

House Bill 1



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Senate President Pro Tempore David P. Givens, R-Greensburg, speaks on House Bill 1, on the Senate floor.

More ways to help the future of Kentucky agriculture



Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell

Last year, Kentucky farmers donated nearly \$1 million to Kentucky's Ag Tag fund. This year, with your help, we want to hit that \$1 million mark and beyond.

In 2025, Kentucky farmers donated a record-breaking \$995,440.74 to the Ag Tag Program. It was the largest amount ever donated in a single year and topped the 2024 total by more than \$60,000. This year I'm hoping we can reach another record and create even more positive outcomes for Kentucky's agricultural youth.

Ag Tag money is generated through the \$10 voluntary donation Kentuckians make each year when they buy or renew their farm vehicle license plates. The money is then split equally between the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA), Kentucky FFA, and Kentucky 4-H to support Kentucky's agriculture youth and other organizations and programs benefiting our farm families.

The \$10 donation may seem like a small amount. But, by multiplying it by the thousands of Kentuckians that give and then putting those funds in the hands of the department that focuses on the state's agriculture community and the two leading agriculture youth development organizations, we are providing a strong backbone for Kentucky's agricultural future. Starting this year, we have an additional avenue for Kentucky residents to show their appreciation for agriculture and our next generation of farmers. The "Friends of Agriculture" special license plate is now available to any resident, even if you don't qualify for a farm license plate.

The new plate was made possible after House Bill 157 passed

during the 2025 legislative session. It expands the eligibility for an agriculture special license plate. Ten dollars of every purchase and \$5 of every renewal of the new plate will go into the "Ag Tag" fund and be divided equally among KDA, Kentucky 4-H and Kentucky FFA.

Here's how the two plates work:

Farm license plate - Kentucky's farm license plate is for vehicles used for farm-related activities. It's available to any farmer engaged in the production of crops, livestock, or dairy products. Those purchasing or renewing their plates can opt to give a voluntary \$10 donation for the Ag Tag fund, which is divided equally between KDA, Kentucky 4-H, and Kentucky FFA.

Friends of Agriculture plate - Kentucky's special plate that can be purchased by any Kentucky driver. There is no special usage attached to the plate. Those purchasing pay a \$10 fee that goes to the Ag Tag fund that's equally distributed between KDA, Kentucky 4-H, and Kentucky FFA. Those renewing the plate will pay a \$5 fee that will go to the Ag Tag fund.

Both the voluntary donation from the farm truck plate and the mandatory fee from the Friends of Agriculture plate go into the "Ag Tag" fund to benefit Kentucky's leading agricultural youth organizations.

FFA and 4-H have helped shape the lives of many children across the nation by creating experiences that make lasting impacts. 4-H and FFA are the two youth programs at the forefront of the future of Kentucky agriculture, providing direction in life for many of our young people. With just the purchase of a license plate, you can help create those lasting impacts.

KDA uses its share of the Ag Tag funds for various programs, such as the Ag Athlete of the Year awards, the Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award,

Kentucky Women in Agriculture, the University of Kentucky Grain and Forage Center of Excellence, and the Kentucky Farm to School Stars Recognition Program, which rewards school districts for increasing food purchases directly from Kentucky farmers.

Half of the 4-H and FFA donations are returned to local councils and chapters, meaning leaders in your community can use those funds to cover the cost of 4-H and FFA camp and other leadership programs for our youth. County 4-H councils use Ag Tag dollars to provide 4-H camp scholarships and travel for life-changing educational experiences to enable local 4-H youth to grow as leaders and engaged citizens. FFA chapters are free to use the money to meet the greatest needs in their community, such as FFA jackets for students in need or helping cover travel costs to leadership events.

That unselfish willingness to help build and prepare Kentucky's agriculture youth are predominant features of FFA

and 4-H. While they work to prepare youth to take on the challenges agriculture faces, KDA works every day to promote Kentucky's farmers, inviting each resident in the Commonwealth to realize the importance agriculture plays in the present and in the future. That future is Kentucky's agriculture youth. That's why this year's Ag Tag campaign theme is "Fruitful Futures." Funding from your voluntary donations helps all three organizations fulfill our mission to sustain Kentucky agriculture for generations to come securing the future of Kentucky agriculture.

In the weeks to come, as many of you head back to your county clerk's office to renew your vehicle plates, I hope you will make the choice to contribute to Kentucky's agricultural future. Together, we can make a last-

Bill seeks child abuse training for animal control officers

The House Local Government Committee advanced legislation Tuesday that would require animal control officers to complete training to help recognize signs of child abuse and neglect.

House Bill 246, sponsored by Rep. Susan Witten, R-Louisville, would mandate training for animal control officers to identify physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, as well as neglect. The bill is intended to strengthen Kentucky's child safety network by equipping more workers to recognize warning signs.

Witten said the legislation is a preventative measure designed to protect vulnerable children. "This is a simple bill meant to protect children and save lives," Witten said. "Animal control officers are often the first to witness warning signs like domestic child abuse in the household."

The legislation is known as "Kyan's Law," named after a 10-year-old boy who was killed by his mother. According to testimony, animal control officers had visited the home 24 times in the 18 months leading up to his death. The training would be available both in person or online and would cover how to recognize and properly report suspected abuse.

at North Oldham High School who worked with Witten on the bill, testified about the connection between animal abuse and child abuse.

She shared research showing that individuals who abuse animals are more likely to abuse children. Dunk also explained that animal control officers are an underutilized resource in identifying abuse because they often encounter young children who are not yet in school and may not interact with mandated reporters such as teachers.

Jill Seyfred, executive director of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, explained how the training would work and how data would be recorded to better understand trends in child abuse reporting.

"The training will be housed on our website free of charge," she said. "We will keep track of individuals and counties who are participating so we can report back on the impact the training is having."

Rep. Sarah Stalker, D-Louisville, asked whether the training would be required annually or just once. Witten said the bill currently requires only a single training.

Rep. Beverly Chester-Burton, D-Shively, asked whether other states had adopted similar measures.

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MEETING NOTICE

The Green County Ambulance Board Meeting will be held March 9th at 4:30 cst in the ambulance service classroom.

Greasy Creek Baptist Church is soliciting bids for mowing services for the 2026 season. Mowing is for both the church property and the cemetery. Bid documents and information may be obtained by contacting:
Kenny Dixon 270-405-1812
Larry Clark 270-299-5167
Margaret Tucker 270-299-5303
Benjamin Scott 270-299-5232

Sealed bids must be submitted by March 21, 2026.

Greasy Creek Baptist Church is soliciting bids for Custodial Services for the Church. Bid documents and information may be obtained by contacting:
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass (Sorghum halepense), Canada thistle (Cirsium arvense), Cutleaf Teasel (Dipsacus laciniatus) Nodding thistle (Carduus nutans), Common teasel (Dipsacus fullonum), Poison hemlock (Conium maculatum), Marestail (Coryza canadensis), Amur Honeysuckle (Lonicera maackii), Multiflora Rose (Rose multiflora) Japanese knotweed, (Polygonum cuspidatum), Spotted Knapweed (Centaurea stoebe) and Kudzu (Pueraria montana).

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Green County Fiscal Court shall conduct a second reading and consider adoption of a proposed ordinance amending the Green County budget for fiscal year 25-26 to include unanticipated receipts from Real Property, Insurance Reimbursement, Other Receipts (Road), and Opioid Settlement in the amount of \$159,386.22; expenditures will increase in the area of Reserve for Transfer. The reading will be conducted on March 19 at 5:00 P.M. in the courtroom of the Green County Courthouse. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743 during normal business hours.

INVITATION TO BID
Notice is given hereby that:
GREEN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
Will accept bids for:
SNOW / ICE REMOVAL OF THE GREEN COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER FOR THE YEAR 2026

The Green County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for Snow and Ice Removal at the Green County Judicial Center. For a more detailed description, please contact the County Judge/Executive's office at 270-932-4024.

Interested bidders should contact the Green County Judge-Executive's office at 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY for specifications and requirements for snow and ice removal.

Proof of \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance policy must be provided by the winning bidder prior to signing a contract.

Sealed bids should be clearly marked "Snow and Ice Removal" and must be turned into the Judge/Executive's office no later than 4:30 PM Central Time, Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Bids received after this time will NOT be accepted. **Bids will be opened during the March 19, 2026, Regular Called Fiscal Court Meeting, at 5:00 PM Central Time.** Interested parties are invited to attend. The Green County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any infirmity in any bid received and in the bidding process.



Public Notice

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
Eleventh Judicial District Court
Green County
Probate Division
Karen Gilpin, Clerk

In compliance with SECTION 424.30 AND SECTION 424.120 **KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following **FIDUCIARY APPOINTMENTS** have been made by the court.

NAME ADDRESS OF DECEDENT OR WARD	NAME & ADDRESS OF FUDICIARY	NAME & ADDRESS OF ATTY REPRESENTING	DATE OF APPT	CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY
DAVID ALLEN ROBERTSON 90 Bishop Lane Center, KY 42214	TERESA M. ROBERTSON 90 Bishop Lane Center, KY 42214	RUSSELL W. GOFF 116 S. Main Street Greensburg, KY 42743	02/02/2026	08/02/2026
TIMOTHY SMITH 213 Industrial Road Greensburg, KY 42743	JAMES SMITH 618 Birdwood Campbellsville, KY 42718	MACKENZIE SMITH 107 N. Central Ave., Ste. D Campbellsville, KY 42718	02/09/2026	08/09/2026
NANCY R. HOPKINS 926 Clover Lick Road Greensburg, KY 42743	WILLIAM "BILL" D. COFFEY 695 Stone Quarry Road Campbellsville, KY 42718	RUSSELL W. GOFF 116 South Main Street Greensburg, KY 42743	02/11/2026	08/11/2026
LEO CURRY, SR. 1988 Hwy. 218 Greensburg, KY 42743	PAULA CURRY 1988 Hwy. 218 Greensburg, KY 42743	MACKENZIE D. SMITH 107 N. Central Ave., Suite D Campbellsville, KY 42718	01/20/2026	07/20/2026
	VANESSA C. SHREVE 503 Columbia Hwy. Greensburg, KY 42743			
ROLLIN CLELL GENTRY 201 Taylor Avenue Greensburg, KY 42743	ROLLIN L. GENTRY 106 Quail Valley Drive Greensburg, KY 42743	RUSSELL W. GOFF 116 S. Main Street Greensburg, KY 42743	02/03/2026	08/03/2026
JOHN GREGORY CHILDERS 111 S. 2nd Street Greensburg, KY 42743	SUSAN MCINTOSH 1287 Couchtown Road Busy, KY 41723	MACKENZIE D. SMITH 107 N. Central Ave., Ste. D Campbellsville, KY 42718	02/10/2026	08/12/2026
SHIRLEY FAYE DURRETT 1517 Gabe Road Greensburg, KY 42743	MICHELLE LARIMORE 461 Black Gnat Road Campbellsville, KY 42743	RUSSELL W. GOFF 116 S. Main Street Greensburg, KY 42743	02/12/2026	08/12/2026
LOUIE M. LYLE 659 Little Barren Church Road Greensburg, KY 42743	JOHN D. HENDERSON 103 W. Court Street Greensburg, KY 42743	JOHN D. HENDERSON 103 W. Court Street Greensburg, KY 42743	02/24/2026	08/24/2026