NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE BY THE COUNTY OF BELL, KENTUCKY OF ITS EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND CHARITABLE REVENUE AND REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026 (BOONE'S RIDGE PROJECT), IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED $70,000,000

Public Notice is hereby given that the Fiscal Court of the County of Bell, Kentucky (the "Issuer"), through the duly appointed hearing officer identified below, will hold a telephonic public hearing on Thursday September 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight time (local time) concerning the proposed issuance of not to exceed $70,000,000 principal amount of the County of Bell, Kentucky Educational, Recreational and Charitable Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 (Boone's Ridge Project) (the "Bonds"), in two series, being a federally tax-exempt series (the "Series 2026A Bonds") and a federally taxable series (the "Taxable Series 2026B Bonds").

John S. Egan, FBT Gibbons LLP, hearing officer, will receive public comments regarding the Project and the Bonds and report those comments to the Fiscal Court. Interested persons wishing to attend the telephonic hearing and provide comments on the below-described Project and the proposed issuance of the Bonds should do so by calling Toll-Free Number (833) 266-5144, Access Code 638897417# at the above stated date and time. Anyone desiring to make written comments can hand deliver them to Bell County Fiscal Court, 101 Courthouse Square, Pineville, KY 40977 Attn: County Judge Executive Albey Brock and/or mail them to the same address so long as they are received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2026.

The Fiscal Court at its regular meeting on April 14, 2026, received public comments on the Project and the Bonds and approved a Resolution authorizing issuance of the Bonds. The September 10, 2026 telephonic hearing is being held to receive any additional public comments and to comply with the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code").

The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to The Appalachian Wildlife Foundation, Inc., a nonstock, nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the "Corporation"). The Corporation operates, and is the principal user of, an educational and recreational wildlife center on 500 acres of owned land and nearly 11,500 acres of leased land commonly known as Boone's Ridge that is located on Jennifer Jones Memorial Highway, off US Highway 119, and Industrial Connector Road, off Jennifer Jones Memorial Highway, both near the town of Miracle, Bell County, Kentucky 40856 (the "Project"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be used for the following purposes: (i) to pay or reimburse the Corporation for the payment of certain costs of acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping the Project; (ii) to pay the costs of routine capital expenditures relating to the Project (including the completion, equipping and furnishing of an approximately 81,000 square foot visitor's center); (iii) to refinance certain indebtedness of the Corporation; (iv) to pay funded interest on a portion of the Bonds during construction of the Project; (v) to fund one or more reserves, including a debt service reserve fund; and (vi) to pay certain costs of issuance incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, all as permitted by the Act (hereinafter defined). The

Series 2026A Bonds are being issued as qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Bonds will be issued pursuant to the Industrial Buildings for Cities and Counties Act, Sections 103.200 to 103.285 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as amended (the "Act"). **The Bonds will not constitute indebtedness of the Issuer, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or any agency or political subdivision thereof, within the meaning of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and will not be payable from taxes of the Issuer, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or any agency or political subdivision thereof, but will be payable solely from loan payments to be made by the Corporation**. Interested persons who wish to express their opinions on the proposed financing, either verbally or in writing, will be given the opportunity to do so at the above-stated time and place. A copy of the Resolution proposed to be adopted by the Issuer is available in the Issuer's offices for public inspection.

THE FISCAL COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BELL, KENTUCKY