

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes

October 13, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Government Contract Review Committee met on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in Room 131 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Donald Douglas, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Donald Douglas, Co-Chair; Representative Mark Hart, Co-Chair; Senators Stephen Meredith and Reginald L. Thomas; Representatives Bobby McCool, Jason Petrie, and Rachel Roarx.

Guests: Naomi Emmons, Deputy Chief Procurement Officer, University of Kentucky (UK); Shannan Stamper, Deputy General Counsel, UK; Michael Hatfield, Director of Administration at UK Healthcare, UK; Jennifer Fraker, Director of Government Relations, UK; Ford Stanley, Office of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement, UK; Scott Baker, Executive Director, Office of Facility Development and Efficiency, Finance and Administration Cabinet; Tracy Carroll, Executive Director, Public Protection Cabinet (PPC); Patrick Riley, General Counsel, PPC; Dr. Patti Clark, Director of the Division of Mental Health, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS); Wesley Duke, General Counsel, CHFS; Charity Roberts, Branch Manager, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), CHFS; Astrud Masterson, Executive Director for Office of Administrative Services (OAS), CHFS; and Roger McCann, Director, Division of Family Support, DCBS, CHFS.

LRC Staff: Jarrod Schmidt and Kim Smith.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to approve Minutes of the September 9, 2025, meeting of the committee. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

SEPTEMBER DEFERRED LIST:

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Jackie Horn, Attorney at Law, K25-151. Naomi Emmons, Deputy Chief Procurement Officer, UK; Shannan Stamper, Deputy General Counsel, UK; and Michael Hatfield, Director of Administration at UK Healthcare, UK, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Ms. Stamper stated she was unsure whether the courts provide any funding for guardianship cases. Guardianship cases involve individuals who are unable to make their own medical decisions and are not eligible for state guardianship, which is supported by a separate funding source. In such instances, UK HealthCare covers the cost of guardianship when patients have no relatives or are disqualified from state guardianship.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Ms. Stamper stated the funds come from UK Healthcare and are part of the operating dollars allocated to the Risk Management Department.

In response to Chair Douglas, Ms. Stamper stated this pilot program began approximately four years ago with a law firm they partnered with. Following the passing of the attorney at that firm, an RFP was issued, and two firms—one from Lexington and one from Shelbyville—were awarded contracts. This arrangement worked for a period of time; however, the Shelbyville firm began experiencing difficulty attending court sessions as frequently as requested by the Fayette District Judges. As a result, some of the Shelbyville firm's work and new patient cases are being shifted to the Lexington firm, with plans to wind down the Shelbyville contract by June 30, 2026. The amendment under consideration today is for the Lexington firm, and funds are being reallocated from one contract to the other. Ms. Stamper stated that a new RFP has been submitted to secure a law firm to replace the Shelbyville firm.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Stamper stated the increase is associated with new patients and the shifting of cases, and noted there is a slightly different rate structure with this firm. Services under this contract include applying for guardianship, attending court for the appointment of guardianship, making court appearances, and serving as guardian. At this time, there are approximately 25 cases associated with this contract.

Representative Petrie stated he would be interested in knowing the total spending cap and the amount spent per patient or per guardian, to see whether those numbers are increasing or decreasing over time, and to ensure UK is not being charged inflated prices.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Stamper stated if it is determined the patient has the resources to pay for the service, the guardian may seek reimbursement for the related expenses.

In response to Chair Douglas, Ms. Stamper stated if a relative were going through the guardianship process, they might experience a financial hardship; however, the goal is to identify someone who can make medical decisions for the patient. This does not transfer any financial responsibility to the person making those decisions. Ms. Stamper stated the reason this program remains in place is because UK Healthcare has found the financial cost of paying for a guardian is ultimately less than the cost of providing ongoing medical care to patients who are unable to make decisions and might otherwise remain in acute care hospitals for extended periods.

Senator Thomas stated the \$125 per hour legal rate regulation is outdated and should be increased. He also noted that the guardianship statutes are outdated and need to be reviewed and updated.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider the contract as reviewed. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed.

OFFICE OF ENERGY POLICY

Midwest Renewable Energy Association, 2600000109; Public Protection Cabinet, 2600000281; Kentucky Housing Corporation, 2600000288. A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart to defer the contracts to the October 2025 meeting. Senator Thomas seconded the motion, which passed with Senator Meredith voting no.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Personal Service Contract List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Personal Service Contract Amendment List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Memoranda of Agreement List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Memoranda of Agreement Amendment List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Kentucky Entertainment Incentive Program Agreements List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Correction List. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS WERE REVIEWED
WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Green River Regional MHMR Board, Inc., 2600000627.

BOARD OF HAIRDRESSERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS

McBrayer, PLLC, 2600000481.

BOARD OF PODIATRY

Clinton Investigations, LLP, 2600000103.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

QK4, Inc., 2600000583; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., 2600000584;
Palmer Engineering Company, 2600000585; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2600000606.

DEPARTMENT OF WORKPLACE STANDARDS

Baptist Health Medical Group, Inc., 2600000302.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

Omni Architects, 2600000382; Hafer, PSC, 2600000491; Paladin, Inc.,
2600000509; S&Me, Inc., 2600000540; Paladin, Inc., 2600000546.

KENTUCKY EMPLOYERS MUTUAL INSURANCE

Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., 26-GBS-002.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

The Animal Clinic, 26-11.

KY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

CMTA, 26-001; Patrick D. Murphy, 26-005; Trace Creek, 26-101; Sound Research Center, LLC, 981.

KY TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Atikin, LLC, 2025-0016.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Specter Ops, Inc., 025-26; Greenwood Asher & Associates, 026-26; JRA Architects, 027-26.

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CorVel Enterprises Comp, Inc., 7765812; Ross Tarrant Architects, A261000; Sherman Carter Barnhart, A261010; THP Limited, A261020; Morris Workshop Architects, A261040; JRA Architects, A261050; JRA Architects, A261070; Cloud for Good, K26-120; APAX Software, K26-122.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Walker Parking Consultants, 00000916; Global Watchmen Associates, LLC, 00000929; Paladin, Inc., 00000954.

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE AMENDMENTS WERE REVIEWED
WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Dentons Bingham Greenebaum, LLP, 2500001728.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Gess Mattingly and Atchison, 2400001855; Goldberg Simpson, LLC, 2400001856.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Palmer Engineering Company, 1300001582; American Engineers, Inc., 1500002770; American Engineers, Inc., 1600003407; Aecom Technical Services, Inc., 2000001988; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2100000817; Burgess and Niple, Inc., 2200001433; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., 2300000047-1; H.W. Lochner, Inc., 2300001683; GRW Engineers, Inc., 2400001031; WSP USA, Inc., 2400001109; Michael Baker International, Inc., 2400001340; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2400002786; H. W. Lochner, Inc., 2400002789; Burgess and Niple, Inc., 2400003057; H. W. Lochner, Inc., 2400005270; QK4, Inc., 2500000587; Strand Associates, Inc., 2500001598; Palmer Engineering Company, 2500001755; QK4, Inc., 2500002015.

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Clotfelter Samokar, PSC, 2952-2025.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

EOP Architects, PSC, 2000003040; EOP Architects, PSC, 2100000950; Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., 2200000259; Vertical Structures, Inc., 2200003355; EOP Architects PSC, 2200004466; Clotfelter/Samokar PSC, 2300000166; Patrick D. Murphy Company, Inc., 2300001793; John A. Newman Consulting Engineers, 2400000411; Schmidt Associates, Inc., 2400000546; Paladin, Inc., 2400003946; Logsdon Auction Group, LLC, 2500000812; Tower Pinkster Titus Associates, Inc., 2500001039; Strand Associates, Inc., 2500001259.

KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Sustainable Streams, LLC, 18FW001506.

KY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vantage Energy Consulting, LLC, 2400002509.

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc., 2400001844.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

DTN, LLC, 2400004132.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

JRA Architects, A221150; NOMI Design, A251210; New City Media, Inc., K25-224.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENTS WERE REVIEWED
WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Bellarmino University, 2600000368; Campbellsville University, 2600000369.

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Banklick Watershed Council, 2600000023; City of Bowling Green, 2600000076; Louisville & Jefferson MSD, 2600000112; Kentucky Waterways Alliance, 2600000121; Lewis County Fiscal Court, 2600000238.

DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Town of Mt. Olivet, 2500003200; Allen County-Scottsville Industrial Development Authority, 2600000037; City of Eminence, 2600000074; Graves County Fiscal Court, 2600000118; City of Bowling Green, 2600000305; City of Berea, 2600000385; Bell County, 2600000412; Leslie County, 2600000418; Leslie County, 2600000419; Leslie County, 2600000420; Leslie County, 2600000421; Leslie County, 2600000422; Leslie County, 2600000425; Leslie County, 2600000426; Big Sandy Area Development District, 2600000428; Bluegrass Area Development District, 2600000429; Buffalo Trace Area Development District, 2600000430; Green River Area Development District, 2600000434; Kentucky River Area Development District, 2600000435; Lake Cumberland Area Development District, Inc., 2600000437; Lincoln Trail Area Development District, 2600000438; Hopkins County, 2600000486; Knott County Fiscal Court, 2600000487; Knott County Fiscal Court, 2600000488; The Kentucky Science Center, Inc., 2600000489; Knox County Fiscal Court, 2600000510; Letcher County Fiscal Court, 2600000523; Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court, 2600000557; City of Edmonton, 2600000559; Trimble County Fiscal Court, 2600000566; Webster County Fiscal Court, 2600000567; Pike County Fiscal Court, 2600000587; Harlan County Fiscal Court, 2600000588; Harlan County Fiscal Court, 2600000589; Webster County Fiscal Court, 2600000590; Morgan County Fiscal Court, 2600000596; Fulton-Hickman County Economic Development Partnership, 2600000613; Magoffin County, 2600000617; Magoffin County, 2600000618.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2500002199; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000365; University of Louisville Research Foundation, 2600000366; Avol Kentucky, Inc., 2600000483; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000501; Pennyroyal Healthcare Services, 2600000502; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000503; Volunteers of America Mid-States, Inc., 2600000505.

DEPARTMENT FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

Multi, 2600000039.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2500002972; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2500002997; Cabinet for Health and Family Services - DBHDID, 2500003113; Mason County Board of Education, 2500003160; Jessamine County Board of Education, 2500003211; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000113; Kentucky Special Parent Involvement Network, Inc., 2600000274; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000279; Barren County Board of Education, 2600000370; Bluegrass Community and Technical College, 2600000371; Campbell County Board of Education, 2600000378; Jessamine County Board of Education, 2600000380; Whitley County Board of Education, 2600000381; Bath County Board of Education, 2600000387; Covington Independent School District, 2600000388; Dayton Independent School District, 2600000389; Newport Independent School District, 2600000391; Paducah Independent School District, 2600000392; Spencer County Board of Education, 2600000393; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000493; Mercer County Board of Education, 2600000495; Henry County Board of Education, 2600000497; Green River Regional Educational, 2600000512; Fayette County Board of Education, 2600000519; Kentucky Valley Education, 2600000539; Kentucky Valley Education, 2600000543; Boone County Board of Education, 2600000598.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Home of the Innocents, 2500000044.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

Multi, 2600000005; Multi, 2600000007.

DEPARTMENT OF TRAVEL

Multi, 2600000037.

JUSTICE - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc., 2600000131; Baptist Health Foundation Hardin, Inc., 2600000132; Barren River Area Child Advocacy Center, 2600000133; Barren River Safe Space, Inc., 2600000134; Bethany House Abuse Shelter, Inc., 2600000135; Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center, 2600000136; Brighton Center, Inc., 2600000138; Buffalo Trace Children's Advocate Center, 2600000139; Casa At Woodlawn, 2600000140; Casa By the Lakes, Inc., 2600000141; Casa of Ohio Valley, 2600000146; Casa of the Heartland, Inc., 2600000151; Casa of the Northern Bluegrass Region, 2600000152; Casa of the Wilderness Trail, 2600000153; Casa, Inc., 2600000154; Catholic Charities of Louisville, Inc., 2600000155; Child Watch Counseling and Advocacy Center, Inc., 2600000156; The Children's Advocacy Center of Green River District, 2600000157; Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass, Inc., 2600000158; Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky, 2600000159; Cumberland River Behavioral Health, Inc., 2600000162; Cumberland Trace Legal Services, 2600000163; Cumberland Valley Children's Ad, 2600000164; Cumberland Valley Domestic Violence Services, Inc., 2600000165; Domestic Violence Emergency Services of Gateway, Inc., 2600000166; Family and Children's Place, Inc., 2600000167; Family Nurturing Center of Kentucky, 2600000168; Fayette County Attorney Office, 2600000169; Fayette County Sheriff, 2600000170; Gateway Children's Advocacy, 2600000172; Green River Regional Rape Victim Services, Inc., 2600000174; Greenhouse17, Inc., 2600000175; Home of the Innocents, 2600000178; Hope Harbor, Inc., 2600000179; Hopes Place, Inc., 2600000180; The Ion Center for Violence Prevention, Inc., 2600000181; Jefferson County Attorney, 2600000182; Jewish Family & Career Services, 2600000183; Judi's Place for Kids, 2600000184; Kentucky Casa Network, 2600000185; Office of the Attorney General, 2600000186; Kentucky Refugee, 2600000187; Kentucky River Child Advocacy, 2600000188; Kentucky River Community Care, Inc., 2600000189; Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, 2600000191; Lake Cumberland Children's Advocacy Center, 2600000193; Legal Aid Society, 2600000194; LKLP Community Action Council, 2600000197; Maryhurst, Inc., 2600000198; Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, 2600000200; Northern Kentucky CAC, 2600000202; Northern Kentucky Children's Law Center, Inc., 2600000203; Northern Kentucky Legal Aid Society, Inc., 2600000204; Owensboro Area Shelter Information and Services Oasis, 2600000206; Pathways, Inc., 2600000207; Pennyryle Child Advocacy, 2600000208; Public Protection Cabinet, 2600000209; Rape Victims Services, Inc., 2600000211; Safe Harbor of

Northeast Kentucky, Inc., 2600000212; St. Joseph Catholic Orphan Society, 2600000214; Sanctuary, Inc., 2600000215; Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services, 2600000217; Springhaven, Inc., 2600000218; The Center for Women for Women and Families, Inc., 2600000219; Center for Women Children and Families, Inc., 2600000220; Turning Point Domestic Violence Services, Inc., 2600000221; University of Louisville Hospital, 2600000222; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000223; Volunteers of America Mid-States, Inc., 2600000224; Women Aware, Inc., 2600000225; Zerov, 2600000226; Barren County Fiscal Court, 2600000569; City of Elizabethtown, 2600000570; Harrison County Fiscal Court, 2600000571; Kenton County Fiscal Court, 2600000572; Simpson County Fiscal Court, 2600000573; Warren County, 2600000574; Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court, 2600000576; Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Inc., 2600000623.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Lifebio, Inc., 2500003384.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000265; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000266; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000268; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000272; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000273; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000276; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000282; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000283; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000284; University of Louisville Research Foundation, 2600000294; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000295; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000296; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000297.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS WERE
REVIEWED WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Morehead State University, 2300001273; Morehead State University, 2300001274; Morehead State University, 2300001275; Morehead State University, 2300001276; Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, 2300001277; Pennyroyal Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Board, 2300001278; Seven Counties Services, Inc., 2300001279; Volunteers of America Mid-States, Inc., 2400000751.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Center for Employment Opportunities, Inc., 2500000047; Western Kentucky Regional Mental Health & Retardation Advisory Board, 2500000064; Hope Springs Community Church, LLC, 2500000090; Mercy Health - Marcum & Wallace Hospital, LLC, 2500000093; Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation, Inc., 2500000141; Unlawful Narcotics Investigations Treatment and Education, 2500000142; Anderson County Board of Education, 2500000202.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Big Sandy Area Development District, 2400001879; Home of the Innocents, 2400004487; Brighton Center, Inc., 2500000607; Specialized Alternatives for Families & Youth of Kentucky, 2500001295; Kentucky Housing Corporation, 2500001691; Eastern Kentucky CEP, Inc., 2500003381.

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership, Inc., 2500001600.

DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Todd County, 2300001133; Bath County Fiscal Court, 2300002130; Lewis County Fiscal Court, 2400001115; Floyd County Fiscal Court, 2400001150; Floyd County Fiscal Court, 2400001152.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC ADVOCACY

Fletcher Group, Inc., 2500000788.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Northern Kentucky University Research Foundation, 2400001574; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2400001690; Casey County Board of Education, 2400001778; Bluegrass Primary Health Care Center, Inc., 2400002335; Dayspring Health, Inc., 2400002370; Family Health Centers, Inc., 2400002784; Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation, Inc., 2400002878; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2400002959; University of Louisville Research Foundation, 2400003007.

DEPARTMENT FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

Jobs for Kentucky's Graduates, 2400003748; Newport Independent School District, 2500002682; Multi, 2600000039.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2200000215.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Multi, 2400000096.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Bracken County Board of Education, 2400005012; Grayson County Board of Education, 2400005029; Hardin County Board of Education, 2400005031; McCracken County Board of Education, 2400005045; Monroe County Board of Education, 2400005052; Human Resources Research Organization, 2500000387; Knowledgeworks Foundation, 2500000405; The National Center for the Improvement of Education Assess, Inc., 2500000423; Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative, 2500000443; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2500000550; Newport Independent School District, 2500000797; Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative, 2500002486; Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative, 2500002487; Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative, 2500002488; Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative, 2500002490; Beechwood Board of Education, 2500003118; Oldham County Board of Education, 2500003125; Monroe County Board of Education, 2500003149.

JUSTICE - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Whitneystrong, Inc., 2400003438; Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, 2500001025.

**THE FOLLOWING KENTUCKY ENTERTAINMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
AGREEMENTS WERE REVIEWED WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

ECON DEV - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Unwritten, LLC, 2600000469; GM 1, LLC, 2600000603; Paramount Pictures Corporation, 2600000607; Winning Time, Inc., 2600000608; Neptune Productions, LLC, 2600000609; Omni Productions, LLC, 2600000634.

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS WERE SELECTED
FOR FURTHER REVIEW:**

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

The Stelter Company, K26-121. Ms. Emmons, Ms. Fraker, and Ford Stanley, Office of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement, UK, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. Stanley stated it sometimes requires the expenditure of funds to raise philanthropic support. These funds are utilized for marketing purposes.

In response to Representative Petrie, Mr. Stanley stated this contract is funded entirely with General Funds.

Representative Petrie requested information regarding which appropriation the contract is attached to and what other similarly situated marketing, public relations, outreach, or fundraising efforts are supported by General Funds.

In response to Senator Meredith, Mr. Stanley stated they hope to generate millions of dollars through these efforts.

A motion was made by Senator Thomas to consider the contract as reviewed. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed with Senator Meredith voting no.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE AMENDMENTS WERE SELECTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW:

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

Schmidt Associates, Inc., 2400001641; Strand Associates, Inc., 2400005001. Scott Baker, Executive Director, Office of Facility Development and Efficiency, Finance and Administration Cabinet, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. Baker stated the increase is for design expansion including additional geotechnical, structural, and lighting Phase II design work.

In response to Representative McCool, Mr. Baker stated the increase is for Phase A–D design service improvements to the wastewater systems at Greenbo Lake State Resort Park and Natural Bridge State Resort Park.

In response to Representative McCool, Mr. Baker stated all sewer treatment plants must be operated by a licensed operator. He further explained the agency's goal is to exit the sewage treatment business and transfer operations to the local community systems.

In response to Representative Petrie, Mr. Baker stated both contracts are funded with Capital Funds.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider the contracts as reviewed. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed.

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS

Dennis Badger & Associates, LLC, 2400002262. Tracy Carroll, Executive Director, PPC; and Patrick Riley, General Counsel, PPC, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Mr. Riley stated in 2023, the agency handled 45 cases and in 2024, that number increased to 123. The majority of these were streamlined cases from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, in addition to the increased caseload focused on bias in 2024. He noted that the agency has one year from the inception of a complaint to either resolve the matter or make substantial progress; otherwise, it may be penalized by the federal Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC). Once the agency recognized the higher number of cases, it saw the need to modify the contract.

In response to Senator Meredith, Mr. Riley stated the contract is funded with 70 percent General Funds and 30 percent Agency Funds.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider the contract as reviewed. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed.

THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS WERE SELECTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Seven Counties Services, Inc., 2500002783. Dr. Patti Clark, Director of the Division of Mental Health, DBHDID, CHFS; and Wesley Duke, General Counsel, CHFS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Dr. Clark stated this is a modification of the current Assertive Community Treatment program, with the change focusing on specific services for the forensic population, which have been shown to have a greater impact on keeping these individuals out of jail.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Dr. Clark stated the funds were received through a one time grant from the National Association of Mental Health Program Directors. The purpose of the grant is to explore innovative strategies to support this population. These funds have allowed the agency to implement FACTS teams in three regions—Communicare, Seven Counties, and NorthKey. These areas were chosen because they have the highest populations of individuals in need.

In response to Chair Douglas, Dr. Clark stated once the grant ends, services for the individuals being served will transition to billing their insurance. Dr Clark stated the agency looks at the effectiveness of programs on a regular basis.

In response to Representative Petrie, Dr. Clark stated if an individual with a serious mental illness has been involved in the criminal justice system, having been arrested and charged, this approach provides more effective support. By layering this treatment modality on top of the services already being offered, it allows providers to better address the underlying factors driving those needs. Dr. Clark stated they have an additional conversation with the individual to help address the underlying factors.

In response to Representative Roarx, Dr. Clark stated the intervention occurs when the individual is referred to or connected with the organization. Dr. Clark stated that it is a similar process; however, the FACT component adds another layer of training and expertise for providers working with these individuals, giving them additional tools and resources.

In response to Senator Meredith, Dr. Clark stated of the \$18,000,000 total, 60 percent is from General Funds and 40 percent is from Federal Funds.

A motion was made by Representative Roarx to consider the contract as reviewed. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed with Senator Meredith and Chair Douglas voting no.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Home of the Innocents, 2400001791. Charity Roberts, Branch Manager, DCBS, CHFS; and Astrud Masterson, Executive Director, OAS, CHFS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Ms. Roberts stated the Home of the Innocents provided an equal match and the increase is for the expansion of the Kosair for Kids Complex Center.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Roberts stated they currently have a contract in place with the Home of the Innocents for Multisystemic Therapy Services. The \$30,000,000 increase was appropriated in 2024 RS HB 1 for capital construction only, with a required match.

In response to Representative Petrie, Ms. Masterson stated the increase modification is intended to facilitate the payment to the Home of the Innocents in accordance with HB 1.

A motion was made by Representative Roarx to consider the contract as reviewed. Senator Meredith seconded the motion, which passed.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2500000641; Community Action Kentucky, Inc., 2500001690. Ms. Masterson and Roger McCann, Director, Division of Family Support, DCBS, CHFS, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. McCann stated the SNAP program was cut in July 2025 per the federal H.R. 1. In August 2025, the agency received a letter from the USDA stating states could utilize carryover funds into FY26. As a result, the requested the contract be extended to September 30, 2026, and any available funds be rolled into this contract. Then, in September 2025, they received another letter from the USDA indicating states could also use carryover funds from 2024. Therefore, the committee is seeing unused funds previously approved and allocated by Congress rolled into this contract.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. McCann stated the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a stand-alone program, based entirely on household income and the percentage of poverty.

A motion was made by Senator Thomas to consider the contracts as reviewed. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM.