

Hulett speaks at campaign rally at Laurel County Farmers Market



A young boy walks around with an America-themed pinwheel. | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

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LONDON — Walter T. Hulett, a candidate for Laurel County Judge-Executive, addressed attendees during a campaign rally Saturday at the Laurel County Farmers Market.

The event, held from 2-4 p.m., included food, music, campaign materials and an opportunity for attendees to meet Hulett and participate in a question-and-answer session. According to event materials, activities also included voter registration efforts and community engagement

opportunities.

During his remarks, Hulett spoke about his reasons for entering the race and the issues he believes are facing the community.

“I get the question a lot — why are you doing this? Why would you want to do this? The answer is in the why,” Hulett said.

He referenced both challenges and opportunities in Laurel County, stating that the community has the potential to grow and improve with long-term planning and collaboration.

Hulett also discussed his professional background,

noting his experience in education and strategic budget planning work.

“This is my 44th year in education — 30 years in public education,” said Hulett.

In the last 14 years, Hulett has been a part of the Division of Budget and Financial Management with KDE (Kentucky Department of Education.)

He explained that his recent work has involved working with legislators to secure funding and complete projects, and he emphasized the importance of planning for the future.

Hulett said that if elected, he would approach the role with a focus on organization and oversight.

“It will be run like a business — accountability, strategic planning, budget analysis,” he said.

He also addressed communication with the public, saying residents have expressed a desire for more information about county operations.

“We’re gonna tell you because it impacts you,” Hulett said. “And that way, if something’s happening in your area, you get a chance to have feedback with us. And we get to have a conversation so that together, we can make a good decision for our community.”

As part of his remarks, Hulett encouraged voter participation in the up-



Walter T. Hulett thanks those in attendance, and shares a little bit about himself and his credentials. | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

coming primary election on Tuesday, May 19.

Hulett is one of four candidates seeking the Republican nomination. Also running are Tina Carnes, William N. Eversole and incumbent Judge Executive David Westerfield.

State releases county unemployment data for Dec.

KENTUCKY EDUCATION AND LABOR CABINET

FRANKFORT — Unemployment rates fell in all 120 counties between December 2024 and December 2025, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency within the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 2.7% while Magoffin County recorded the state’s highest unemployment rate at 7.4%.

In the Tri-County area, Whitley County posted the lowest rate at 3.7% — followed by Laurel County at 4.5% and Knox at 4.7%.

Kentucky’s county unemployment rates and employment levels are not seasonally adjusted because of small sample sizes. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events such as weather changes, harvests, holidays, and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are ac-

tively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment with-

in the past four weeks. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY SOUTHERN DIVISION AT LONDON

HBKY, LLC,

Plaintiff,

Civ. No. 6:21-cv-00101-GFVT-HAI

v.

KINGDOM ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC, ET AL.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE & APPOINTMENT OF APPRAISERS

Comes the undersigned, Court appointed Special Master, and gives notice that pursuant to the Order of Sale [Doc# 1137] entered in the above-captioned case on February 25, 2026 he will on **MAY 1, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.** at the door of the Bell County Courthouse facing the United States Post Office on Walnut St., in Pineville, Kentucky, offer for sale at public auction and outcry to the highest and best bidder the hereinafter described real property in Bell and Knox Counties, Kentucky, more particularly described in the Order of Sale (the “Realty”):

FORMER LEFT FORK PROPERTY, KENTUCKY HIGHWAY 66, LEFT FORK OF STRAIGHT CREEK, BELL COUNTY PVA MAP # 099-00-00-001.00

AND:

FORMER LEFT FORK MINING PROPERTY, ROARING FORK OF STINKING CREEK, KNOX COUNTY PVA MAP #192-00-00-001.00

The Realty is being sold to pay the principal judgment of \$45,260,810.90, plus interest, costs, and fees and in accordance with the Order of Sale and terms therein, and subject to [Doc #335], including those terms related to credit bidding. **GENERAL SALE TERMS:** (1) A minimum bid which is greater than or equal to 67% of the appraised value of the Realty will be required in order to bid (the “Minimum”), with the Minimum to be paid to the undersigned by certified check or cashier’s check by a bidder before any bid will be accepted (i.e., **a bidder must pay the Minimum in order to bid at the sale**), which shall be held by the undersigned until the sale has concluded and refunded to any unsuccessful bidder within 10 days of the sale; (2) the balance of any bid in excess of the Minimum shall be paid to the undersigned within 20 days after the sale, by a certified or cashier’s check payable to the “United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky”; and (3) if the successful bidder fails to timely pay the balance due, the certified or cashier’s check for the Minimum shall be forfeited and shall be applied to cover the expenses of the sale, including any commissions due, with any amount remaining remitted to the Plaintiff and applied to reduce the Plaintiff’s aforesaid judgment, and the Realty shall then be offered again for sale.

The Realty will be appraised by Kevin Bisceglia and Jonathan Evans, two disinterested, intelligent housekeepers actively engaged in or having at least one year of experience in the field of real estate. Their appraisals will be filed in the record once received by the undersigned and may be obtained from the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was electronically filed on March 19, 2026 through the ECF system, which will send notice of electronic filing to all parties in the electronic filing system in this case. Additionally, service is made on those not in the ECF filing system and not in default pursuant to the master service list in this case.

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