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Carroll County High School football homecoming court includes (from left): Front row princesses — Addison Mazza, Kinley Harsin and Kayden Dalton; back row princes — Mason Ogden, Wyatt Gosser and Taylor Huser.



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Neace had exhibited accomplished performance. The board praised Neace for fostering a culture of respect in the school district, and noted that staff retention and development have improved during his tenure. The board did request more upfront communication around school events and state test performances as well as more development opportunities for students who perform above grade level. Neace accepted the

evaluation and said he hopes that feedback between him and the board continues to be a continual process and not a one-off event. Although the majority of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the superintendent's performance, Neace did noted that a local business has generously offered an incentive program for full-time staff members of Trimble's schools tied to their birthdays. The board and Neace expressed appreciation for the support and noted that more details will be announced through the district's social media page.

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6. Section Six: The notice required to be published by KRS 92.580 shall be published prior to collection.

After a reading in full on the 20th day of August, 2026, followed by a second reading in full on the 24th day of August, 2026, and on motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Dickow, the ordinance was adopted by a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

/s/ Robb Adams
ROBB ADAMS, MAYOR
ATTEST:

/s/ Melinda Wright
MELINDA WRIGHT
CITY CLERK-TREASURER

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to KRS §§58.190 that the Board of Directors of the Public Energy Authority of Kentucky adopted on August 20, 2026 the following Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds to provide prepaid natural gas supply to municipal utility(ies) located in Nebraska and elsewhere. Any action challenging the validity of such Resolution, must be brought within thirty (30) days from the date on which this notice of the adoption of such Resolution is first published in this publication. Any such action should be brought in a Court of competent jurisdiction in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

PUBLIC ENERGY AUTHORITY OF KENTUCKY RESOLUTION #26-07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GAS SUPPLY REVENUE BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000,000 IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OF TAX-EXEMPT OR TAXABLE BONDS UNDER ONE OR MORE INDENTURES, AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ONE OR MORE PREPAID GAS PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Public Energy Authority of Kentucky ("PEAK") is a natural gas acquisition authority organized under the Natural Gas Acquisition Authority Act, §§353.400 to 353.410 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (the "Act"), for the purpose of acquiring reliable and economical supplies of natural gas to meet the requirements of municipal utilities within and outside of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the "Commonwealth");

WHEREAS, PEAK is authorized to acquire, transport, store, manage and provide related services deemed necessary by, and to undertake one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) that are approved by, the Board of Directors to obtain adequate, reliable and economical supplies of natural gas including the financing of natural gas acquisitions;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its purposes, PEAK intends to enter into one or more prepaid natural gas sales agreements (individually and collectively, as appropriate, the "Gas Purchase Agreement") with a natural gas supplier as determined by an Authorized Officer (as defined herein), an affiliate thereof, or a special purpose vehicle created solely for such purpose whose activities are controlled by a board of directors of which representatives of PEAK exercise specified voting rights (the "Gas Supplier"), which provides for the acquisition, by, and the firm delivery of natural gas to, PEAK over a term of up to thirty-five (35) years;

WHEREAS, PEAK has the authority to issue revenue bonds pursuant to KRS §353.406 for the purpose of financing a prepayment for the cost of the natural gas purchased pursuant to the Gas Purchase Agreement (the "Gas Requirement"), to fund certain funds and accounts and to pay costs of issuance pursuant to one or more trust indentures (individually and collectively, as appropriate, the "Indenture");

WHEREAS, PEAK intends to prepay for the cost of the Gas Requirement acquired pursuant to the Gas Purchase Agreement, to fund certain funds and accounts and to pay costs of issuance with the proceeds of one or more issues of its revenue bonds, each such issue to be issued in one or more tax-exempt or taxable series under a separate indenture, in an aggregate principal amount for all issues of not to exceed \$1,200,000,000, to be designated "Public Energy Authority of Kentucky Gas Supply Revenue Bonds 2026 Series B [Taxable]" (or such other designation or designations as may be determined by an Authorized Officer (as defined herein) as deemed necessary based on the circumstances surrounding such issuance, and herein referred to as the "Bonds");

WHEREAS, the Bonds are to bear interest at fixed, floating and/or variable rates, including interest rates that are reset from time to time, are to mature on the date or dates as set forth in the Indenture and may be offered for sale as either (a) tax-exempt obligations under federal law, (b) taxable obligations under federal law, or (c) taxable obligations under any federal law that may be enacted for municipal obligations that provides a direct credit, payment or other form of interest subsidy to the issuer, or a tax credit or similar credit or payment to the investor;

WHEREAS, each issue of the Bonds will be payable solely from amounts pledged under the related Indenture, which will be limited to the revenues deposited under such Indenture, including from the sale of the related portion of the Gas Requirement, and certain funds and accounts pledged pursuant to such Indenture;

WHEREAS, PEAK would sell each issue of the Bonds to Jefferies LLC, as underwriter (the "Underwriter"), pursuant to one or more bond purchase contracts, who would offer the Bonds to investors pursuant to preliminary and final offering documents (each, an "Offering Document") which describe PEAK, the Bonds, the Gas Purchase Agreement and the Gas Requirement; and

WHEREAS, PEAK anticipates selling the Gas Requirement to (i) PEAK's current members, (ii) any municipal utilities that subsequently become members of PEAK and (iii) other municipal utilities, and other gas purchasers pursuant to gas sale contracts in accordance with the requirements of the Indenture and the Gas Purchase Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC ENERGY AUTHORITY OF KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Authorization of Indenture and Issuance of Bonds and Direction to Authorized Officers. The Board authorizes the issuance of one or more series of Bonds pursuant to one or more Indentures in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,200,000,000 (the "Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount"), the proceeds of which are to be used for the acquisition of the Gas Requirement pursuant to one or more Gas Purchase Agreements. The Bonds shall be issued under and secured by the terms of one or more Indentures, each of which shall be substantially in the form submitted to the Board of Directors at the meeting during which this Resolution was presented and is hereby authorized for the issuance of the Bonds. Each Indenture shall provide for the issuance of Bonds in one or more series, each of which may bear interest at either fixed, variable or floating rates, including interest rates that are reset from time to time, and each of which may be issued as either (a) tax-exempt obligations under federal law, (b) taxable obligations under federal law, or (c) taxable obligations under any federal law that may be enacted with regard to municipal obligations, prior to the issuance of such issue of Bonds, that provides a direct credit, payment or other similar interest subsidy to the municipal issuer or a tax credit or similar credit or payment to the investor, all as determined pursuant to such Indenture. The Bonds of each series shall be dated, mature on the dates, be in the principal amounts, be subject to optional, mandatory and sinking fund redemption and shall bear interest at fixed, floating and/or variable rates, including interest rates that are reset from time to time, and for the terms as shall be set forth in the final form of each such Indenture. The proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be deposited as provided in the related Indenture for application pursuant to the provisions of such Indenture. The Chair, the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and/or any other officer of PEAK (each an "Authorized Signer") are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver each Indenture, with such changes, insertions and omissions as may be deemed necessary and approved by such officers, said execution being conclusive evidence of such approval.

The President, and the Vice President in the event of the absence or disability of the President, or if for any other reason the President is unable to fulfill its obligations hereunder, are collectively referred to herein as the "Authorized Officers". The Board hereby authorizes the Authorized Officers to negotiate the terms of the Bonds, including all security instruments required with respect thereto, including funded reserves, and any investment agreements, reserve policies, receivable purchase agreements, debt service reserve fund surety bonds and interest rate swap agreements obtained in connection therewith, and to execute and deliver the Bonds, with such changes, not inconsistent with this Resolution, as he deems advisable including the authority to finally fix and determine the terms, provisions, conditions and tax status of the Bonds including the principal amount thereof not to exceed the amount set forth in this Section 1.

Section 2. Determination Under KRS 353.406(2). The volume of gas represented by the Gas Requirement exceeds the gas requirements of PEAK's existing members during the expected period of delivery of such gas. The Board hereby determines that the acquisition of the Gas Requirement, which represents gas volumes in excess of the needs of PEAK's members, is necessary in order to (i) allow PEAK to achieve economies of scale, with respect to both the initial purchase price of the gas and the cost of providing scheduling and other administrative services relating to the delivery of such gas, and (ii) provide other benefits for PEAK's members. Any gas acquired by PEAK pursuant to the Gas Purchase Agreement that exceeds the requirements of PEAK's members is to be sold to other municipal utilities upon terms that provide for the full recovery of PEAK's costs related to such sales.

Section 3. Authority of Authorized Officers to approve the principal amount of the Bonds and to fix amounts to be deposited in funds and accounts. The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized and directed to approve (i) the principal amounts of the Bonds of each issue and of each series, (ii) the maturities of the Bonds (the final maturities of which shall not be later than December 1, 2061), (iii) the amounts to be deposited in funds and accounts created under the related Indenture, (iv) the length of the initial interest rate period for each Series of the Bonds, (v) the initial interest rate mode or modes in which each series of Bonds will be issued under an Indenture, which may be a fixed rate (which, subject to the second paragraph of this Section 3, shall not exceed 8% per annum), a variable rate or an index floating rate (which, initially, shall be subject to a maximum rate of 12% per annum) or a combination thereof, (vi) the final interest rates on the Bonds for the initial interest rate period, or method of calculation for variable rate or index floating rate Bonds, and (vii) the creation of such other funds or accounts within the limitations set forth herein, all as shall be provided in the final form of the related Indenture executed and delivered by PEAK.

The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized and directed to determine and approve what, if any, portion of the Bonds are to be designated and issued (a) as tax-exempt obligations under federal law, (b) as taxable obligations under any federal law, or (c) as taxable obligations under any federal law that may be enacted with regard to municipal obligations, prior to the issuance of such issue of Bonds, that provides an interest subsidy or credit to the issuer, or to the investor; provided that the rate of interest on such bonds shall not exceed 12%. To the extent such legislation so allows, the Authorized Officers are authorized and directed to determine whether the related credit, payment or other form of subsidy is to be paid or otherwise provided to PEAK, as the issuer, or to investor in the Bonds.

Section 4. Authority of Authorized Signers to execute and deliver the Gas Purchase Agreement. The Board hereby authorizes an Authorized Officer to execute and deliver the Gas Purchase Agreement with the Gas Supplier, and to make changes therein as shall be approved by counsel.

Section 5. Execution and Delivery of Instruments required by the Indenture; Additional Actions. Each Authorized Officer shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all instruments, opinions, affidavits, certificates, financing statements, documents or other papers and to do and to perform or cause to be done any and all acts as he may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement, carry out and consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution and each Indenture, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of any closing documents to be delivered in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, and the matters herein authorized and the execution and delivery of all consents, approvals, notices, orders, requests and other actions permitted or required by any of the documents authorized by this Resolution. Each Authorized Officer is further authorized to execute such tax certificates and agreements as shall be determined to be necessary by bond counsel or special tax counsel in order to establish and maintain the tax exempt status of interest on the Bonds, and such continuing disclosure undertakings as may be necessary to enable the underwriters of the Bonds to comply with municipal securities disclosure requirements.

Section 6. Underwriter; Trustee. Jefferies LLC is hereby appointed as Managing Underwriter for the sale of Bonds, and the Authorized Officers are hereby authorized to negotiate with and engage one or more additional Co-Managing Underwriters as he deems necessary. Regions Bank, or such other entity identified by the Authorized Officers satisfying the requirements of the Indenture, is hereby appointed as the Trustee.

Section 7. Authority of Authorized Signers to Administer Bonds in Accordance with Indenture. To the extent that an Indenture requires or allows PEAK to provide administrative notices, consents and authorizations in connection with the ongoing administration of the Bonds, including in connection with the conversion of a series of Bonds from one interest rate mode to another interest rate mode, the Board hereby authorizes each Authorized Officer to give such notices, consents and authorizations on PEAK's behalf in accordance with the terms and provisions set forth in the related Indenture.

Section 8. Issuance of Multiple Issues Under One or More Indentures. Each Authorized Officer is hereby authorized, in his discretion and based upon then current market factors and conditions and any related input that may be provided by the Underwriter and the Gas Supplier, to make a determination to issue the Bonds in one or more separate issues, each under its own Indenture, with the sale of such issues separated by at least 15 days. In the event an Authorized Officer makes a determination to issue the Bonds in one or more separate issues, each issue shall be in such principal amount as an Authorized Officer shall determine, provided that the aggregate principal amount of such issues shall not exceed the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount. The Indenture for each issue shall be the same in all material respects, other than the principal amount, the interest rate mode for each series, the interest rate for each series, the date of issuance, the dates of maturity, the serial and term bond maturities, and the dates for the periodic payments of principal and interest. In the event that the Bonds are to be issued in one or more separate issues, an Authorized Officer is authorized and directed to provide such approvals with regard to each such issue as set forth in Section 3 of this Resolution, and to execute and deliver those instruments authorized in

Section 5 of this Resolution, for each such issue of Bonds.

Section 9. Bond Counsel; Special Tax Counsel; Special Gas Counsel; Financial Advisor. Kutak Rock LLP is hereby appointed as bond counsel. Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP is hereby appointed as special tax counsel. McCarter & English LLP is hereby appointed as gas counsel to PEAK. MG Advisory Corp. is hereby appointed as PEAK's Financial Advisor. The Authorized Officers in their discretion may engage disclosure counsel to assist with the preparation of the Offering Documents(s) for the Bonds.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law, and any provisions of any previous resolutions in conflict with the provisions herein are hereby superseded.



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BIDS**

The City of Carrollton is seeking bids for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, for the remodel project for 311 Main Street, Carrollton, KY 41008.

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