

Sports

Addition of Momcilovic vital for Pope, Kentucky

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Mark Pope might have gotten the biggest victory of his soon to be 3-year coaching tenure at the University of Kentucky while nowhere near a basketball arena.

Pope posted a social media photo of himself on the beach, talking on the cell phone, soaking up the sun and good vibes that came with the Monday night announcement that Milan Momcilovic will be shooting 3-pointers in Lexington for UK in the 2026-27 college basketball season.

Momcilovic was the best 3-point shooter in the college game last season, starring for Iowa State. Expectations for UK's season have risen dramatically with Momcilovic on board.

Louisville and St. John's were reportedly the two programs more closely linked to pursuing Momcilovic, along Arizona. Beating out Louisville in this elite shooter chase was vital for Pope and UK basketball to have some kind of peaceful summer. The last thing Pope could do was lose Momcilovic to Pat Kelsey and the Cardinals, who were believed to be the closest suitors along with UK.

At that point, folks in BBN would have been wondering if there was anything to stop the "whiff factor" that had been building around Pope, unfairly or not, through much of this spring recruiting cycle.

Pope and his staff seemed close to some big names in recruitment, but wasn't landing much. Folks were nervous about the potential roster, and a long range maker was needed for a Pope team that was deficient from 3-point last season.

Instead, all the anxiety in this end result was wasted by BBN. Pope and the staff didn't land the big early targets they were supposedly in on. That heightened the dread over this roster construction job, which seemed to be the most fretted over in Kentucky's long history of obsessing about what the next team will look like. That's why so many fragile BBN psychological eggs landed in the Momcilovic basket.

Momcilovic was the No. 2 player in 247 Sports' portal rankings and the fifth addition from the transfer portal. Kentucky's portal class now ranks No. 2 in the country in 247 Sports' rankings behind



AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall

Iowa State forward Milan Momcilovic (22) shoots over Central Floridaguard Themus Fulks (1) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game on Jan. 20 in Ames, Iowa.

Louisville. Again, it was vital for Pope to land Momcilovic going into what is a pivotal third season as UK's head coach.

In three seasons at Iowa State, Momcilovic scored over 1,300 points, and he made 136 shots from long range and hit 48.7% of them, both leading the country last season as a junior.

Kentucky got to see the 6-foot-8 forward from Pewaukee, Wisc., work up close in its 82-63 second round loss to Iowa State in the NCAA Tournament back in March. He dropped four 3s on Kentucky on the way to 20 points. Over three years in Ames, Momcilovic totaled 260 made 3-pointers on 608 attempts (42.8%).

Momcilovic should be able to enjoy the freedom shooting from distance that Koby Brea and Jaxson Robinson did in Pope's first season as Kentucky coach, according to reports on his courting of the top portal prospect. No doubt, Momcilovic will spread the floor and get other shooters more

chances.

Momcilovic pulled out of the NBA Draft just under the deadline a week ago.

Kentucky was nowhere near the outside shooting team expected last season, and Momcilovic is expected to fix that this upcoming season. Kentucky's roster was viewed as mediocre overall and in need of a major outside scoring threat. UK would also have had a roster where some Wildcat fans were going to say "that guy is who, from where?"

UK wasn't considered Top 25 material by national media before Momcilovic, but with him the Wildcats are believed to be top 15 and a possible national contender.

This addition was massive, as was the NIL payout, reportedly in the \$6 million neighborhood, which will make Momcilovic one of the highest-paid players in college basketball.

Pope and his staff think Momcilovic is worth it. Here's

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Carroll among 12 randomly selected for post-election inquiry

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Attorney General Russell Coleman announced Tuesday continued efforts to protect the integrity of the ballot box. In accordance with state law, Coleman randomly selected 12 Kentucky counties to undergo an inquiry following the 2026 Primary Election.

Carroll County was among the 12 counties drawn for review. The other counties include: Oldham, Franklin,

Daviess, Laurel, Adair, Scott, Union, Fulton, Floyd, Rowan, and Pike.

The inquiries will be conducted by the Attorney General's Department of Criminal Investigations (DCI) to determine if any irregularities took place during the general election.

"From Pike to Fulton, our Office is committed to ensuring Kentucky's elections are free, fair, and secure," said Coleman. "Along with our election officials and law enforcement partners,

we are committed to making sure every vote is counted fairly."

The Attorney General's office monitors potential election law violations throughout the year through the Election Fraud Hotline. Since Jan. 1, the Hotline received nearly 600 messages, including 155 on Election Day.

After completing independent investigations of the 12 counties selected, DCI and the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Unit will present their findings to a grand jury of each audited county.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
TRIMBLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

The second reading and adoption of the Trimble County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for the fiscal year, is scheduled to be held

at the date, date, time and a location location listed below.

Date: 06/15/2026

Time: 09:00 am

Location: Trimble County Fiscal Court Meeting Room

BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Trimble County Fiscal Court, Kentucky:

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Trimble County Fiscal Court, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer, on the dates listed below:

Approval by the Fiscal Court: 05/20/2026

Approved by State Local Finance Officer 05/29/2026

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the fiscal year specified herein, and an the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

General Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,526,919.95
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	1,714,232.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	419,539.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	10,000.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	80,000.00
6000	TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES & SERVICES	8,000.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	95,000.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	247,600.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	2,603,076.83
9300	TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	58,590.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	1,049,000.00
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	20,000.00
Total		7,831,957.78
Road Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	1,000.00
6100	ROADS	1,542,000.00
7700	LEASES	50,396.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	50.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	325,927.85
9300	TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	193,000.00
Total		2,112,373.85
Jail Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	393,734.18
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	500.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	5,450.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	5,823.72
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	57,000.00
Total		462,507.90
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	77,000.00

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5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	35,000.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	34,500.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	91,000.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	16,024.00
Total		253,524.00
OPIOID ABATEMENT/SETTLEMENT FUND		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	50,327.93
Total		50,327.93
COUNTY CLERK PERMANENT STORAGE FEES - SB135		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	26,258.07
Total		26,258.07
ANIMAL SHELTER FUND		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	65,000.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	30,950.00
Total		95,950.00
GRANT FUNDS		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	520,226.50
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	100.00
Total		520,326.50
Total Budget Appropriations		11,353,226.03

SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in the Trimble Banner by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations are hereby notified that a copy of the Trimble County proposed budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. [2026-04] 2026-05
ORDINANCE UPDATING PAY/CLASSIFICATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Carrollton recognizes that the city's pay/classification plan must be updated from time to time in order to remain current and to maintain an effective and efficient work force;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council, City of Carrollton, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

(1) That the authorized positions and assigned grade be revised as follows:
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS AND ASSIGNED GRADE (CITY OF CARROLLTON)

The following are hereby adopted as class title and grade; the number of authorized positions shall be established during the budget process:

Class Title	Grade
City Clerk/Treasurer	32
Assistant City Clerk/Payroll	25
Deputy City Clerk/Collections	24
Part Time Assistant Deputy City Clerk/Collections	21
Custodian (Part-Time)	21
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer	28
Code Enforcement Officer (Part-Time)	28
Campground Manager (Seasonal)	N/A
Part Time Carrollton Main Street Director	26
Chief of Police	34
Assistant Chief of Police	28
Police Lieutenant	27
Police Sergeant	27
Police Detective	26
Police Officer	26
Police Records Clerk	24
Fire Chief /Building Inspector	34
Assistant Fire Chief / Building Inspector	28
Part Time Assistant Fire Chief/Building Inspector	24
Dispatch Supervisor	28
Advanced Telecommunications Officer	24
Intermediate Telecommunications Officer	24
Basic Telecommunications Officer	24
Public Works Superintendent	32
Assistant Public Works Supervisor	28
Maintenance Worker III	25
Maintenance Worker II	24
Maintenance Worker I	23
Maintenance Worker III (Seasonal)	23
Maintenance Worker II (Seasonal)	17
Maintenance Worker I (Seasonal)	16
Vehicle Maintenance Mechanic	30
Public Works Secretary (Part Time)	N/A
Carrollton Utilities Manager	48

(2) That the compensation plan and classification plan may be waived, altered, or suspended only by a change of ordinance.

(3) This ordinance shall become effective after two readings and publication requirements have been met. After a reading in full on the 11th day of May, 2026, followed by a second reading in full on the 26th day of May, 2026, and on motion made by Councilman Cable, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

/s/ Robb Adams
ROBB ADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/ Melinda Wright
MELINDA WRIGHT
CITY CLERK-TREASURER