



**Kentucky Association of Counties**

**2022 County  
Legislative Agenda**

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**Magistrates/Commissioners**  
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# 2022 Legislative Priorities



## Educate and Inform: County Story

Prioritize telling the county story to policymakers, including the constitutionally-required duties counties must perform on behalf of the Commonwealth.



## Educate and Inform: ARPA

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## Transportation: Increased Revenue

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## Transportation: Electric Vehicles

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## Revenue: County Options

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## Budgets and Funding

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## County Audits

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## Criminal Justice: Video Arraignment

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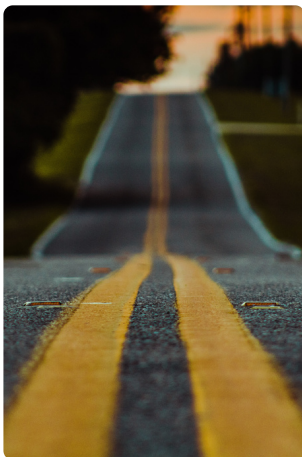
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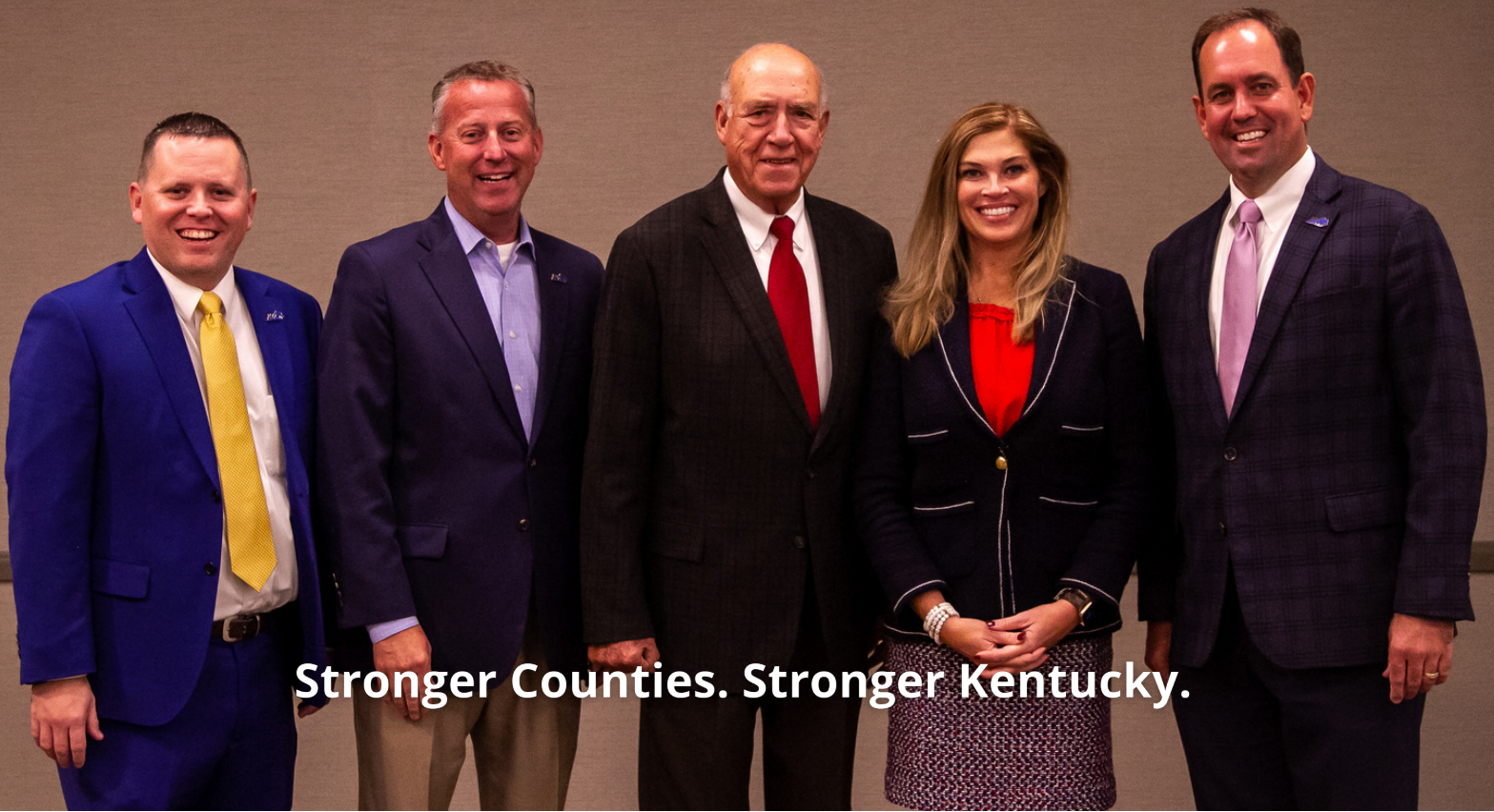
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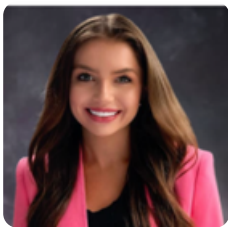
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