



**Ashland Board of Commissioners
Thursday, February 12, 2026
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers, Ashland , Kentucky 41101**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. RECEIVE AND FILE AGENDA

V. RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting January 22, 2026

VI. HEARINGS AND REPORTS

- a. Mayor and Commissioners' Comments
- b. City Manager's Report

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLEASE REMOVE YOUR HAT AND SILENCE

YOUR PHONE - Anyone with a comment or request may come to the podium and address the Commission concerning matters related to City business, services or personnel. Comments related to election issues or concerning personal disputes will not be allowed. Personal attacks, obscene, or threatening language will not be tolerated. Presentations are limited to five (5) minutes. A yellow light indicates 30 seconds remain and a red light means the time limit has expired. Only one speaker is permitted per subject. No action will be taken at this meeting. Those with comments are asked to fill out an "Inquiry/Complaint Form" and leave it with the City Clerk for distribution to the proper City Department.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Second reading and final adoption of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND JUDY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE ROBERTS DRIVE SCREEN REPLACEMENT PROJECT INCREASING THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,467.00 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

FISCAL NOTE: Original Contract Amount = \$2,968,000.00. Previous Change Orders = (\$39,337.00). Revised Contract Amount = \$2,928,663.00. Current Change Order #2 = \$9,467.00. Revised Contract Amount upon approval of current Change Order #2 = \$2,938,130.00. Amount paid to date = \$2,467,473.23. Contract Amount Remaining = \$470,657.00. Budgeted Amount = \$2,522,800.00. This project is funded with American Rescue Plan Appropriation (ARPA) funds.

SUMMARY: The Roberts Drive Screen Replacement Project consists of demolition of the existing concrete screening structure, bypass pumping, new concrete screening structure with building, mechanical screen, washer compactor, slide gates, associated electrical, manual barscreen, grating and associated piping. This change order increase is due to the existing pipe elevations and site conditions, installation of riser piping is required for the 16" and 12" force mains from the 16" tie-in to the new meter vault. This will bring the lines to the appropriate grade. These fittings are necessary to avoid conflicts with the existing Vitrified Clay Pipe (VCP) line entering the new sanitary manhole. The Judy Construction contract began on March 1, 2025 and scheduled completion date is March 28, 2026. The remaining work to be completed by Judy Construction is painting, grading, rip-rap installation, electrical connections and punch list items.

- b. Second reading and final adoption of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AND TRI-STATE CONSTRUCTION & ENTERPRISE LLC FOR THE ASHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOWER INSTALLATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,860.00.

FISCAL NOTE: Contract Amount = \$53,860.00. Pending budget adjustment = \$53,860.00.

SUMMARY: This project is for the replacement of showers at Central Station (Station #1), Normal Station (Station #2) and South Ashland Station (Station #3). All nine (9) showers in all three (3) stations have cracks and defects in the acrylic/fiberglass, creating leakage and water damage. The water damage was recently discovered and

there is a concern for the development of mold within the facilities. Many of the showers are over twenty-five (25) years old. This project would include the removal of the existing shower stalls and the replacement of the units with tile bed pans/walls and plumbing valves. This project would repair five (5) showers at Station #1, one (1) shower at Station #2 and three (3) showers at Station #3. The replacement will provide adequate shower facilities for the next thirty (30) years.

- c. Second reading and final adoption of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND UNITED DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES, LLC TO PROVIDE ONSITE SCREENING SERVICES FOR EMPLOYEES.

FISCAL NOTE: Current cost per participant = \$325.00. Interested employees = 120 x \$325.00 = \$39,000.00. Interested spouses = 16. Spouse is responsible for their cost. City will provide payment for employees only. Cost is funded by the City Health Insurance Fund.

SUMMARY: This program was approved as part of the Fire Department union contract negotiations. It is recommended that this initiative be formally added to the city's employee health benefits to ensure consistency, equity and long-term sustainability across all departments. The program provides onsite screening services as follows: Echocardiogram, Carotid Doppler, Aortic Aneurysm, Thyroid, Complete Abdomen, Bladder Ultrasound, Pelvic, Testicular. Expanding the program city-wide would support early detection of potential health concerns, allowing for timely diagnosis and intervention before conditions become more serious and costly to treat. Preventative screenings promote overall employee wellbeing, improve workforce health, and reinforce the city's commitment to its employees. In addition, investing in preventative care is expected to result in long-term cost savings through reduced healthcare expenses and lower impact of chronic health conditions.

- d. Second reading and final adoption of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND AND L. C. UNITED PAINTING CO. INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$367,500.00 FOR THE HIGH KNOB WATER STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES.

FISCAL NOTE: Total Contract Amount = \$367,500.00. Budgeted Amount = \$1,100,000.00. To be paid from Utility Capital Fund.

SUMMARY: This project will begin in the Spring of 2026. The scope of the project is

installing sidewall manway, replacing sidewall manway gaskets, replacing wet interior roof hatch, installing deflector bars, installing a sample tap, modifications to overflow discharge, install fall prevention device, step-off platform, roof handrail and painter's railing, cathodic clips and pressure fitting, replacement of roof vent, pit welding, and removal of level indicator at the High Knob Water Tank. There is no completion date anticipated at this time.

- e. Second reading and final adoption of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND EVERETT J. PRESCOTT INC. FOR THE 13TH STREET UNDERGROUND TANK PROJECT INCREASING THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,023.60 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

FISCAL NOTE: Original Contract Amount = \$69,201.59. Change Order #1 = \$2,023.60. Revised Contract Amount upon approval of current change order = \$71,225.19. To be paid from the Utility Fund - Waterline Replacement budget.

SUMMARY: The start date was 1/14/2026 and the anticipated completion date is 4/15/2026. This Change Order is for the following: A) Delete Bid Item 2 from the bid form - 16' insertion type gate valve with horizontal actuator and valve box installation complete; B) Add new bid item to the bid form - Installation of a single 16" line stop, including all materials, labor, and incidental work; C) Add new bid item to the bid form - Installation of 16" MJ Gate Valve, including all materials, labor and incidental work. The goal of the contract is installation of one 16" insertion valve, including all materials, labor and incidental work; one 12" resilient seat inline insertion valve and valve box complete including valves, sleeves, fittings, restraints, blocking, anchors, connections and appurtenances. Construction to commence 01/26/2026.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. City Manager recommends approval to pay request #18 dated January 8, 2026, in the amount of \$9,783.75 to Hazen and Sawyer for engineering services for program management of the EPA Lead and Copper Rule requirements for the Department of Engineering and Department of Utility Operations.

FISCAL NOTE: Original contract amount — \$217,880.00. Amount paid to date — \$197,443.70. Current amount due - \$9,783.75. Balance of contract remaining after current payment — \$10,652.55. Project funded with 100% forgivable KIA loan. Budgeted in Utility Fund.

Start Date: 06/26/2024

Anticipated completion date: 10/31/2026

SUMMARY: EPA required lead management of system which requires the inventory and identification of all service lines in the distribution system.

Contract goal: Inventory and identify all service lines in the distribution system followed by replacement of all service lines identified to be lead or GRR (Galvanized line Requiring Replacement).

Remaining work: Need to identify 800 random customer-side and utility-side services to build a predictive model. These will be randomized in March and available for the next GLO meeting.

- b. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #0066454 dated November 30, 2025 in the amount of \$1,560.00 and invoice #0066585 dated December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$2,080.00 to GRW for engineering services for the Pollard Mills Improvements Project—Phase 4 for the Department of Engineering.

FISCAL NOTE: Original contract amount - \$421,800.00. Amount paid to date - \$323,017.28. Current amount due - \$3,640.00. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$96,702.72. Project funded with Capital Purchase Improvement Fund.

Start Date: 11/01/2018

Anticipated Completion Date: 05/31/2026

SUMMARY:

Contract Goal: Provide project administration, submittal review, preliminary, and final design engineering services.

Current Status: For project management services, which includes review of the pay applications and remediation related to an inlet location issue identified during construction.

Remaining Work: Remaining project management services, including pay application review and field management.

- c. City Manager recommends declaring previously used conducted energy weapons and their ammunition cartridges as surplus property; the same having exceeded their useful life and has been replaced by more modern equipment, and that said used conducted energy weapons and their ammunition cartridges be donated to the Boyd County Detention Center - a governmental agency pursuant to KRS 45A.425.

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact to City of Ashland.

SUMMARY: The Boyd County Detention Center is requesting a donation of our previously used conducted energy weapons and their ammunition cartridges. The detention center needs them for their officers. They have outlived their usefulness to the City of Ashland since they are more than 10 years of age and are older technology.

- d. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #427-014-02 dated January 14, 2026, in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Howerton Engineering & Surveying, PLLC for Special Inspection Services for Baugess Drive, Florida Street & Johnsons Fork Booster Station Project for the Department of Engineering.

FISCAL NOTE: Original Contract amount - \$23,000.00. Amount paid to date - \$10,000.00. Current amount due - \$3,000.00. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$10,000.00. To be paid with Utility Funds.

Contract start date: 09/11/2025

Anticipated completion date: Winter 2026

SUMMARY:

Contract Goal: Howerton Engineering will provide special inspection services for Baugess Drive and Florida Street which will include but not limited to Inspection of Fabricators & Steel Construction, Concrete Construction, Masonry Construction, Engineered Fill, & Inspections to include: Foundations (Stem walls, Grade Beams, Footings), Concrete Slabs (Proof-roll, Subgrade, Re-steel), and cylinder testing. For Johnson Fork they will provide special inspection services for Foundations (Stem walls, Grade Beams, Footings), Concrete Slabs (Proof-roll, Subgrade, Re-steel), and concrete cylinder testing.

Current Status: Special inspection services on the roof trusses at the Florida Street Booster Station.

Remaining Work: Special inspection services for the Baugess Drive Booster Station including items such as sub-grade, footers, stem walls, concrete slab floor, concrete testing, and roof trusses.

- e. City Manager recommends approval to pay request #3 dated January 8, 2026 in the amount of \$2,019.00 to Hazen and Sawyer for engineering services for a Carbon Feasibility Study for the Department of Utility Operations.

FISCAL NOTE: Original contract amount - \$129,410.00. Amount paid to date - \$9,304.50. Current amount due - \$2,019.00. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$118,086.50. To be paid with Utility Capital Funds. Budgeted \$100,000.00. KDOW has already performed jar testing so it is possible that this data can be used in lieu of the jar testing portion proposed by Hazen and Sawyer.

Contract start date: 10/09/2025

Anticipated Completion date: 12/31/2026

SUMMARY:

Contract Goal: Review the levels of target contaminants in source water to better understand treatment needs and establish treatment goals, with particular attention to regulated Per and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) species. Conduct a

comprehensive treatability study to verify the feasibility of Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) treatment in meeting PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) as well as other key organic treatment goals. Provide a Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) system concept design if its feasibility is confirmed.

Current Status: The Ashland Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Carbon Feasibility Study is currently in the Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) Feasibility review phase. Items that have been reviewed include record drawings, historical Water Treatment Plant flow rates, historical raw water quality, and information on the existing reservoir. Site considerations such as site access, floodplain, and zoning have been reviewed as well. Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW) has performed some jar tests, and we are awaiting the results to see if further jar testing will be required. The jar tests will determine the Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) dosage required.

Remaining Work: Treatability study to determine feasibility and effectiveness of Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) and concept design of carbon feed station.

- f. City Manager recommends approval to pay application #2 dated January 26, 2026, in the amount of \$1,365,551.19 to Judy Construction Company for the Ashland Water Resource Recovery Facility Expansion and Improvement Project for the Department of Utility Operations.

FISCAL NOTE: Original contract amount - \$99,782,000.00. Amount paid to date - \$1,838,535.00. Current amount due - \$1,365,551.19. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$96,557,913.81. Also, Engineering Costs = \$5,340,000.00. Total Cost = \$105,122,000.00.

Funding source: To be funded with ARC = \$2 million. APPA = \$4 million. KIA loan = \$39 million. KIA forgivable loan (Grant) = \$5 million. STAG grant = \$4 million. CSO proceeds = \$24 million. Bond issue = \$27,122,000.00. Total = \$105,122,000.00.

Contract start date: 12/08/2025

Anticipated completion date: 12/31/2030

SUMMARY:

Contract Goal: The construction of a new headworks building with mechanical screening, grit removal, and grit washing. The new headworks building will also house a septage receiving station. A new mixed liquor splitter box is also being constructed. The existing oxidation ditches are being converted to 4-stage Bardenpho processes. A new clarifier splitter box is being constructed to distribute flow equally to three new 117-foot circular secondary clarifiers. A new RAS/WAS pump station and new scum pump station will also be constructed. A PAA storage tank and skip with PAA dosing pumps will be provided to replace the temporary PAA disinfection system. Three of the four existing rectangular clarifiers will be converted to excess flow storage tanks. The fourth existing rectangular clarifier is being converted to sludge holding tanks and

sludge return pump station. A new dewatering building with centrifuge and associated appurtenances and polymer feed units will also be constructed. Original Ordinance No. 151, 2025

Current Status: Judy is on site and working. They are currently working to clear a lay-down area for construction and are doing initial excavation and site work for the newly purchased portion of the property. Office trailers have been moved on site

Remaining Work: 100% of construction is pending. Only mobilization, bonds and insurance and some minor clearing and grubbing have taken place.

- g. City Manager recommends approval to pay request #11 dated February 2, 2026, in the amount of \$202,695.73 to Judy Construction Co. for the Roberts Drive Screen Replacement Project for the Department of Utility Operations.

FISCAL NOTE: Original contract amount - \$2,968,000.00. Change order #1(decrease) - (\$39,337.00). Change order #2 (increase) - \$9,467.00. Revised contract amount - \$2,938,130.00. Amount paid to date - \$2,467,473.23. Current amount due - \$202,695.73. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$267,961.04.

This project is funded with American Rescue Plan Appropriation (ARPA) funds. The budgeted amount in FY2026 was \$2,522,800.00.

Contract state date: 03/01/2025

Anticipated completion date: 02/28/2026

SUMMARY:

Contract goal: The Roberts Drive Screen Replacement project consists of demolition of the existing concrete screening structure, bypass pumping, new concrete screening structure with building, mechanical screen, washer compactor, slide gates, associated electrical, manual barscreen, grating, and associated piping.

Current Status: This project is approximately 96% complete. Screens are installed and functioning as designed.

Remaining Work: Painting, grading, some site work, HVAC troubleshooting and punch list item.

- h. City Manager recommends approval of the appointment of Crew Leader, Grade 9 for the Department of Utilities, Division of Water Distribution. Effective immediately.

FISCAL NOTE: Proposed pay - \$27.60/hr. Salary - \$57,408.00. Benefits - \$34,831. Salary and Benefits - \$92,239.00

- i. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #2417 dated February 4, 2026 in

the amount of \$9,200.00 to Light's Enterprises, Inc. for the demolition and clearance of all structures located at 1933 Central Avenue, Ashland, KY for the Department of Community and Economic Development.

FISCAL NOTE: Demolition - \$9,200.00. Title search - \$400.00. Asbestos survey - \$1,150.00. Asbestos abatement - \$0.00. Public notices - \$387.60. Postage - \$65.98. Total - \$11,203.58.

Original contract amount - \$9,200.00. Amount paid to date - \$0.00. Current amount due - \$9,200.00. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$0.00.

Funding source: General fund. Amount budgeted in FY26 is \$200,000.00.

Contract start date: July 24, 2025

Completion date: February 4, 2026

SUMMARY:

Contract goal: To remove structures that are considered unsafe and unfit for human habitation or use.

Current status: Demolition complete.

- j. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #1200797468 dated February 3, 2026 in the amount of \$2,638.72 to HDR Engineering, INC. for the Optimization and Growth Distribution System Modeling for the Department of Utility Operations.

FISCAL NOTE: Total contract amount - \$222,128.00. Amount paid to date - \$18,214.47. Current amount due - \$2,638.72. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$201,274.81.

Funding source: The project is funded with Utility Fund Revenues and budgeted in the Utility Fund.

Contract start date: 09/09/2025

Anticipated completion date: 12/31/2026

SUMMARY:

Contract Goal: Professional Services used for water system modeling of the distribution system. Used for water line extensions, replacement projects and system upgrades.

Current Status: Current work was for system modeling and calculations for the Catlettsburg Water Main replacement project.

Remaining work: Any future modeling that would come with system upgrades, especially due to new large demand customers.

- k. City Manager recommends approval to pay request #11 dated February 3, 2026, in the amount of \$118,888.34 to Judy Construction Co. for the Johnson Fork, Baugess Drive, and Florida Street Water Booster Stations for the Department of Utility Operations.

FISCAL NOTE: Original contract amount - \$2,773,000.00. Change order #1 (decrease) - (\$38,757.60). Revised contract amount - \$2,734,242.20. Amount paid to date - \$647,764.47. Current amount due - \$118,888.34. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$1,967,589.59.

Funding source: This project is funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and KIA grant. Amount budgeted in FY26 was \$1,530,000.00.

Contract start date: 09/15/2024

Anticipated completion date: 12/31/2026

SUMMARY:

Contract goal: Installation of one 40 GPM rated booster pump station with chlorine feed system at Johnson Fork, one 22 GPM booster pump station on Baugess Drive, one 22 GPM booster pump at Florida Street, infrastructure necessary to achieve flushing flows of 250 GPM at Johnson Fork and Baugess Drive, infrastructure necessary to achieve fire protection of 500 GPM at Florida Street, all interconnected piping and accessories, include residential pressure reducing valves where necessary.

Current status: The building structure is complete, including footers, stub-ups, site work, block, and roofing. Work is currently underway at service locations where new meters and pressure-reducing valves are being installed.

Remaining work: Installation of gutters and downspouts, pump skids, piping distribution line ties-ins, final grading, gravel parking lot and fencing. Still have outstanding services to install, including meters and pressure-reducing valves.

1. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #0126594A.00-9 dated January 19, 2026 in the amount of \$4,000.00 to LJB Engineering for engineering services for development of a Safety Action Plan under the Safe Streets for All Program for the Department of Engineering.

FISCAL NOTE: Original contract amount - \$200,000.00. Amount paid to date - \$121,838.00. Current amount due - \$4,000.00. Balance of contract remaining after current payment - \$74,162.00.

Funding source: Safe Streets for all grant amount - \$160,000.00. City matching share - \$40,000.00 to be paid from the General Fund.

Contract start date: 12/05/2023

Anticipated completion date: 07/05/2026

SUMMARY:

Contract goal: For the development of a Safety Action Plan for the City of Ashland by evaluating safety for all road uses and providing tools and implementation strategies to work toward identifying transportation safety goals for various streets and intersections within the city. Project is funded at an 80/20 split with the Federal Highway Administration.

Current status: Review of existing policies and programs that impact safety and

develop corresponding recommendations. A goal statement has been drafted for the City's review. Projects have been identified for City-maintained roads, and for state-maintained roads, the location list has been coordinated with KYTC.

Recommendations from several completed and ongoing studies were reviewed for applicability and incorporated where appropriate. A draft plan is currently in progress and is scheduled for submission to the City on February 20.

Remaining work: A second stakeholder meeting to occur in late February or March to review the Draft Action Plan and facilitate public input. During this phase, projects will be presented to the City and stakeholders for feedback, and the project list will be reviewed and finalized in coordination with stakeholders. Continued efforts with the City to finalize the goal statement. With City and stakeholder input incorporated, the Draft Plan will be finalized, along with the development of a framework for tracking and monitoring progress. LJB will support the City through adoption of the Action Plan and finalize the document accordingly. The Action Plan is a required planning document that lays out how a city, county, or region will systematically improve transportation safety and reduce serious injuries and fatalities.

- m. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #107 dated November 7, 2025 in the amount of \$247,900.00 and invoice #109 dated February 2, 2026, in the amount of \$243,074.75 for a total amount of \$490,974.75 to AP3, LLC. for design services for the conference center.

FISCAL NOTE: Conference Center/Parking lot = \$28,952,550.00. Furnishings & Equipment = \$1,500,000.00. Total Construction Costs = \$30,452,550.00. Contingency = \$1,447,619.00. Total Construction = \$31,900,169.00. Design costs = \$2,432,014.00. Soft Costs (survey, geotech, insurance, & administration) = \$746,000.00. Attorney Fees = \$354,325.00. Total Project Costs = \$35,432,508.00.

Funding sources = \$25M State appropriation, \$750K Woodlands Foundation, \$1M Amler Grant for design, \$7.5M Bond Issue with Tourism Tax & Projected interest income of \$750K, \$2M Amler for furniture and technology. Total Funding source = \$37,000,000.00.

Contract date: 12/13/2024

SUMMARY:

Contract goal: AP3, LLC is providing design and construction services for the conference center.

Current status: AP3, LLC has completed approximately 70-75% of the conference center design.

Remaining work: The project is currently in the final design development phase, with the remaining 25-30% of design work focused on completing construction documents,

final specifications, and coordination necessary to move the project toward bidding and construction.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. First reading and approval of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE TASK ORDER NO. 26-01 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND STRAND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL 2025 COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW REPORTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,500.00.

FISCAL NOTE: Contract Amount - \$22,500.00 to be paid from CSO funds.

Start Date: 02/26/2026

Anticipated Completion Date: 04/30/2026

SUMMARY: Strand Associates, Inc. will assist the City of Ashland in preparing the Combined Sewer Overflow Annual Report for calendar year 2025 as required by the City of Ashland's Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit.

Contract Goal: Annual Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) reporting for the required Kentucky Department of Water (KYDOW) and Consent Judgment reports. Strand developed the reporting matrix for Ashland and has provided the report since the inception of the Consent Judgment.

Current Status: First reading on 02/12/2026.

Remaining Work: All Kentucky Division of Water and Consent Judgment reporting for 2025.

- b. First reading and approval of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 117, SERIES OF 2025, WHICH AUTHORIZED AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AS A SUB-RECIPIENT OF \$5,000 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact to the City of Ashland.

SUMMARY: First United Methodist Church has declined to participate in the CDBG program. These funds will be re-allocated to the Salvation Army for operating costs.

- c. First reading and approval of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SALVATION ARMY OF ASHLAND, THE SUB-RECIPIENT OF \$5,000.00 FOR OPERATING COSTS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

FISCAL NOTE:

Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Amount Budgeted in FY26 is \$0.00. A budget adjustment has been submitted to transfer \$5,000 from First United Methodist Church to Salvation Army.

Contract start date: February 26, 2026.

Anticipated completion date: April 30, 2026.

SUMMARY: Contract goal is to assist the emergency shelter with operating costs. This activity meets the CDBG national objective to benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. The Salvation Army provides emergency shelter, food and case management for homeless persons, which qualifies as a limited clientele category generally presumed to be principally low and moderate income.

- d. Reading and adoption of a municipal order entitled:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FOUNDATION FOR THE TRI-STATE COMMUNITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,725.00 FOR AN AMERICA 250 COMMEMORATIVE MURAL TO BE PAINTED ON THE FLOODWALL.

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact to the City of Ashland.

SUMMARY: The project is part of the America 250 initiative and is intended to celebrate Ashland's history, community identity, and the nation's 250th anniversary through public art. Grant funding will cover the cost of design, materials and professional application. If awarded, the project will be coordinated through the America 250 Committee in partnership with the City of Ashland with appropriate approvals and oversight. Approval of this action allows the City to pursue external funding for a community-focused project that highlights local history and civic pride without placing a financial burden on the city.

- e. Reading and adoption of a municipal order entitled:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN

DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE
CONSOLIDATED PLAN REGARDING THE CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM
FOR THE KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION.

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact to the City of Ashland.

SUMMARY: This is an annual requirement by the Kentucky Housing Corporation for any project operating in Ashland. The current project is "People First, Housing First RRH." This project was originally funded through the Continuum of Care (CoC) Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (SNOFO) in 2022 as part of a 3-year grant. The project is now eligible for renewal through FY25 CoC funding. KHC is the applicant, but we originally sub-awarded the funds to Shelter of Hope. Once Shelter of Hope ceased operations, the project was sub-awarded to Welcome House. Welcome House will continue to operate this project.

f. Sign Ordinance Appeal:

Sign appeal by Young Signs and Good Morning Breakfast for a wall-mounted sign at 1001 Winchester Avenue.

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact to the City of Ashland.

SUMMARY: Applicant is seeking to install a wall-mounted sign for the new Good Morning Breakfast and Brunch restaurant located at 1001 Winchester Avenue. The proposed sign is 7' in diameter and the original proposal indicated that more than half of the sign would extend above the roof parapet in order to avoid covering decorative elements that have been placed in the building facade. Any sign that extends above the roof parapet is considered a roof sign and is prohibited by city zoning regulations. Engineering and Building departments reviewed the application and were concerned that the sign would likely not withstand wind load and could cause damage to the building structure; therefore, the initial application was denied. Applicant has now filed this appeal and submitted an amended proposal. The current proposal shows that the sign will extend no more than 32" above the parapet and they have also provided a technical sketch of a steel structure that will be used to mount the sign to the building. Engineering and Building departments have reviewed the amended proposal and believe the changes are sufficient to meet wind load and prevent damage to the building.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

