

MINUTES

Friday, June 12, 2026

10:00 AM EDT

Office of the Attorney General
Conference Room A
1024 Capital Center Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601

PAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Rewa Zakharia, Proxy for Attorney General Russell Coleman
Brian Wright, Commonwealth's Attorney, 29th Judicial Circuit
Courtney Baxter, Commonwealth's Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit
Jackie Steele, Commonwealth's Attorney, 27th Judicial Circuit
Carrie Ovey-Wiggins, Commonwealth's Attorney, 56th Judicial Circuit
Martin Hatfield, Pulaski County Attorney
Jennie Haymond, Madison County Attorney
Jenny Oldham, Hardin County Attorney
Joe Ross, Logan County Attorney
Lisa Foley, Citizen Member

PAC/OAG STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Stokes
Tom Lockridge
Harry Rothgerber
Tricia Wise
Tish Baker
Julie Cox
Penny Quatman
Jenny True-Reed
Kathy Phillips
Gina Carey
Susan Blake
Chris Adams
Alyssa Logan
Chad Coleman
Tammy Eversole
Amanda Ciejko
Samantha Bracco

GUESTS PRESENT

Grace Stewart, Commonwealth's Attorney, 1st Judicial Circuit
Kori Bumgarner, Commonwealth's Attorney, 8th Judicial Circuit
Kelli Kearney, Commonwealth's Attorney, 14th Judicial Circuit
Gerina Whethers, Commonwealth's Attorney, 30th Judicial Circuit
Mike Lindsey, Commonwealth's Attorney, 49th Judicial Circuit
Shannon Powers, Commonwealth's Attorney, 52nd Judicial Circuit

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Amanda Hernandez Troutman, Commonwealth's Attorney, 55th Judicial Circuit
Angela Evans, Fayette County Attorney
Grant Axon, Gallatin County Attorney
Jason Batts, Hickman County Attorney
Marc Robbins, KCAA
Karen Young, 30th Judicial Circuit
Catherine Mains, 55th Judicial Circuit

Pursuant to KRS 15.100(2), Executive Director, Bobby Stokes called the roll. After the roll was called, a quorum was announced, and the meeting was called to order. He welcomed everyone to the June 12th, 2026 PAC meeting and reminded everyone to be sure to sign-in.

Bobby Stokes announced that, following the retirement of Kathy Senter, Commonwealth's Attorney for the 4th Judicial Circuit, Hannah Kington-Jarvis was appointed to the position.

Rewa Zakharia announced that a new citizen member, Renee McDaniel, will be joining the PAC Council and indicated that the new member will hopefully be able to attend the August PAC meeting.

Bobby Stokes directed the Council to review the meeting minutes from May 14th, 2026 Special PAC meeting for approval. Courtney Baxter made a motion to approve May 14th, 2026 minutes, the motion was seconded by Jenny Oldham and passed by voice vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Susan Blake reported that registration for the 2026 Kentucky Prosecutors Conference (KPC) will open on June 15. Early bird registration will be \$250; after two (2) weeks, the registration fee will increase to \$350, then \$400, with on-site registration costing \$500 per person. To help control conference expenses, no reception will be held this year. Awards will be presented by Bobby Stokes and General Coleman during the opening session, which will begin at noon on Wednesday of the conference. The PAC meeting will be held on the Tuesday preceding the conference.

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Susan Blake reported that John Hicks, State Budget Director, provided approval to proceed with the August conference despite food expenses exceeding the per diem rate. Susan Blake advised that a draft KPC agenda was included in the meeting folders. Planned conference activities include Axon and Westlaw CoCounsel demonstrations and AED defibrillator training. She also stated that the OAG was hosting a Victim Advocate one-and-a-half-day training beginning on Wednesday during the KPC. Historically, lodging for one (1) night, meals, and mileage have been provided, as appropriate, for participants.

Robin Diez D'aux, Deputy Director of the Office of Victim Advocacy Division, reported that an agenda for the Victim Advocate training was included in the meeting folders. She explained that this will be the fourth year of offering a prosecution-based Victim Advocate track. Lodging accommodations will be available at the Hilton at a rate of \$118 per night, and a lodging registration form will be distributed via email. The registration fee for Victim Advocates remains under discussion.

A motion was made by Joe Ross to approve the cost of 1 (one) night lodging, meals, and miles for those UPS employees attending the Victim Advocates track, the motion was seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.

Susan Blake reported that survey results regarding training interests indicate sufficient interest to conduct a second Evidence Bootcamp in the current year, with the training anticipated to take place in September 2026. She also reported plans for a Leadership Challenge program scheduled for March 1–3, pending final approval from the Finance Cabinet. In addition, she is in the planning stages for a new PAC Member Orientation that may be held in October. Basic Training for newly elected County Attorneys is planned for the first week of December at the Marriott East in Louisville.

Susan Blake further reported that CLE certifications for the mandatory training courses on the PAC intranet have been renewed, ensuring that CLE credit remains available for another year. This allows participants to complete mandatory training on demand at no cost while still receiving CLE credit. She also reported that PAC staff are developing additional administrative training videos covering asset forfeiture, SCCP, the PAC Administrative Manual, and employment law issues.

CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

Chad Coleman reported that the rollout of new offices is continuing, with 41 offices currently using the system and 20 additional offices scheduled for training. He also reported that work continues on the text messaging integration. The team recently received the documentation needed to complete brand verification required by the text messaging hosting service and is now proceeding with campaign verification. As part of that process, the service provider requires a publicly accessible website which he is creating.

Gina Carey reported that the team continues to meet regularly with the vendor to address ongoing performance issues. She stated that upload and download speeds, particularly during the discovery process, remain a concern. Another meeting with the vendor is scheduled to continue troubleshooting, and she expressed hope that bringing Axon online will help alleviate some of these performance issues.

PAC STAFF PAYROLL CERTIFICATIONS

Bobby Stokes directed the Council to review the May 15th, 2026, PAC/UPS payroll certifications in the folders provided for approval. Jackie Steele made a motion to approve May 15th, 2025, PAC/UPS payroll certifications, the motion was seconded by Brian Wright, and passed by voice vote.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE DATA DELINQUENT REPORTS

Gina Carey updated the Council on the annual Child Sexual Abuse Data Collection. Data collection began in March, and she and Terri Jacobs have worked consistently with offices to obtain the required submissions. At the time of the meeting, seven county attorney offices had not yet submitted their data. The offices include Fleming, Grant, Martin, Nicholas, Owsley, Perry, and Shelby counties. In addition, one Commonwealth's Attorney office (the 26th Judicial Circuit) also remains unsubmitted.

Gina reported that they are working directly with the remaining offices to resolve any issues and encouraged Council members to assist in obtaining the outstanding data

where possible. The goal is to complete the report in time for presentation at the August meeting; however, if the required data are not received by early August, publication of the annual report will likely be delayed until October.

Council members volunteered to assist in contacting several of the remaining offices to encourage compliance. Discussion also included potential methods for improving compliance in future years, including restricting conference benefits, such as no early bird rates for offices that fail to meet statutory reporting requirements. Members noted that the reporting is required by statute and discussed the possibility of withholding pay for noncompliance, as authorized by law. It was suggested that offices receive advance notice before any new enforcement measures are implemented.

Gina also noted that all submitted data are audited against CourtNet to ensure the information is as accurate as possible before the annual report is compiled and published.

SPEICAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Bobby Stokes reported that the Special Audit Subcommittee met to review the corrective action plan developed in response to the audit findings. He expressed appreciation to Lisa Foley for her assistance in drafting the corrective action plan and the proposed response. He directed Council members to the draft response included in the meeting folders for review. A motion was made by Joe Ross to approve the response, the motion was seconded by Jackie Steele, and passed by voice vote.

ASSET FORFEITURE REQUESTS

Bobby Stokes directed the Council's attention to the asset forfeiture fund requests included in the meeting folders for review and consideration.

Rhese McKenzie, Commonwealth's Attorney 20th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to use asset forfeiture funds to purchase embroidered shirts bearing the office seal for office staff. Council members discussed the request and the need for supporting documentation. A motion was made by Jackie Steele to approve the request contingent upon receipt of a letter from the office formally requesting the purchase, the motion was seconded by Brian Wright and passed by voice vote.

Following discussion of the request, Council members considered establishing a policy regarding the use of asset forfeiture funds for office apparel. A motion was made by Brian Wright to establish a policy permitting the use of asset forfeiture funds for apparel displaying an office seal, the motion was seconded by Jenny Oldham, and passed by voice vote.

David Dalton, Commonwealth's Attorney 28th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to use asset forfeiture funds to purchase shirts and water bottles for office staff. A motion was made by Jackie Steele to approve the purchase of shirts and deny the purchase of water bottles, the motion was seconded by Brian Wright, and passed by voice vote.

John Gardner, Commonwealth's Attorney 43rd Judicial Circuit, requested approval to use office supply funds to purchase an outdoor table and chairs. Council members discussed the request and the intended use of the proposed purchase. A motion was made by Martin Hatfield to approve the request pending clarification from the office regarding the intended use of the table and chairs and with the understanding that general funds, rather than asset forfeiture funds, would be used for the purchase, the motion was seconded by Jackie Steele, and passed by voice vote.

Shannon Powers, Commonwealth's Attorney 52nd Judicial Circuit, requested approval to use asset forfeiture funds to purchase apparel for office staff. A motion was made by Carrie Ovey-Wiggins to approve the purchase of apparel pending clarification from the office, the motion was seconded by Jenny Oldham, and passed by voice vote.

2026 SONEGO AWARD

A motion was made by Joe Ross to move the discussion of the 2026 Sonego award to the end of the agenda, the motion was seconded by Courtney Baxter, and passed by voice vote.

BUDGET

UPS PAC STAFF

Gina Carey reported that the UPS Training Coordinator Assistant, Matt Moye, has reduced his work schedule from quarter-time to fewer hours, resulting in an annual savings of approximately \$14,000 in the PAC staff budget. She noted that while the reduction benefits the budget, it places additional responsibilities on Susan Blake. She also advised that the employee is expected to leave the position in the near future, at which time a replacement will need to be identified. Because the salary reduction has already been implemented, no Council action was required.

FY2026

Gina Carey reported on the status of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. She advised that the agency is still awaiting completion of the contract between Axon and the Finance Cabinet before the purchase can move forward. The funds have been transferred and are available; however, the contract approval remains the outstanding item. She noted that if the purchase cannot be completed within the fiscal year, funds will lapse, in Commonwealth's Attorneys operating funds.

Gina reported that further anticipated lapses on the Commonwealth's Attorneys budget includes a small amount of unspent SCCP funding, as well as funding associated with vacant positions awarded in Fiscal Year 2025 that were not filled and lapsed funds from vacancies. She noted that some positions are expected to be filled soon. For County Attorneys, there will be a small lapse in AALC (Actuarially Accrued Liability) funding, no lapse in SCCP funding, and a lapse related to vacancies and new positions. Staff continue to work to spend remaining operating funds; however, a lapse in operating funds is anticipated.

Gina requested Council approval to reimburse asset forfeiture accounts with allowable General Fund charges. She explained that throughout the first three quarters of the fiscal year, offices were directed to use asset forfeiture funds for certain requests, such as equipment purchases, when general fund operating was limited. Because general funds remain available at the end of the fiscal year, it is common practice to reimburse asset forfeiture accounts for allowable expenses made in the current fiscal year. A

motion was made to authorize reimbursement of asset forfeiture accounts from General Funds for allowable expenses by Brian Wright. The motion was seconded by Lisa Foley. And passed by voice vote.

Gina also noted that, consistent with previous Council discussion, offices that have reached their operating budget limits may be permitted to utilize remaining available operating funds for allowable expenses, such as supplies, at the end of the fiscal year.

Gina provided an update on revisiting the Rev.com transcription service. She explained that the topic was previously discussed in April and subsequently reviewed with Axon. After further testing of the service by Brian Wright and Courtney Baxter there was a request to purchase licenses. To obtain the CJS-compliant version of the service, a minimum purchase of ten licenses is required at a cost of approximately \$14,600 for one year. Gina stated that she was unable to identify ten offices willing to use asset forfeiture funds for the purchase; however, funding is available to purchase the licenses out of general funds.

Courtney Baxter made a motion to approve the purchase of ten Rev.com licenses. The motion received a second by Jackie Steele and passed by voice vote. Gina noted that staff would move forward with purchasing the licenses and would determine final allocation among interested offices. Discussion also included whether additional offices, including the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Unit, could participate through an internal account arrangement.

PAC ROCKET DOCKET GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Gina Carey reported that the PAC Rocket Docket Grant Committee met and provided an update on the Rocket Docket Grant Program. She advised that though the Justice Cabinet had warned it may not be able to fully fund the Rocket Docket program at previous levels due to budget cuts in the next biennium, it was ultimately able to fully fund the program at the same level as prior years, providing \$2 million annually for the next two years. She noted that this funding lessens the PAC Rocket Docket obligation for Commonwealth's Attorneys and County Attorneys; however, increased health insurance and retirement rates have largely offset the impact, resulting in minimal change to overall budget obligations.

Gina reported that during the grant application period, one circuit was unable to reach consensus between the Commonwealth's Attorney and County Attorney and withdrew from the program. The 52nd Judicial Circuit will no longer participate beginning in FY2027, bringing the program total to 50 Commonwealth's Rocket Docket programs in 96 of 120 counties. The total grant funding for the upcoming year is expected to be approximately \$4.9 million, with \$2 million funded by the Justice Cabinet and the remaining amount supported through General Fund dollars allocated to Commonwealth's Attorneys and County Attorneys.

Gina noted that the Grant Committee reviewed several programs experiencing challenges for various reasons. No action was recommended at this time; however, staff will continue discussions with the affected offices and follow up as needed.

A motion was made by Courtney Baxter to approve the Rocket Docket grant awards. The motion was seconded by Jackie Steele and passed by voice vote.

FY2027 BUDGET

Gina Carey reported that Fiscal Year 2027 budgets were approved at the previous Council meeting and are included in the meeting materials for reference.

Gina provided an update on two pending items related to the County Attorneys' budgets. The first item was Westlaw CoCounsel. She explained that the County Attorney's had previously requested pricing information for adding CoCounsel access similar to the contract approved for Commonwealth's Attorneys. The additional cost for upgrade of the current 160 licenses would be approximately \$84,000 annually. Gina noted that this expense could be covered within the existing County Attorneys' general fund budget.

A motion was made by Martin Hatfield to approve the additional Westlaw CoCounsel licenses. The motion was seconded by Joe Ross and passed by voice

The second item discussed was Axon licenses for County Attorneys. Gina advised that a quote had been obtained for 200 licenses at an annual cost of approximately \$442,000. She explained that the expense could potentially be covered through the existing case management budget, which has unspent funds due to the program not yet being fully implemented.

Discussion was held regarding implementing Axon licenses on a one-year trial basis to evaluate usage and effectiveness. Gina confirmed that the contract could be structured on a year-to-year basis with renewal options. Council members discussed data storage concerns if the contract were not renewed and whether offices would have sufficient time and ability to migrate stored data. Staff explained that, similar to the transition from DocksuShare, offices would be provided notice and time to move data if the service were discontinued. Staff also noted that vendors typically provide methods for retrieving and migrating stored data.

Gina explained that the year-to-year approach was intended to allow the Council to evaluate usage and ensure the expense was justified, particularly for County Attorneys where the extent of use is still being determined. She noted that Commonwealth's Attorneys are expected to rely heavily on Axon once implementation is complete, while County Attorney usage may vary.

A motion was made by Joe Ross to approve the Axon licenses with a year-to-year contract structure. The motion was seconded by Jenny Oldham and passed by voice vote.

SALARY CLASSIFICATIONS AND COMPENSATION REQUESTS

Joe Ross requested a discussion regarding clarification of the Salary Classification and Compensation Plan (SCCP) related to experience levels and education. He noted that a previous question had arisen regarding a Victim Advocate I to Victim Advocate II reclassification.

Grant Axon presented a request to recognize time spent obtaining undergraduate and master's degrees as years of experience under the SCCP. Council members discussed that the policy language regarding education-based experience was intended to reflect statutory authority for hiring placement purposes and was not intended to count toward SCCP experience levels after hiring. Recognizing educational years as SCCP experience would effectively result in employees with college degrees starting at a higher classification level, which was not the intent of the policy.

Joe made a motion to clarify that years of experience related to undergraduate and graduate education under the SCCP policy apply only for initial hiring placement purposes and do not count toward additional SCCP classification levels. The motion was seconded by Jennie Haymond and passed by voice vote.

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Discussion was also held regarding the previously requested Victim Advocate I to Victim Advocate II reclassification. Gina Carey clarified that the reclassification was approved at the prior meeting and will take effect once the employee reaches four years of qualifying experience. No additional motion is required, as the action has already been documented and will be processed when the eligibility date is reached.

Council members confirmed that the clarification applies consistently to both the Commonwealth's Attorneys and County Attorneys' SCCP plans.

Gina Carey directed the Council to the SCCP spreadsheets in their folders.

Jackie Steele made a motion to approve the requests from the 15th Judicial Circuit, 30th Judicial Circuit, 49th Judicial Circuit and 52nd Judicial Circuit but to deny the request from the 24th Judicial Circuit. The motion was seconded by Carrie Ovey-Wiggins and passed by voice vote.

Joe Ross made a motion to approve all County Attorney SCCP requests (Ballard, Clay, Harrison, Hickman, Kenton) with the exception of the Marshall County request, which was amended to approve the position as a full-time Prosecutor II rather than a Prosecutor IV. The motion was seconded by Jenny Oldham and passed by voice vote.

LEASES

9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Bobby Stokes directed the Council to the handout included in the meeting folders for review. He reported that only one (1) bid was received for office space in the 9th Judicial Circuit and that the bid amount was significantly higher than anticipated at \$80,062.08. As a result, the office requested approval to enter a one-year temporary lease to allow time to rebid the project. Jackie Steele made a motion to approve the lease for one (1) year; the motion was seconded by Brian Wright and passed by voice vote.

53RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Bobby Stokes reported that the 53rd Judicial Circuit is still in the process of negotiating a bid for space with the current lessor who was the sole bidder in the most recent solicitation for space. The current lessor has still not provided an agreeable cost for FY 27 and negotiations are ongoing but the current rate will increase while negotiations proceed. He advised the Council that Madeline Wise continues to work with Real Properties to explore available options and address the lease situation with the goal of obtaining a lease for the same space while the lessor is insisting on adding basement space which is not required and would result in a higher annual cost.

12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Bobby Stokes reported that the office space utilized by the 12th Judicial Circuit has remained unchanged since 2005. He explained that the office is requesting an increase in space and reimbursement rate; expanding from 2,400 sq ft at an annual reimbursement rate of \$23,000 to 3,500 sq ft to \$42,000 annually. He noted that the 12th Judicial Circuit is one of the few offices that does not have a permanent lease agreement in place. A Space Request calculation by Real Properties determined that this request is within their guidelines for the required square feet for this staff size and is below the average rate per sq ft for this county. Brian Wright made a motion to approve the request for additional space and request to increase the reimbursement amount, seconded by Jackie Steele and passed by voice vote.

Courtney Baxter abstained from participating in the vote.

22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

At the February 2026 meeting, the Council approved the increase to the 22nd Judicial Circuit's lease for FY 27 that increased the cost for the actual storage space being used and decreased some office space that was previously miscalculated by Real Properties. Unfortunately, during the measurements taken by Real Properties in February, they failed to measure stairwells. During the renewal process in May, of the lease for FY27, this was realized, and a modification is necessary to increase the lease by \$5,640. Carrie Ovey-Wiggins made a motion to approve the cost increase; seconded by Courtney Baxter and passed by voice vote.

25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Bobby Stokes reported that the Madison County Judge Executive had requested a lease increase for the office space of the Commonwealth's Attorney for the 25th Judicial Circuit from \$16 per square foot to \$20 per square foot. He advised the Council that the rate adjustment would result in an annual increase of approximately \$9,200.

Jackie Steele made a motion to approve the lease increase, seconded by Carrie Ovey-Wiggins, and passed by voice vote.

27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Four bids were received for office space for the 27th Judicial Circuit. The bids ranged from \$71,312.59 (no utilities included) to \$83,181.96 (utilities included/current lessor). Approval is requested to establish a lease with the current lessor in the amount of \$83,181.96. While this isn't the lowest bidder, it is the most cost-effective choice long term and best meets the needs of the office for several reasons: it allows the most safe and secure access to the courthouse since it's their current office, the location is already secure which eliminates the need to purchase and install a security system and it stabilizes the operating costs for present and future budgets with utilities and janitorial services built into the lease payment. Brian Wright made a motion to approve the lease in the amount of \$83,181.96, seconded by Courtney Baxter, and passed by voice vote.

56TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Bobby Stokes reported that the lease for office space in the 56th Judicial Circuit was renegotiated and per prior approval the space was being renovated to include additional office space to house staff. He advised the Council that the new lease rate is \$20 per square foot, resulting in an annual lease cost of \$58,480, utilities not included. Courtney Baxter made a motion to approve the lease, seconded by Brian Wright and passed by voice vote.

Carrie Ovey-Wiggins abstained from participating in the vote.

PERSONNEL REQUESTS

A. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS

1. Hannah Kington-Jarvis, Commonwealth's Attorney 4th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a temporary quarter-time Law Clerk position with no additional funds effective June 16, 2026, through August 15, 2026.
2. Shane Young, Commonwealth's Attorney 9th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a temporary quarter-time Intern position with no additional funds, to be paid with asset forfeiture funds effective August 16, 2026, through May 15, 2027.
3. Shelly Miller, Commonwealth's Attorney 11th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to reallocate a part time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney II to a part time Administrative Specialist III effective July 16, 2026.
4. Courtney Baxter, Commonwealth's Attorney 12th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a temporary quarter-time Administrative Specialist I position with no additional funds, to be paid with asset forfeiture funds effective June 16, 2026, through August 15, 2026.
5. Gerina Whethers, Commonwealth's Attorney 30th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to:
 - a. Reclassify a full-time Administrative Specialist I position to a full-time Administrative Specialist II position effective June 16, 2026.
 - b. Reclassify a full-time Paralegal I position to a full-time Paralegal II position effective June 16, 2026.
 - c. Reclassify a full-time Victim Advocate I position to a full-time Victim Advocate II position effective June 16, 2026.
6. Jesse Stockton, Commonwealth's Attorney 40th Judicial Circuit, requested approval to establish a temporary quarter-time Law Clerk position with no additional funds, to be paid with asset forfeiture funds effective June 16, 2026, through August 15, 2026.

Brian Wright made a motion to approve no additional funds request 7A 1-6, the motion was seconded by Jackie Steele, and passed by voice vote.

Courtney Baxter abstained from participating in the vote.

7. Jordon Dallas Turner, Boone County Attorney, requested approval to establish a temporary quarter-time Intern position with no additional funds, to be paid with asset forfeiture funds effective June 16, 2026, through August 15, 2026.
8. Paul Madden, Hancock County Attorney, requested approval to establish a temporary quarter-time Administrative Specialist I position with no additional funds, to be paid with local county funds administered by PAC effective July 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026.

Martin Hatfield made a motion to approve no additional funds request 7A 7-8, the motion was seconded by Joe Ross, and passed by voice vote.

9. Steve Gold, Henderson County Attorney, requested approval to establish a non-state funded Assistant County Attorney position effective June 16, 2026.
10. Stacy Tapke, Kenton County Attorney, requested approval to reallocate a part-time Assistant County Attorney I position to a full-time Law Clerk position and then revert to a full-time Assistant County Attorney I position upon successful competition of Bar exam effective August 16, 2026.
11. Berry Baxter, Oldham County Attorney, requested approval to establish a temporary part-time First Assistant County Attorney IV +10 position with no additional funds, to be paid with local county funds administered by PAC effective July 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026.

Joe Ross made a motion to conditionally approve no additional funds request 7A 9–11, pending verification of qualifications on numbers 9 & 11, the motion was seconded by Jennie Haymond, and passed by voice vote.

B. ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRED

1. Grace Stewart, Commonwealth's Attorney 1st Judicial Circuit, requested approval to reallocate a quarter-time Commonwealth's Detective I position to a full-time Commonwealth's Detective II position with additional annual funding of \$25,000 plus benefits effective June 16, 2026.

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Carrie Ovey Wiggins made a motion to approve additional funds for the addition of the fringe benefits and SCCP funds for the salary increase on 7B 1, the motion was seconded by Courtney Baxter, and passed by voice vote.

2. Jason Batts, Hickman County Attorney, requested approval to reallocate a quarter-time Administrative Specialist I position to a quarter-time Administrative Specialist II position with additional funds to supplement salary effective June 16, 2026.

Joe Ross made a motion to deny additional funds request 7B 2, the motion was seconded by Jenny Oldham, and passed by voice vote.

2026 SONEGO AWARD

Bobby Stokes concluded the agenda by addressing the selection of the 2026 Sonogo Award recipients. He noted that eight individuals had been nominated. The Council discussed the nominees and voted unanimously to select Jenny True-Reed as the County Attorney's Award recipient and Rob Riley as the Commonwealth's Attorney's Award recipient. Joe Ross made a motion to name both Jenny True-Reed and Rob Riley as the 2026 Sonogo Award recipients; the motion was seconded by Jennie Haymond and passed by voice vote.

ADJOURN

Bobby Stokes reminded the Council that the next scheduled meeting was August 18th, 2026, at 1:00 PM EDT at the Central Bank Arena held in conjunction with the 2026 Kentucky Prosecutors Conference.

Joe Ross made a motion to adjourn at 11:56 AM EDT, the motion was seconded by Jennie Haymond and passed by voice vote.