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COUNTY UPDATE

May Storm Response Update

By Judge Executive Marshall Todd

Somerset, Ky. (May 30, 2025) – As I said in my statement I released right after the storm, this has been the roughest time I’ve had as Pulaski County Judge Executive so far. This May column was originally meant to talk about some of the new amenities we were putting in place in the parks. But that all changed the evening of May 16th and into the morning hours of the 17th when the clouds cleared and the sun rose and we saw what we were dealing with. The devastation was immense both here and in neighboring Laurel County. It’s hard to believe it’s been two weeks already. The response from both our workers and volunteers has been immeasurable. It has warmed my heart to see how many people have shown up and worked together to help us get back to a sense of normalcy. Even seeing City and County agencies working together was something that seemed unprecedented. We were all in this together. And we still are.

I want to focus on the continuing efforts to get us back to where we were. First, it is very important that you follow a couple of our pages on Facebook if you can. The Pulaski County Government and Pulaski County Emergency Management Facebook pages were updated frequently throughout this crisis. They will continue

to be the best way to get updated information in what is a continuing response. Open communications are crucial to any government organization and in times of crisis even more so. We have had our office open here at the Pulaski County Courthouse as always but we have also had our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) open as well. Though emergency operations have closed at this time, you can still reach our Emergency Management Director there at (606)451-0810.

We couldn't have managed this storm response without our many First Responders. Grammatically I suppose it isn't correct to capitalize "First Responders" but I feel they deserve it. From Dispatch on up to our law enforcement agencies including the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office and Somerset Police Department, to Somerset-Pulaski County EMS and all of our Pulaski County Fire Departments and our Rescue Squad and Special Response Team and so many people that we had helping us at the EOC taking calls and coordinating the response, this was an all-hands-on deck situation. And we have so much more to do. Especially in the communities that were directly hit.

That's why I've been especially appreciative of everything Congressman Rogers and his office has done to get us help. Quickly. We had a FEMA Disaster Declaration signed off on by The President of the United States within a week of this horrible storm. That's why it was so important for me to sign our State of Emergency Declaration that night and for Mayor Keck to follow suit. The Governor had declared a preemptive disaster and that let us all join forces for a quick response from President Trump. We are appreciative of all their efforts. FEMA is here now and prepared to help you. They have had mobile offices in the Nancy and Mt. Victory communities and have had agents going door-to-door surveying damage and letting residents know what help they qualify for. There is also a centralized location at The Center for Rural Development to help you with any needs you may have at this time. The Pulaski County Multi-Agency Disaster Recovery Center is open as a one-stop office for everything you may need after a storm of this magnitude. You can call them at 1-800-632-8588 for more information.

Many of you have asked how you can help. A lot of our centers that were set up to receive relief donations are completely full. That says a lot about our community and communities abroad that have come together to help us. We wanted to have a way for citizens to donate to a centralized fund for storm relief and God's Food Pantry stepped up to provide both Somerset and Pulaski County a storm relief fund that will go to help not just victims of this storm but victims of storms yet to come. If you would like to donate to that fund, just call God's Food Pantry at (606)679-

8560 or you can mail your checks made out to Somerset-Pulaski County Crisis Response Fund to God's Food Pantry P.O. Box 259 Somerset, KY 42502.

Continue to pray for us in leadership and in our communities here in Pulaski County. We appreciate so many of you that not only reached out to us to help but those of you that wished us well through all of this. It's like I said, this was a lot. It was a lot for me and my office and all of us who were affected by this. And make no mistake. We were ALL affected by this. We will take the lessons we've learned from this crisis and apply them to the next. I am so proud of my team and all those that have pitched in and helped. We have a long way to go to get back to some sense of normalcy but we are headed in the right direction. If you need help, please reach out to us. As always you can call us at (606)678-4853 or email me at mtodd@pcgovt.com. Thank you for all you do and as always, may God Bless You and God Bless Pulaski County.

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