

Deadline January 25

# Few Changes in Pool of Candidates

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TJ Editor

Few changes have occurred since those seeking political office were given until January 25 to declare their candidacy.

The Kentucky General Assembly recently passed a bill extending the filing deadline to later this month.

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear signed the bill within hours of its passage.

The new deadline will reportedly address current congressional and legislative redistricting plans under consideration in Frankfort.

The redistricting process could take several weeks, officials said.

Present office holders may find themselves in new or different districts, and the interest of potential candidates may be affected by redistricting.

Prior to the original, January 7 deadline, nearly 50 people declared their candidacy for the upcoming Primary Election.

The Russell County Judge Executive's race has seen the most interest with seven candidates filing for that office as of presstime.

Four people are seeking the office of Russell County Clerk.

At the December meeting of the Russell County Fiscal Court, current Clerk Sue Popplewell Brockman said she did not intend to seek office again, and was commended by the court for her service.

Jamestown City Councilman Barry Coffey recently filed papers to lead the city after Mayor Nick Shearer announced his resignation to accept a leadership position with the Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency.

At a recent council meeting, Coffey said he would no longer seek the mayor's office, and would support fellow council member Regena Hinton as Shearer's replacement.

Current State Representative Josh Branscum filed his paperwork to continue serving Russell, Cumberland, and part of Pulaski Counties.

According to the Secretary of State's office, two people have filed for the office of

Russell Circuit Judge.

Current Russell County Commonwealth Attorney Matthew Leveridge, of Jamestown, declared his candidacy for Circuit Judge, and Sarah Beth Gregory, of Monticello, who serves as Chief of Staff for Kentucky State Auditor Mike Harmon, filed papers for Circuit Judge.

The office of Circuit Judge for the 57th Judicial Circuit, comprised of Russell and Wayne Counties, is presently held by Chief Circuit Judge Vernon Miniard Jr.

Present 57th Circuit Family Court Judge Jennifer Upchurch Edwards, who represents Russell and Wayne Counties, filed for reelection with the Secretary of State's office in Frankfort.

Incumbent 40th District Judge Scarlett B. Latham earlier announced her intention for re-election.

Latham, and sitting Chief District Judge James M. Lawson represent Russell, Wayne, and Clinton Counties.

In the Third Appellate Court District, which includes Russell County, both Jacqueline Caldwell and James H Lambert have filed their paperwork with the Secretary of State.

The pool of candidates for local/area offices now contains approximately 45 people.

Information provided by the offices of Russell County Clerk Sue Popplewell Brockman/Kentucky Secretary of State Michael G. Adams include the following candidates:

**Russell County Circuit Judge**  
Matthew Leveridge  
Sara Beth Gregory

**Family Court Judge**  
Jennifer Upchurch Edwards

**Russell District Judge**  
Scarlett B. Latham

**Third District Court of Appeals**  
Jacqueline Caldwell  
James H. Lambert

**83rd Representative District**  
Josh Branscum

**County Judge Executive**  
Clarissa "Moochie" Hart  
Clete McAninch  
Landon C. Helm  
Patrick Loy  
Brad Burch  
Benny Joe Smith

Randy Marcum

**Russell County Clerk**  
Sherita Medaris  
Patty Glover  
Amy Riggins Melson  
Kim Kempf Fenske

**Russell County PVA**  
Tim Popplewell

**Russell County Jailer**  
Bobby Dunbar

**Russell County Coroner**  
Mark Coots

**Russell County Attorney**  
Kevin Shearer

**Russell County Sheriff**  
Derek Polston  
Nick Bertram

**Russell County Magistrate, District 1**  
Terry Waddell  
Greg Popplewell

**Russell County Constable, District 1**  
Jeffrey Aaron  
Keith Scholl

**Russell County Magistrate, District 2**  
Mickey Garner

**Russell County Constable, District 2**  
Paula Glover Mann

**Russell County Magistrate, District 3**  
Zachary Wilson  
Chase Antle  
Barry Flatt

**Russell County Constable, District 3**  
Kenny Luttrell

**Russell County Magistrate, District 4**  
Steve Richardson  
Robert Curtis Coppage  
Travis Dixon

**Russell County Constable, District 4**  
Greg Hammond  
John Wayne Grimsley  
Dustin Posey

**Russell County Magistrate, District 5**  
Vince P. White  
Ryan Vaughan  
Larry D. Skaggs

**Russell County Constable, District 5**  
Richard Wooldridge

**Mayor of Jamestown**  
Richard Bennett  
Barry Coffey

**First Congressional District**  
James Comer  
David L. Sharp

**State Senator, 16th District**  
Max Wise  
Justy Engle

## BONUSES,

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their own board," Garner said. "They didn't get any of that money?"

"No, it all came to us," Robertson said. "They're all our employees."

Russell County Treasurer Kim Fenske noted "any county employee" including "clerks...county attorneys," court security officers, and others would be eligible for an ARPA bonus.

"Many other counties have done this," she said, "and everybody is doing it a little differently. In order to make it easier...most of them have just done a 'flat rate,' and they've segregated whether it's full-time employees and part-time employees, and then they've done a date range."

Judge Robertson cited what nearby counties did for their employees, and said if Russell County wished to proceed, a resolution would have to be established and passed.

Garner asked the county to consider a \$5,000 bonus for full-time employees, and \$2,500 bonus for part-time employees.

Judge Robertson suggested the bonus be awarded to county employees who worked from July 1, 2021 to December 30, 2021.

"That would be a six-month period... anybody working during that time in those situations (Would be eligible)...if they're still working," he said.

The court voted unanimously to pursue

a resolution to pay one-time bonuses to approximately 100 county employees - around 70 percent of which are classified as "full-time."

The court is expected to review a resolution at their February meeting.

**NO GO FOR (SOME) SNOW REMOVAL**

In other business, magisterial concerns led the court to limit, if not stop the use of "county trucks" for snow removal at county entities.

Magistrate Garner said he "ended up and hired a couple of guys" to help with recent snow removal in the county.

"I'd like for us not to do parking lots...I don't mean just anybody's parking lots," Garner said. "It took our county employees off where they could have been doing snow removal for our county roads."

"I see that our county roads is priority to parking lots where most everybody hires their's done anyway," the magistrate said.

Garner made a motion "that we didn't do any parking lots... that we use our guys for county roads, and maybe that would save us from hiring some people."

Judge Robertson said the Lake Cumberland Area Development District (LCADD) had contacted the county about assistance with snow removal during recent winter weather.

"They do a lot of work with us...helping write grants and stuff," the judge said.

"But that's their job," Garner said.

"We've always done (snow removal) before," Robertson said.

The judge said a tractor was sent to the LCADD, "and I think the tractor quit."

"My motion would be not to use any of our new trucks and stuff," Garner said. "If they use a tractor that's fine, but not to use any of our trucks."

Third District Magistrate Ronald Johns clarified the discussion was about "county entities, it's not business parking lots."

"We've done the extension office and the health department," the judge said. "That's about the only three (including the LCADD) that's ever been done."

"They could easily do it with a tractor... and not tie the trucks up," Johnson said.

Garner said at least three magistrates hired people to help with snow removal in their districts.

"Those guys that was pushing snow in those parking lots could have been taking the tractors and using them...on these county roads," Garner said.

The court voted unanimously to not use trucks for snow removal at "county entities" - but possibly allow the use of tractors if manpower is available.

### NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

In order to comply with the orders of the Russell Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner of the Russell Circuit Court shall proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder at public auction the below properties on Friday, January 21, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., CT, Russell District Courtroom, Russell County Judicial Center, Jamestown, Kentucky.

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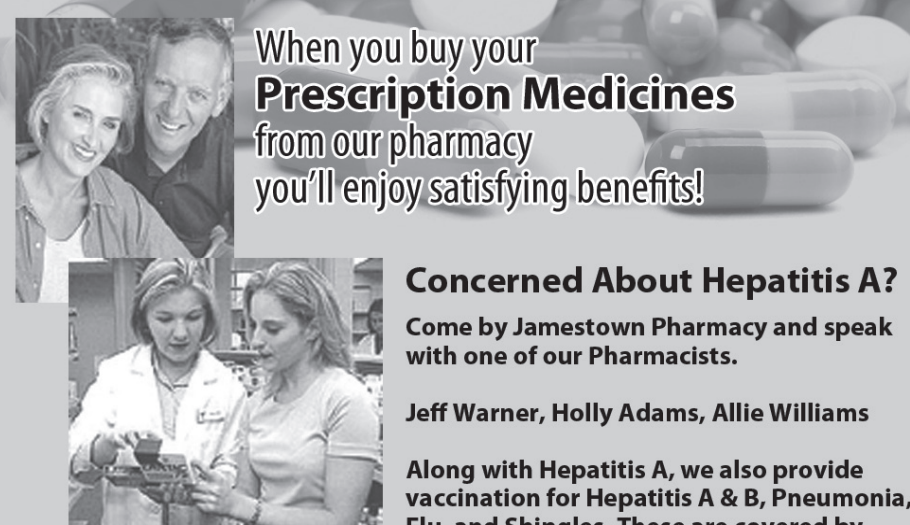
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