matt Moss, Seconded by Wade Adams, approved at the first reading by the Fiscal Court of Fulton County on the 15th day of December 2025.

James "Jim" Martin
Fulton County Judge-Executive

Naomi Jones
Fulton County Clerk

Second reading and adoption of Ordinance approved on the Motion of Adams, Seconded by Dean and adopted at a regular meeting of the Fiscal Court of Fulton County on the 20th day of January 2026.

James "Jim" Martin
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- Ensuring compliance with Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) regarding county financial administration.

Mandatory Qualifications

To be considered for this appointment, applicants **must** meet the following statutory and local requirements:

- **Residency:** Must be a resident of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- **Age:** Must be at least 25 years of age.
- **Experience:** Preferred experience in governmental or corporate accounting.
- **Bonding:** Ability to be bonded as required by state law.

How to Apply

Interested and qualified candidates should submit a resume and cover letter detailing their relevant experience to **Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin**.

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