

Judge again orders jail time for former Gov. Matt Bevin

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Former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin has been ordered to serve 60 days in jail after he failed to meet last Friday's noon deadline for producing complete financial information in a court battle involving his estranged son, Jonah Bevin.



Matt Bevin

Bevin previously avoided two jail sentences for contempt of court in the case — once by trying to get Jefferson Family Court Judge Angela Johnson removed from his case and most recently, by paying a \$250 fine for ignoring an order to appear in court in person.

In a tersely worded order Friday, Johnson indicated she means Bevin to serve the sentence in the battle that has lasted for more than a year as Jonah seeks support. Their adopted son alleges Bevin and his ex-wife, Glenna Bevin, abandoned him at age 17 in an abusive youth facility in Jamaica.

"Matt, as the perpetrator of civil contempt, holds the keys to his own jail cell," Johnson wrote in her order. "By consistently refusing to comply with orders that he produce documents after having multiple chances to

comply, he has locked the door behind him."

In the arrest warrant issued at 1:21 p.m. Johnson denied Bevin's request for more time to produce financial records the court has been seeking for nearly a year and ordered him to be arrested, serve 60 days in jail and pay a \$500 fine.

At a May 29 hearing where Bevin failed to appear as ordered — saying he was dealing with an emergency after a "very large" boulder crashed into his Maine vacation home — Johnson indicated she was unwilling to tolerate any more delays if he failed to meet Friday's deadline.

"That's the end of it," Johnson said. "You will serve the time."

Neither Bevin nor his lawyer immediately responded to a request for comment about the judge's order.

John Helmers Jr. and Melina Hettiaratchi, lawyers who represent Jonah, said in a statement Bevin had been given ample warning.

"It is fair to say at this point that Matt Bevin is a fugitive," they said. "The judge's order reinforces the simple fact that the rule of law applies to everyone here in Kentucky. Power, wealth, or political influence have no bearing and will not provide immunity."

Just before noon Friday, Bevin filed a motion asking for more time to provide financial records, saying he was working to provide the required documents but asked to extend the deadline to June 15.

Bevin, in his motion, said he had produced more than 1,000 pages of documents but needed more time to produce all the financial records sought by the court and Jonah's lawyers.

A one-term Republican who served as governor from 2015 through 2019, Bevin also provided a statement through his lawyer, Jesse Mudd, defending his treatment of Jonah, one of four children the Bevins adopted from Ethiopia in 2012.

"We love our son, Jonah, and want him to become the man God created him to be," it said. "That has never wavered from the moment he was adopted by our family when he was five years old."

The Bevins have nine children, all but one is older than 18.

"Both Glenna and I have contributed fully to the financial well-being and care of every one of our nine children and continue to do so for the sole child still in our home," it said.

That claim conflicts with a court filing last year by Dawn J. Post, a New York lawyer and child advocate who helped Jonah and several other youths

return to the United States after they were removed by Jamaican child welfare authorities from an abusive facility.

Post, in a sworn statement, said that resources the Bevins care was mostly for a series of out-of-state residential facilities for Jonah, starting at age 13, culminating in his abandonment at age 17 at the Atlantis Leadership Academy in Jamaica that was shut down by child welfare authorities in 2024.

"The Bevins paid for pain, not protection," Post's affidavit said. "Jonah's harm stemmed from the decisions of those responsible for his well-being, not his own actions."

Youths at the facility were routinely beaten, deprived of food, denied medical care, threatened and got little to no education, Post's affidavit said.

She also said the Bevins refused to try to arrange Jonah's return to the United States and as a result, he was placed in Jamaica's foster care system for a time.

Jonah eventually returned to the United States for a placement arranged with the aid of the U.S. State Department, Post said.

Matt Bevin in his statement alleged he and his ex-wife sought to keep the case private to protect Jonah, who he said had experienced problems

as a teen with behavioral health, substance abuse and a criminal charge — apparently referring to a charge stemming from an altercation with his father.

Jonah, in a statement Friday provided by his lawyers, said he wasn't "surprised that my parents are again now trying to put this on me."

The lawsuit intervening in his parents' divorce case seeks support and help for Jonah

in completing an education. The Bevins' divorce became final last year but the case is pending over a final, financial settlement and Jonah's request for aid.

Bevin, in Friday's statement, also renewed his criticism of the judge in the case, saying Johnson's rulings "make a mockery of Kentucky and our court system" and that she "is using her elected platform for partisan purposes."

TRIMBLE COUNTY COURT NEWS

Items published in court news are public record. The Trimble Banner publishes all misdemeanors, felonies, and small claims judgments recorded in district court, as well as all civil suits recorded in circuit court. Juvenile court cases are not published. Crime reports are provided by local law enforcement agencies. Charges or accusations reported to The Trimble Banner do not imply guilt.

The following cases were heard June 2.

COMMONWEALTH VS. ARRAIGNMENTS

David A. Brown, 1994. No/expired registration plates, no/expired registration receipt. Proof shown. Dismissed.
Angela Beth Fuchs, 1976. Speeding 15 mph over limit

(FTA eligible). FTA. DOT. Shawn Thomas Gray, 1995. Speeding 15mph over limit (FTA eligible) (pleaded guilty, paid).

Lance Adam Hall, 1987. Speeding 26 mph or over (FTA eligible), careless driving (FTA eligible). Next appearance Oct. 20.

Dorothy E. Jeansonne, 1977. Speeding 19 mph over limit (FTA eligible) (pleaded guilty). Paid.

Lewis Mallory, 1997. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible). Next appearance June 16.

Alexis Fabian Mercado Mon-dragon, 2005. Speeding 19

mph over limit (FTA eligible) (pleaded guilty, paid).

PRETRIAL CONFERENCES

Matthew H. Ashcraft, 2004. Speeding 17 mph over limit (FTA eligible) (amend), speed-

ing 16 mph over limit (FTA eligible) (pleaded guilty, \$143). Next appearance July 28.

Jordan T. Bray, 1990. Amount

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Robert H. Lenear, 1989. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible) (guilty), failure to produce insurance card (proof shown, dismissed).

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LEGAL NOTICE
NO.26-CI-00002 TRIMBLE CIRCUIT COURT
KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF
VS. DEFENDANTS
JAMES J. LAWSON, ET AL.
COMMISSIONER SALE
VINCENT J. EIDEN, MASTER COMMISSIONER
Per Judgment in Trimble Circuit Court, Master Commissioner will sell at 11:00 am on Friday, June 26, 2026 at public auction to the highest bidder at the Trimble County Courthouse, Bedford, Kentucky 40006, the property described as:
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 111 Brandon Way, Milton, KY. 40045.
Parcel No.: 014-90-01-021.00, Deed Book 166, Page 465. Indivisible. Includes mobile home converted to real estate.
Terms are 10% by cash, certified check or money order & bond per KRS 426.705, balance due in 30 days; property is indivisible; sold free & clear of all liens encumbrances & interest of the parties except: A) All current real estate taxes and all taxes due thereafter, for which the purchaser shall not have a credit against the purchase price; B) Easements, restrictions, stipulations and agreements of record; C) Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; D) Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose. However, neither the Plaintiff, its Counsel, the Court, nor the Commissioner, shall be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser. At bidder's own expense, bidder is to carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said property from the date of sale until purchase price is fully paid. Amt to be raised-\$171,080.47. Ben L. Rettig, Esq., Plaintiff's Atty, Vincent J. Eiden, Master Commissioner, Post Office Box 563, Crestwood, Kentucky 40014; (502) 243-1981.

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE
CARROLL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
Fiscal Year 2026-2027
The second reading and adoption of the Carroll County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for the fiscal year, is scheduled to be held at the date, time and location listed below.
Date: 06/24/2026
Time: 09:00 am
Location: CARROLLTON, KY
BUDGET SUMMARY
AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations. BE IT ORDAINED by the Carroll County Fiscal Court, Kentucky: WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Carroll 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: 05/12/2026
Approved by State Local Finance Officer: 06/03/2026
SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the fiscal year specified herein, and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

| General Fund | |
|--|---------------|
| 5000 GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 2,227,738.00 |
| 5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY | 900,482.00 |
| 5200 GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION | 261,545.00 |
| 5300 SOCIAL SERVICES | 188,582.00 |
| 5400 RECREATION & CULTURE | 14,500.00 |
| 7100 DEBT SERVICE | 553,199.00 |
| 8000 CAPITAL PROJECTS | 50,000.00 |
| 9100 GENERAL SERVICES | 240,896.00 |
| 9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS | 500,000.00 |
| 9300 TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS | |
| 9400 FRINGE BENEFITS | 956,910.00 |
| 9500 PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES | 40,000.00 |
| Total | 5,933,852.00 |
| Road Fund | |
| 6100 ROADS | 2,402,534.00 |
| 9100 GENERAL SERVICES | 85,450.00 |
| 9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS | 100,000.00 |
| 9400 FRINGE BENEFITS | 444,656.00 |
| Total | 3,032,640.00 |
| Jail Fund | |
| 5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY | 2,466,849.00 |
| 5400 RECREATION & CULTURE | 1,000.00 |
| 9100 GENERAL SERVICES | 37,451.00 |
| 9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS | 25,000.00 |
| 9400 FRINGE BENEFITS | 1,170,163.00 |
| Total | 3,700,463.00 |
| Local Government Economic Assistance Fund | |
| 5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY | 9,696.00 |
| 5200 GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION | 62,328.00 |
| 5400 RECREATION & CULTURE | 421,936.00 |
| 8000 CAPITAL PROJECTS | 50,000.00 |
| 9400 FRINGE BENEFITS | 49,687.00 |
| 9500 PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES | 20,000.00 |
| Total | 613,647.00 |
| State Grants | |
| 5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY | 10,000.00 |
| Total | 10,000.00 |
| Ambulance Fund | |
| 5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY | 1,464,500.00 |
| 9100 GENERAL SERVICES | 11,188.00 |
| 9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS | 200,000.00 |
| 9400 FRINGE BENEFITS | 651,213.00 |
| Total | 2,326,901.00 |
| Solid Waste Fund | |
| 5000 GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 47,806.00 |
| 5200 GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION | 217,000.00 |
| 9100 GENERAL SERVICES | 2,722.00 |
| 9400 FRINGE BENEFITS | 64,963.00 |
| Total | 332,491.00 |
| Parks and Recreation Fund | |
| 5400 RECREATION & CULTURE | 340,319.00 |
| 9400 FRINGE BENEFITS | 105,294.00 |
| Total | 445,613.00 |
| SHERIFF | |
| 5000 GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 1,646,237.00 |
| 9100 GENERAL SERVICES | 21,643.00 |
| 9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS | 20,000.00 |
| 9400 FRINGE BENEFITS | 644,234.00 |
| Total | 2,332,114.00 |
| 911 FUND | |
| 5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY | 24,005.00 |
| Total | 24,005.00 |
| 911 WIRELESS | |
| 5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY | 200,020.00 |
| Total | 200,020.00 |
| INSURANCE FUND | |
| 9400 FRINGE BENEFITS | 80,000.00 |
| Total | 80,000.00 |
| CLERK SB135 (79) | |
| 5000 GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 56,336.00 |
| Total | 56,336.00 |
| OPIOID SETTLEMENT (81) | |
| 5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY | 75,893.00 |
| 9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS | 307,708.00 |
| Total | 383,601.00 |
| MAJOR PROJECTS (82) | |
| 8000 CAPITAL PROJECTS | 3,879,452.00 |
| 9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS | |
| 9300 TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS | |
| Total | 3,879,452.00 |
| Total Budget Appropriations | 23,351,135.00 |

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Debbie Hogan 1745 Carmon Creek Rd, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct a bridge over a creek. The property is located at Carmon Creek 1.2 miles from Highway 421-71. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed in writing to:
DOWfloodplan@ky.gov or Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management section, 300 Sower Blvd 3rd floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

LEGAL NOTICE
From the Chairperson of the Trimble County Board of Adjustments, and in accordance with KRS 424, please take notice that the Trimble County Board of Adjustments will conduct a public hearing on an application for a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Kevin Hall for property located at 6273 Bedford-Sulphur Rd., Bedford, KY 40006 (A-1 zone district). The applicant seeks this Conditional Use Permit under Section 1710 (2) of the Trimble County Zoning Ordinance so they may operate a non-owner-occupied Short-Term Rental on the property. The hearing will be held on June 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (EST) and 5:00 p.m. (CST) at the Trimble County Fiscal Court Building, 123 Church Street, Bedford, KY 40006. For more information, call (502) 255-7196 x 800.

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF SANDERS, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE #2026-001
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SANDERS, KENTUCKY.
THE CITY OF SANDERS, KENTUCKY'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027: BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2027, BY ESTIMATING FUNDS FOR OPERATIONS OF CITY GOVERNMENT.
WHEREAS, pursuant to law and in the interest of sound fiscal planning, the City of Sanders, Kentucky is authorized to adopt an annual budget; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Sanders, Kentucky as follows:
(1) That the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

| | General Fun | General Savings | Municipal Road Fund | Park Fund | Fire Dept Fund |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Resources Available | | | | | |
| Cash balances (Estimates) | 127,274 | 80,159 | 39,485 | 12,880 | 51,874 |
| Taxes | 28,148 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Franchise fees | 5,906 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| County Support | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | 5,000 | 40,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 0 | 0 | 5,048 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Cash and revenues | 171,328 | 80,159 | 44,533 | 17,880 | 91,874 |
| Appropriations: | | | | | |
| Administrative/General | 64,605 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Street | 0 | 0 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Fire Department | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45,615 |
| Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,420 | 0 |
| Total appropriations | 64,605 | 0 | 5,000 | 5,420 | 45,615 |
| Balances | 106,723 | 80,159 | 39,533 | 12,460 | 46,259 |

(2) That the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget ordinance may be waived altered, or suspended only by a change of ordinance.
(3) This ordinance shall become effective after two readings and publication requirement have been met.
Date of First Reading: May 4, 2026
Date of Second Reading: June 1, 2026
ATTEST:
JACK OGDEN, JR.
MAYOR, CITY OF SANDERS
MARY OGDEN
CITY CLERK