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FIDUCIARIES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED in the Metcalfe District Court in the following Estates during the month of MARCH, 2026. All claims of creditors must be made against these Estates no later than six (6) months from the date of appointment by filing a claim with the personal representative or the probate clerk of the Metcalfe District court pursuant to KRS Chapter 396.

Case# 26-P-00023, Estate of Vander H. Huffman, 1166 Shady Grove-Whickerville Road, Hardyville, KY 42746, Cathy H. Holley – Administratrix, P.O. Box 46, Knob Lick, KY 42154, Hon. Herbert B. Sparks, Attorney, P.O. Box 509, Edmonton, KY 42129, Date of Appointment: 03/04/2026

Case# 26-P-00024, Estate of Doris June Huffman, 1166 Shady Grove-Whickerville Road, Hardyville, KY 42746, Cathy H. Holley – Administratrix, P.O. Box 46, Knob Lick, KY 42154, Hon. Herbert B. Sparks, Attorney, P.O. Box 509, Edmonton, KY 42129, Date of Appointment: 03/04/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN FILED in the Metcalfe District Court in the following Estates during the month of MARCH, 2026, and will be heard on the 4th Wednesday in APRIL, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Metcalfe District Courtroom, Metcalfe County Courthouse. If no exceptions are filed prior to the date set for hearing, the settlements, if made according to law, shall be approved and recorded at or following the hearing.

Case# 26-P-00083, Estate of Kitty Sue Acree, Peter Kevin Acree – Administrator, Hon. Herbert B. Sparks, Attorney, Proposed Final Settlement Filed: 03/24/2026

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Staff Report

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Auditor Allison Ball on Monday released the first volume of the annual Statewide Single Audit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for fiscal year 2025, detailing widespread issues across executive branch agencies.

The audit identified more than \$1 billion in financial reporting errors, including an additional \$170 million in Medicaid expenditures that were not originally reported. According to the auditor's office, the discrepancies could affect the state's financial standing and potentially place federal funding at risk.

Ball said the report highlights significant areas for improvement within state government.

"This Statewide Single Audit presents over a billion dollars' worth of improvements the Commonwealth of Kentucky can make to ensure Kentuckians are protected, Kentucky law is respected, and Kentucky's finances are appropriately reported and cared for," Ball said. "It is vital that state agencies implement the improvements we have recommended in order to ensure Kentuckians are protected from waste, fraud, and abuse."

The report outlines multiple concerns involving oversight, financial management and data security.

Auditors cited failures within the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

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related to the issuance of driver's licenses. Temporary workers were not properly monitored and were able to access multiple computers using a single login to process licenses simultaneously. The report said those oversight failures contributed to circumstances tied to the federal indictment of Transportation Cabinet temporary workers.

The audit also raised concerns about the protection of personal information.

According to the report, the Department of Revenue did not address security issues identified by the Commonwealth Office of Technology following a routine cybersecurity test that showed the state's tax system could be accessed within minutes. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services was also cited for failing to adequately secure personal identifying

information within the statewide accounting system.

The audit further found tax-related problems within the Department of Revenue.

Auditors reported that taxpayers were overcharged by \$33 million. In addition, a new tax liability system identified approximately \$568 million in tax debt for collection that auditors said is not legally collectible under state law.

The Department of Revenue was also unable to explain how it calculated approximately \$48 million in jeopardy tax assessments, which are estimates levied against individuals who fail to file tax returns and are typically based on prior filings.

Ball said the findings underscore the need for stronger oversight and accountability within state agencies to prevent waste, fraud and abuse.