

# PRIMARY - FROM FRONT

## County Judge Executive

Paul Hays  
Jason Slone  
Betty Hays  
Linda Isaacs  
James Benjamin (Kyle) Welch  
Paul Rose

## Magistrate District 1

Tim Madden  
Rodney Chrisman  
Ovie Adkins  
Shannon Dale Vickers  
Keith Sandlin

## Magistrate District 2

Henry Smith  
Raymond Ray Dalton  
Robbie Belt  
Tim Tankersley  
Mary Cavins

## Magistrate District 3

Wendell Frye  
Paul Alexander  
Vernon Johnson  
Rex Tillery  
Greg Lakes

## County Sheriff

Daniel Isaacs

## Constable District 1

Johnny Peters  
William Jones

## Constable District 2

Steve Gill

## Constable District 3

Billy Ray Isaacs  
Ben Davidson

## County Attorney

Ross Murray

## County Clerk

Donald "Duck" Moore

## Jailer

Brian Gabbard

## Property Valuation Administrator

Bobby Edwards

## Coroner

Conley Tyra

## Regional Offices Up for Election

There are offices up for election whose responsibilities and constituents span a region larger than a single county and will be decided in the 2026 Election. These offices include: US Senator, US House of Representatives, KY State Representative,

### US Senator

The 2026 United States Senate election in Kentucky is a high-profile open-seat race following the retirement of long-time Republican Senator Mitch McConnell, who announced he will not seek an eighth term. This is the first time this seat has been open since 1972. Both parties have crowded fields of declared and filing-official candidates: Republican Primary Candidates: Andy Barr (U.S. Rep.), Daniel Cameron (former Attorney General), Nate Morris (businessman), Mike Faris, Wende Kennedy, and Andrew Shelley.

Democrat: Charles Booker (former state rep.), Amy McGrath (2020 nominee), Pamela Stevenson (State House Minority Leader), Joel Willett (former CIA officer), and Logan Forsythe (attorney).

### US House of Representatives (District 5)

In 2026, Kentucky will hold elections for all six seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Candidates running for District 5 include:

Republican Primary Candidates: Hal Rogers (Incumbent), Kevin R. Smith, & Benjamin Hurley, Jacob Trimble, Brandon R. Monhollen, Jerry Lee Shelton, Billy Ray Wilson  
Democratic Primary Candidates: Ned Pillersdorf

### Kentucky Senator (25th District) – Not on the Ballot this year

Kentucky State Senator Robert Stivers' represents the 25th District. The next election for this office will be in November 2028.

Stivers successfully ran for re-election for the 25th Senate District seat in the November 5, 2024, general election and began his new term in January 2025. Kentucky state senators serve four-year terms, with half the seats up for election every two years. Districts with odd numbers, such as District 25 which Stivers represents, had their elections in 2024.

The next set of Kentucky Senate elections for even-numbered seats will take place in 2026, with the odd-numbered seats coming up again in 2028.

### Kentucky House of Representatives (89th District)

Timmy Truett (incumbent)

### Next Step – Public Drawing for Ballot Positions

On Thursday, January 15, 2026 (the Thursday following the filing deadline for the primary), a Public drawing for ballot positions will be conducted in the office of the County Clerk. The public drawing will take place at 2:00 PM at the old courthouse in McKee, KY.

On Monday, January 26, 2026 the Secretary of State will certify candidates' names to the County Clerks (the third Monday after the filing deadline for the primary).

After the names have been officially certified by the Secretary of State, the Jackson County Sun will provide and publish a questionnaire to each candidate. This will help the Jackson County voters make an informed decision regarding their choice(s) for these critical offices.

In addition, there is usually a candidates' forum held at the old courthouse that will allow the general public to ask questions of the candidates. The date for this forum has not been decided yet.

# JAG - FROM FRONT

Ferguson spoke with JAG-KY students about the many career opportunities available within the company. Mr. Ferguson emphasized the importance of finding a career they are passionate about—one that fits their lifestyle and supports their personal and professional goals. He encouraged students to seek a job they truly love. Mr. Ferguson also shared that individuals are in a job interview every day of their lives and reminded students that first impressions always matter.



**RIGHT: Local Business man Brian Murray speaks to JCHS JAG-KY**

# TEACHER - FROM FRONT

School and has been an educator for 20 years. She spent 19 of those years teaching Special Education, where she supported students primarily in Science and History.

This year, Ms. Jackson began a new role teaching an elective course through JAG-KY.

The JAG-KY program helps prepare students for successful transitions to college, trade school, military service, or directly into the workforce.

When not working, Ms. Jackson enjoys landscaping, tending to her flowers, reading, cleaning, spending time with my family and playing with her grandbaby.

# LEGALS

## SECTION 00100 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

### Jackson County Water Association 2026 Waterline Extensions

Separate sealed bids will be received for the construction of the 2026 Waterline Extensions by the Owner, Jackson County Water Association, at 200 Beulah Lake Road, Tyner, KY 40486 until 2:00 P.M. local time on February 4, 2026. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Jackson County Water Association Office.

The project consists of installing approximately 7,775 L.F. of 3" SDR 17 PVC pipe, 1,735 L.F. of 4" D.I. pipe, 425 L.F. of 3" D.I. w/ nitrile gaskets, 145 L.F. of 8" Steel encasement, 50 L.F. of 10" HDPE DR 26 encasement pipe and all necessary appurtenances.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:  
JACKSON COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, 200 BEULAH LAKE ROAD, MCKEE, KY 40447  
KENVIRONS, LLC, 770 WILKINSON BLVD., FRANKFORT, KY 40601

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507 (859-226-5850) and www.lynnimaging.com upon payment of a nonrefundable price of \$200.00 for each set plus any shipping charges.

All bidders shall submit with their bid a Bid Bond in amount of not less than five (5) percent of the base bid. No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the scheduled Bid Opening Date. The Bidder awarded the contract shall execute a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond and shall furnish insurance as required, in the General Conditions. The Bidder awarded this contract shall complete this project within 60 calendar days after date of authorization to start work. Liquidated damages will be assessed at \$1,000 per calendar day.

Bidders must comply with Section 3, Section 109, and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act and the contract Work Hours Standard Act. Bidders must certify that they do not, and will not, maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on a basis of race, color, creed, or national origin.

Any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected. The Association reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities. Bidders must have experience with similar type projects in congested areas where multiple utilities are located. A list of references will be requested and thoroughly reviewed.

Small, minority and women's businesses and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to bid this project.

By: Dallas Cox, President

## SECTION 00111

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Jackson County Water Association  
Jackson County, Kentucky  
Water Treatment Plant Intake Improvements  
General Notice

Jackson County Water Association (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Water Treatment Plant Intake Improvements

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Jackson County Water Association office located at 200 Beulah Lake Road, Tyner, KY 40486, until February 4, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at the address listed above on January 28, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. All prospective contractors are strongly encouraged to attend to ask questions and familiarize with the project site.

The Project includes the following Work:

The project consists of installing approximately 350 L.F. of 16" D.I., CL250 pipe, 300 L.F. of 16" HDPE DR 21 pipe, 380 L.F. of directional bore for 16" HDPE, DR-21 pipe with 24" HDPE, DR 21 encasement, a vacuum priming vault, floating intake structure and all other necessary appurtenances to complete project.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Jackson County Water Association, 200 Beulah Lake Road, Tyner, KY 40486  
Kenvirons, LLC, 770 Wilkinson Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601  
Online Planroom at "www.lynnimaging.com"

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507  
Online Planroom at "www.lynnimaging.com"

Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents will be sent via the prospective Bidder's delivery service. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method chosen. Bidding Documents are available for purchase in the following formats:

Format	Cost
Bidding Documents (including Full-Size Drawings)	\$175
Electronic download of Bidding Documents from www.lynnimaging.com	\$125

### Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

### Domestic Preference

This project is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58, §§ 70901-70953. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States.

The following waivers apply to this Contract:

BABAA De Minimis, Small Grants, and Minor Components

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: Jackson County Water Association  
By: Dallas Cox  
Title: President  
Date: December 23, 2025

# FISCAL - FROM 7

of \$1,055. Zack Bryant won the bid for a Gold Chevy with a bid of \$527. Zack Bryant also won the bid for a Chevy Blazer with a bid of \$426.

The court tabled the agenda item regarding an EMS Vehicle agreement. It seems that some of the vehicles are owned by EMS, while others may be to the Fiscal Court. EMS is concerned that a new fiscal court (after the 2026 election) may claim the vehicles and remove them from the EMS fleet. The issue requires all the vehicle titles. The item was tabled to provide time to gather all information necessary.

Judge Gabbard asked the magistrates for approval to obtain a current appraisal for the Kitchen Building in Annville, KY. There were also issues with the deed to the property involving East KY Power. County Attorney, Ross Murray, was asked to clarify the issues with the deed.

The court reviewed and approved bills and change orders for the Jackson County Fairgrounds project. The project is progressing well and is currently under budget.

The court reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's bills and transfers.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 12, 2026 at 1:00 PM.