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COUNTY UPDATE

Summer Begins with a New Fiscal Year

By Judge Executive Marshall Todd

Somerset, Ky. (June 27, 2024) – As the summer months continue on, I want to wish you a Happy 4th of July. In the coming days, families all throughout Pulaski County will be celebrating Independence Day with a record amount of firework shows and activities throughout the region. We’re excited that one of those many celebrations will be held at Pulaski County Park on July 6th with what we’re calling “The 4th on the 6th.” With Independence Day falling on a Thursday, we thought we would go all out at PC Park with food trucks, a live band, and a spectacular display of fireworks. The food trucks will be there from 11:00 that morning and the live band will begin at 6:00 with the fireworks starting at dark. We hope as many of you can attend as possible.

When I think of our nation’s independence, I can’t help but think back to my recent trip to our nation’s capital. As your County Judge Executive, I have to look at the big picture. That includes cultivating working relationships with local, state, and federal leaders. One of those leaders I met with while I was in Washington D.C. was Congressman Hal Rogers. When I’m away from home, it’s always good to see a friendly and familiar face and I’m happy that I got to meet with

Congressman Rogers and discuss with him upcoming projects including one we have been working on from the beginning, the Northern Bypass. This project has been much anticipated in Pulaski County for many years and we need to continue to take the next steps to complete the 8-mile connector from the Cumberland Parkway/Hwy 27 interchange to the new 461 intersection. This project is a regional one that supports economic growth opportunities for businesses to make point to point connections from Western Kentucky to Eastern Kentucky. Working hand in hand with the congressman's office, we hope that, in conjunction with state legislative leadership, we are able to make the Northern Bypass a reality for Pulaski County and beyond.

When I got back from Washington D.C. I was able to work with our magistrates to finalize not only a comprehensive 152-page Administrative Code for our employees, but also a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. I feel that after months of work looking at all departments and all aspects of Pulaski County Government, we were able to draft a fiscally responsible budget that provides for our employees and do what I promised to do from the beginning. This budget is comprised of your taxpayer dollars. We are here to make sure that those funds are spent wisely and that the needs of our citizens are taken care of. We know it isn't perfect. No local government is. No budget is. But in working with department heads, our financial department, our magistrates, and public input, we have a new budget headed into the next fiscal year that is responsible and conservative. I was a businessman way before I was Judge Executive. That's how this county needs to be run.

With that, also comes transparency. That's why we've made a concerted effort to provide you as much information online as we can. The new budget and the new admin code should both be available online as of July 1st, 2024. All you have to do is visit www.pulaskigov.com and go to the tabs to navigate the website. You can peruse them online or print them out at your leisure without having to do an official open records request for them. We also keep copies for you to see in our office at the old courthouse located at 100 North Main Street. You can also call (606)678-4853 for further information. We look forward to hearing from you and you can always email me at mtodd@pcgovt.com if you have any questions or concerns about county government. I hope these updates are helpful and that you reach out to us if you need us. God Bless You and God Bless Pulaski County.

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