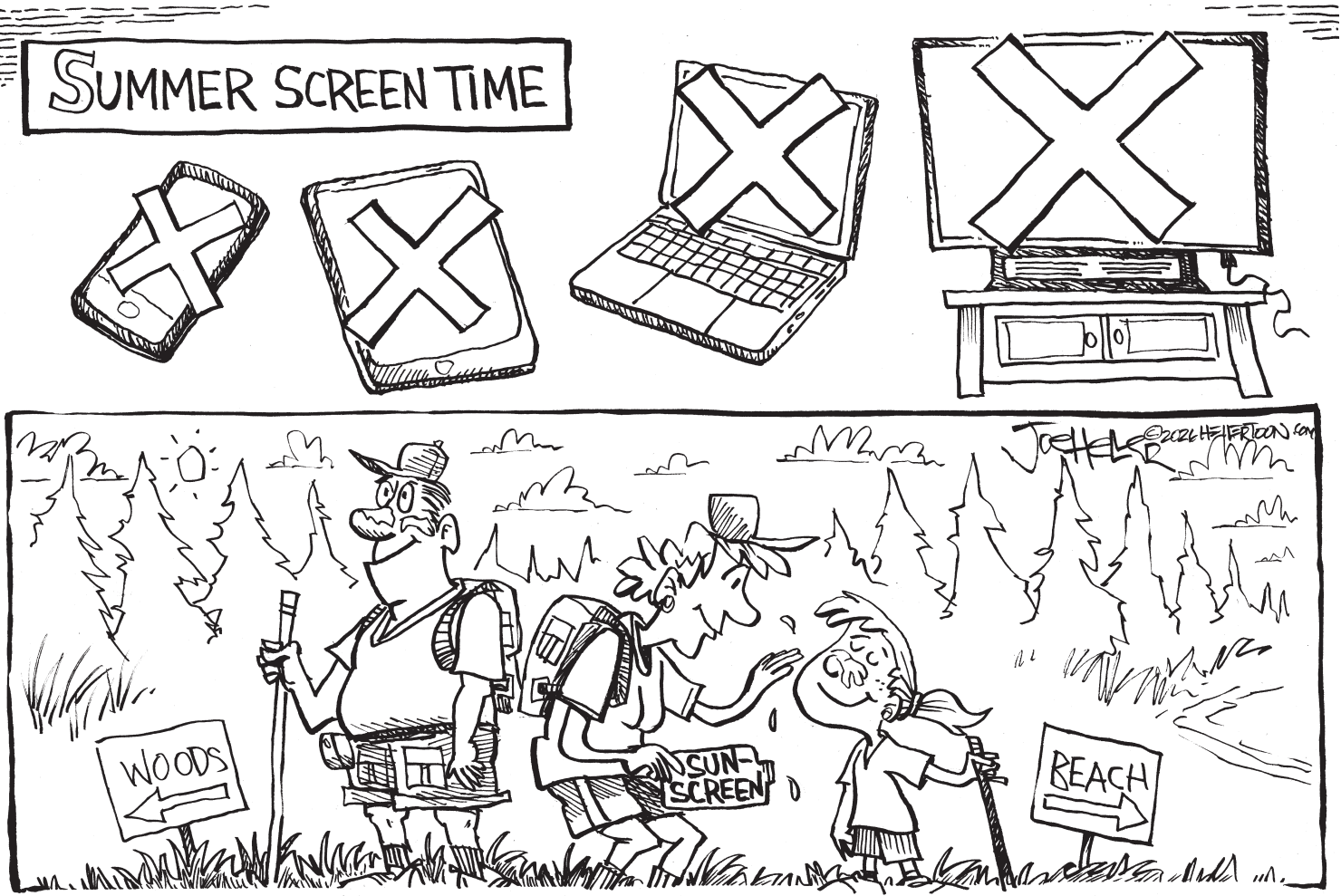


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Attorney General Coleman Calls for Increased Crackdown on Robocalls

Office of Attorney General Russell Coleman

FRANKFORT, Ky. Attorney General Russell Coleman announced that Kentucky has joined a 48-state coalition to further crack down on scam calls and texts.

A bipartisan coalition of AGs is calling on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to strengthen rules that would cut off scammers’ access to legitimate telephone numbers. Without that access, scammers can’t use real numbers to deceive and scam people.

Fraudsters often purchase legitimate phone numbers and use them to make robocalls and send texts. In the past, scammers would illegally “spoof” phone numbers to make calls appear legitimate. After the federal government and state

attorneys general took action in 2021, scammers are not as easily able to spoof numbers. However, the problem persists.

According to Robocall Index, 323.4 million robocalls were placed to Kentucky during the first six months of this year.

“These con artists continue to target Kentuckians in hopes of scamming them out of our hard-earned money,” said Attorney General Coleman. “Our Office will continue to collaborate with partners who are dedicated to protecting our people.”

The AGs are asking the federal government to do more, including requiring companies that purchase and resell phone numbers in North America to meet stronger certification rules, block the sale of phone numbers to entities that aren’t tied

to a calling or texting service, and restrict the offering of trial numbers to discourage scammers from taking advantage of them.

Attorney General Coleman joined the Colorado, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, and Pennsylvania led letter along with the attorneys general of Alabama, Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

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North Metcalfe Fire Dept. 34, and Summer Shade Fire Dept. 25. Some calls may have required contacting more than one department.

The June 27-28 flood led to 2 water rescues, evacuations on Dial Street and the area (temporary), and 22 flooded roadways.

Director Brian Garrett presented the Parks and Recreation report, “We hosted the Brooks College Memorial tournament. We had 17 teams for that at the park. Next, we hosted the District League, 8th, 9th, and 11th. We had 16 teams for that. Blacktop is finished. Parking lots have been striped back.”

Next, Councilman Pack explained, “As you’re aware, building inspection

is something the city has to do. If someone’s going to build something within our city limits, it’s our job to make sure that we’re not calling codes so that we don’t have what happens in other countries when a per-quake or whatever, some kind of natural disaster happens. So, we obviously don’t retain someone as a salaried employee. James Griffin has served in that role. He has tendered a contract to us for him to continue serving in that role. I decided to call him. He and I had a conversation. What I wanted to make sure of is that the rates being charged to us are the same. And he says they all get charged exactly the same.”

“I have no problem with his credentials. He’s excellent, he does a good what he does, very professional.

So, I would recommend that we enter into the contract based on the rates he has in there, and I’d be happy to answer any questions you may have.”

The motion was approved to authorize the mayor to approve the inspection contract.

Pack also noted concerning the memorandum of agreement and other items, “I applaud both Edmonton and the county, how you all do work together when many cities and counties don’t in our area... And I really think that your all’s citizens, both in the county and the city, are really benefiting from your all’s coordinated efforts.”

There were no more items, and the meeting was adjourned.

Property Transfers

The following deeds were filed in the Metcalfe County Clerk’s office between July 2 – 9, 2026.

Dennis Shattuck, Ricky C. Roberts, and Tina M. Roberts to Ricky C. Roberts and Tina M. Roberts, 1 Acre.

Coy Allen Neal and Patricia Ann Neal to Brandon Van Carr and Charlotte Marion Foglesong, .2918 Acre.

Todd Gilley and Cheryl Gilley to Barry Gilley and Nora Gilley, 8 Acres.

Green Valley Properties, Inc to Lucas Tomlin and Autumn Tomlin, 1.12 Acres.

Michael J. Stone and Lisa May Stone to Joseph John Adornato and Apollo

James Adornato, .27 Acre.

Barry A. Saltsman to Andrew B. Saltsman, 10.89 Acres.

Denise Scott to Greg Wilson, Christi Wilson, and Smith Realty LLC, .320 Acre.

Shelley Ranch and Land Sales LLC to Shaun Craig and Kimberly Craig, 2 Tracts.

TJ Morgan and Lauren S. Morgan to Haley Martin, Lot #8, Bridgewater Heights.

Henry Marshall Harper and Linda Joyce Harper to Gloria Harper Bragg and Cindy Lee Johnson, .60 Acre.

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the podium to answer any questions.

The 3-page document includes the overview, selection process, and criteria that must be met. The evaluation lists 5 items that must be met with point values. The requirements list a continuous business operation for a minimum of 5 years. Unauthorized closure triggers the immediate grand claw back provision.

Bragg asked Pedigo, “What’s the schedule for the callbacks% to 20% a year, or how’s the callback?... Is it 100%? So, if they’re not open five years, they owe 100% of this \$1.25 billion back, or where is it outlined?”

“I could check on that for you. My understanding is it would be for whatever they’ve been given at that point,” answered Pedigo.

“And where does it state in here where the county and the city will decide the recipient?” asked Bragg.

“They had asked that the grant form a committee that would include local citizens as well as some of our folks to choose the proposals,” replied Pedigo, adding, “The committee would make the recommendation, and the city and the county would ratify the proposal.”

Bragg explained, “I just would like to have an amendment clarifying the percentage that they pay back, and if it’s 100 percent right that is probably already, I think it has to be prorated per year if I understood the KRS correctly...I’m making a motion to approve pending an amendment clarifying the grant claw back.”

Crain seconded Braggs’ motion with the amendment, and the motion passed.

Other Items

The June 2026 financial statement was approved, and so was the quarterly financial statement.

The one budget transfer was \$2,000 to the Soil and Water Conservation Program Support, which was approved, followed by the one interfund transfer of a \$777.81 state grant to the jail fund, which was also approved.

There was nothing unusual about the claims, which were approved with no discussion.

Judge Wilson introduced Megan England, “She’s a new employee. She’s going to take Connie’s place as finance officer. Connie will take Paige’s place as treasurer.” Adding that Megan will be training for a few months and then Connie will get trained before Paige retires on October 1.

Attorney Howard stated, “I have an assistant with me today, Broady Hurt. He is helping me this summer. He’s in college, and I guess contemplating law school.”

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2026, at 9 a.m.

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