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of the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce were in attendance, among others.

As of Friday, nearly 226,000 solar panels have been installed, which covers an area of 250 acres, nearly two years after the Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency (KYMEA) and RWE first broke ground in July of 2023 for the Ashwood Solar project. It is considered to be one of the largest solar projects in Kentucky, and it is RWE's first solar project in the state.

The solar farm is connected to the Energy Center I to be built in Madisonville, which is expected to be completed and online by the summer of 2027. These locations are part of the system that provides electricity to Providence, which is a KYMEA member.

"ECI will help KYMEA with following customer demand when Ashwood is not producing or if it drops due to a sudden rain shower,"

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FISCAL

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bill for approximately 50 local inmates each day.

"Union County houses 20-something prisoners, and they're a thousand more people than we are," said Judge-Executive Steve Henry. "We house double the amount of prisoners. The only answer I've gotten is that Union County people have more money and are able to bond out."

With approximately 50 county inmates housed on average, the bill is about \$1,700 each day. That comes to over \$52,000 a month and more than \$630,000 annually. Those numbers can fluctuate as

The Housing Authority of Providence has updated the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policies and Housing lease. This is public notice that there will be a 45 day comment period for these documents. If anyone would like to view and comment on these policies, they are available Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. at the Housing Authority office located at 101 Centerridge Drive, Providence, KY.

inmates come and go.

Counties house state inmates to help offset the cost of providing for local prisoners, some of whom stay for months at a time as their trials progress through the courts. But the availability of paying state inmates has declined over the past five years.

"They're down across the state," Henry said.

Over the past few months, there has been an increase in the number of state inmates transported to Dixon from other facilities. That has occurred

The City of Providence will be taking sealed bids on trimming tree limbs from power lines. The bid requirements are as follows; Proof of bonded insurance, must work on electrically charged lines, must be willing to replace or repair any poles deemed damaged, must work within OSHA safety regulations. Bids will be accepted from June 25, 2025 through July 07, 2025 at 4p.m. Bids will be opened by Mayor Glover on July 07, 2025 at the Providence City Council meeting at 6pm. Bids may be brought by the utility office at 201 E. Main or mailed to P.O. Box 128, Providence KY 42450. Bids should be addressed to the attention of Providence City Clerk. The City of Providence reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

because several area jails have begun to house detainees from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests. Henderson and Hopkins counties are two such facilities.

Henry has floated the possibility of making the changes necessary to become a federally-approved jail. That process has not made it past the discussion phase.

The potential good news on the horizon for many of the smaller counties is that the

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Aaron Harrell,
Superintendent

problem has reached a head. The Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO) has made the plight of local jails one of its primary issues for the upcoming legislative session in January 2026.

Henry said discussion at a recent KACO

retreat was solely about jails and the financial strain they are putting on the annual budgets. While not an official policy proposal at this point, county officials and KACO will bring the problem to the General Assembly.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on June 26, 2025, scheduling public comment meetings to be held on July 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Bluegrass Community and Technical College, 164 Opportunity Way, Lexington, KY 40511 and on July 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight time, at Jefferson Community & Technical College: Southwest Campus Auditorium, 1000 Community College Dr, Louisville, KY 40272 for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company Case No. 2025-00045, which is the Application for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Site Compatibility Certificates.

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