

# Public Notice

## Kentucky has much at stake with Medicaid

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FRANKFORT - As U.S. Rep. Brett Guthrie prepares to lead a debate on the future of Medicaid, his home state of Kentucky has more at stake than most.

Guthrie, R-Bowling Green, is chairman of a House committee that on Tuesday is set to start proposing \$880 billion in federal budget savings over the

next 10 years. Guthrie's assignment will be impossible, experts say, without cutting the federal-state program that pays for almost 1 in 3 Kentuckians' health care and has become an underpinning of the economy.

"Medicaid has become important to local economies throughout the state and a key pathway to health care for many Kentuckians," says the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in a statement last week

that also mentions the Chamber's "long-voiced concerns about the impact of rising Medicaid costs on Kentucky's finances."

"Efforts to control Medicaid spending will be necessary," says the pro-business group whose top recent priority has been continuing to lower Kentucky's income tax. "Policymakers, however, will need to take a balanced approach with input from key stakeholders."

Guthrie, a West Point graduate and former state legislator, is not publicly discussing specifics ahead of the markup, a spokesperson for the committee said Friday.

"Chairman Guthrie and Energy and Commerce Republicans are ready to strengthen, secure, and sustain Medicaid for generations to come and for the Americans the program was intended to serve," said Matt VanHyfte, the director of communications for the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Sounding a common GOP theme, he said Medicaid was intended "to assist the 'traditional population,' which are expectant mothers, children, low-income seniors and people with disabilities."

Medicaid was expanded beyond that traditional role in 2010 when Congress — with no Republican votes — enacted the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, a law that became known as Obamacare.

By then, the number of uninsured had topped 46 million, nearing 1 in 5 Americans; medical bills were increasingly pushing sick people into bankruptcy as hospitals shifted costs onto the dwindling share of insured patients.

Under the Medicaid expansion, the federal government offered

to pay 100% of the costs for state Medicaid programs to begin covering low-income, able-bodied adults who can't afford or who lack access to private health insurance.

Kentucky, a poor state with lots of sick people, has aggressively embraced the new option, and that has "changed the dynamics considerably," says Mark Birdwhistell, an expert on Medicaid and the University of Kentucky's senior vice president for health and public policy.

The Medicaid expansion has been "a great benefit to the health care delivery system at the University of Kentucky and all over Kentucky, particularly Southeastern Kentucky," Birdwhistell told the Lantern. "It's been a salvation for small rural hospitals in Eastern Kentucky and good for health outcomes as well," Birdwhistell said.

The rate of uninsured Kentuckians fell from 14.4% in 2013 to 6.1% in 2015, the year after the Medicaid expansion took effect. In 2023, 5.6% of Kentuckians were uninsured compared to 8% of the U.S. population.

Birdwhistell has been spending a lot of time in Washington sharing his knowledge with Kentucky's congressional delegation and with the staff of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees Medicaid, Medicare and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

In an interview with the Lantern, Birdwhistell discussed some of the Medicaid proposals the Republicans who control Congress are considering as they look for savings to pay for continuing tax cuts enacted in 2017 during President Donald Trump's first term.

Lowering federal share would be \$1.4 billion hit to Kentucky

The proposal that would be the "most problematic" for Ken-

tucky, Birdwhistell said, is one to lower the matching funds the federal government pays for the Medicaid expansion. After paying 100% of the expansion for a few years, the federal match was lowered to 90%, leaving states to pick up 10% of the expansion cost.

By contrast, the federal government picks up 71% of the cost of insuring Kentucky's traditional Medicaid population.

### NOTICE TO BID

The City of Russell is accepting sealed bids for a waterline replacement project. The City of Russell is also accepting sealed bids for the materials of the referenced waterline replacement project. Bid specifications for waterline replacement project and materials list can be picked up at the City of Russell Mayor's Office located at 410 Ferry Street, Russell Kentucky 41169 Monday - Friday 8:00AM to 4:30 PM.

Bids are being accepted from Thursday May 8th, 2025 until Thursday May 29, 2025 at 11:00AM. Bids will be opened at 11:00AM on May 29th, 2025. There is a pre-bid meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 21, 2025 at 11:00AM.

The City of Russell reserves the right to waive informalities, to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid which may be deemed in the best interest of the City of Russell. The City of Russell shall evaluate the bids, and the criteria for evaluation includes but is not limited to recommendations for other customers of the bidders, bidder's financial conditions, and available of contact with the bidder's home office. Further bases for evaluation will be included in the bid package.

Jennifer Williams, City Clerk  
City of Russell  
PO Box 394  
410 Ferry Street  
Russell, KY 41169

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### ORDINANCE NO. 3-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLATWOODS, KENTUCKY AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 12-2005 SETTING NEW RATES FOR IN-CITY CUSTOMERS AT 0-2000 GALLONS \$25.44 \$26.14, 2001-3000 GALLONS \$00906 \$00941 AND FOR ALL USAGE OVER 3,000 GALLONS \$00725 \$00760; SETTING WATER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE CITY OF FLATWOODS AT 0-2000 GALLONS \$38.57 \$39.27, 2001-3000 GALLONS \$01088 \$01123 AND 3,000 GALLONS AND ABOVE \$00853 \$00888, PER MONTH.

### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above caption and Ordinance is titled as set forth above and has been reviewed by the undersigned, who is an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

/s/ R. Stephen McGinnis  
Hon. R. Stephen McGinnis  
PHONE: (606) 473-7303  
WWW.MCGINNISLESLIE.COM

ADOPTED ON THE 6 DAY OF MAY, 2025 by the Common Council of the City of Flatwoods, Kentucky.

/s/ Buford Hurley  
MAYOR, CITY OF FLATWOODS

ATTEST:  
Heather Morris  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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### NOTICE FOR BIDS

Little Sandy Volunteer Fire District is now accepting sealed bids for a 93 model Chevrolet Kodiak water truck with 27,260 miles. This truck will be sold AS IS. The truck is in good condition with very low miles. Sealed bids received will be opened and publicly read promptly in the LSVFD Board meeting at the Rt. 1 Argillite Station on June 11, 2025 at 6:00pm All bids must be mailed and postmarked by June 4, 2025 in a sealed envelope with a return address and clearly marked Little Sandy Volunteer Fire District, PO Box 256 Greenup, KY. 41144. The bidder's name shall appear on the outside of the envelope. Bids received after the closing time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

The Little Sandy Volunteer Fire District Board reserves the right to reject bids or waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clarity in stating the prices in any bid, the LSVFD reserves the right to consider the most advantageous bid or to reject the bid. The award will be made to the responsible bidder submitting the highest bid, as determined by the LSVFD, or to the bidder who provides the best value to the LSVFD.

Any questions, please contact Aaron Imel at 1-606-831-3258

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Little Sandy Volunteer Fire District is now accepting sealed bids for a 6.5x12 utility trailer (ramp included) This trailer will be sold AS IS. Sealed bids received will be opened and publicly read promptly in the LSVFD Board meeting at the Rt. 1 Argillite Station on June 11, 2025 at 6:00pm All bids must be mailed and postmarked by June 4, 2025 in a sealed envelope with a return address and clearly marked Little Sandy Volunteer Fire District, PO Box 256 Greenup, KY. 41144. The bidder's name shall appear on the outside of the envelope. Bids received after the closing time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

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### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY GREENUP CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I ACTION NO. 25-CI-00008

PEOPLES BANK

PLAINTIFF

VS.

TUCKER LEE MCCORMICK, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on May 1, 2025, I will on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the second floor of the Greenup County Courthouse at Greenup, Kentucky, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Property Address: 404 Kenwood Drive, Russell, KY 41169  
Parcel ID#: 186-20-05-030.00

Being part of Lot No. 30 of the Kenwood Acre Tracts, located in Greenup County, Kentucky, on the Bellefonte-Russell Road, as laid out by Fred W. Gesling, C.E. and shown on Plat dated December 5, 1945, the same to be recorded in Greenup County, Kentucky, Court Clerk Minutes Office. Beginning at a concrete monument in the north right-of-way line of the Bellefonte-Russell Road, which point is 934.52 feet southwesterly from the westerly right-of-way line of Kentucky and West Virginia Power Co., which point is also corner to Lot 31; thence with line of Lot 31, North 52 degrees 07 minutes West, a distance of 423.80 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 37 degrees 53 minutes East, a distance of 119.99 feet to the property of Ernest Skaggs and Maxine Skaggs; thence with the property of Ernest Skaggs South 48 degrees 52 minutes East, a distance of 430.50 feet to the Bellefonte-Russell Road; thence along the North side of Bellefonte-Russell Road in a southwesterly direction along the arc of a curve having a radius of 603.55 feet, a distance of 80.88 feet; thence further along the Bellefonte-Russell Road South 37 degrees 53 minutes West, a distance of 15 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Tucker Lee McCormick, single, by Deed recorded March 16, 2023, in Deed Book 665, Page 189, Greenup County Court Clerk's Records.

The above described property shall be sold as a whole on terms of cash or on a credit of thirty (30) days. If sold on terms of credit, the purchaser shall be required to make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price and shall execute a bond with good surety for the remaining balance, said bond being payable to the Master Commissioner and shall bear interest at the rate the Judgment herein bears from the date of the sale until paid and shall have the force and effect of a judgment, upon which execution may issue, if not paid at maturity. A lien shall be retained upon the real estate so sold as additional security. The purchaser shall be responsible for paying the real estate property taxes for the tax year in which they purchase the property.

Out of the proceeds derived from the sale herein, the Master Commissioner shall retain the same until further Orders of the Court. Reference is hereby made to all proceedings in this case now on file with the Clerk of the Greenup Circuit Court, Greenup, Kentucky, this the 2nd day of May, 2025.

/s/ Reagan Reed  
REAGAN REED  
MASTER COMMISSIONER  
GREENUP CIRCUIT COURT  
P. O. Box 648  
Greenup, KY 41144  
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