

PULASKI COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

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COUNTY UPDATE

With Spring Comes New Projects and Weather Challenges

By Judge Executive Marshall Todd

Somerset, Ky. (April 8, 2025) – Now that we're thawing out from the winter months, I thought it might be a good time to update you on where we are in terms of a couple of new hires and a few new and ongoing projects with Pulaski County Government. First off, we need to talk about our flooding issues and the great job our Emergency Management Director is doing in coordinating our response on the local, state, and federal levels. Chris Mason is in constant contact with state and federal emergency management officials and FEMA and is making sure we have documentation for the storms and the ensuing flooding that has occurred.

It's very important to remember that as heavy rains fall, rivers and streams can swell rapidly, leading to flooding. This is especially concerning in areas with saturated ground that can't absorb additional moisture. We're experiencing a lot of flooding of Lake Cumberland at PC Park. While we can't control the weather, we can prepare for it. And that is one of the things Emergency Management Director is helping us with. Now is the time to review emergency plans, check weather alerts, and make sure storm kits are stocked with essentials like water, flashlights,

and first-aid supplies. Understanding the difference between a watch and a warning can be lifesaving. A watch means conditions are favorable for severe weather, while a warning means it's happening now, and immediate action is needed. Chris keeps track of all that.

With this weather, our infrastructure takes a major beating. That's one of the many reasons I wanted to finally name a Deputy Judge. Jeff Wilson has years of experience in most all aspects of Pulaski County Government and he is going to help oversee a lot of the projects that are coming down the pike in this and what I hope to be a second term. Those projects include but are not limited to two rural bridge replacement grants and continuing to seek funding for the Old Shopville Road Bridge. We have been awarded a grant for the White Lily Community Center to make it more energy efficient by replacing the HVAC and windows, which we will be starting work on soon.

Starting this month, we'll be working on more than 25 miles of new asphalt for county and state roads. Yet another reason I wanted Jeff's expertise as Deputy Judge. Thanks to our delegation in Frankfort, we were awarded more than \$325,000 in extra asphalt dollars to apply to county roads. It is anticipated at this time that Pulaski will be receiving an all-time high of more than \$4,000,000 in funding for multiple road projects. That's why Fiscal Court will continue to work with our delegation in Frankfort and Washington D.C. to bring attention to our needs right here in Pulaski County.

As always, I want you to contact me and my office for any needs you may have. We keep our office open Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30 in hopes that if we are needed, someone can answer any questions you may have. Our number is (606)678-4853 so feel free to reach out to us. You can also reach me by email at mtodd@pcgovt.com. God Bless You, God Bless Pulaski County and the United States of America!