

NELSON COUNTY CLERK

Press Release – Motor Vehicle Department at Nelson County Clerk Office

Kentucky has been operating on a DOS based computer program for the titling and registration of vehicles for over 40 years. The program has become outdated and is being replaced. The old program, AVIS, will be taken offline at the close of business on December 29th. The data that has accumulated since the late 1970s will then be transferred statewide to the new program, KAVIS, after the New Years holiday. As you can imagine, the amount of data is massive. The time to transfer the data is not estimated in minutes and hours, but rather in days and weeks.

Without a doubt, there will be no vehicle transactions possible the first week of January. The tentative schedule is for the first counties to go live with KAVIS on January 8th. Nelson County is scheduled to be among the first to go live the following day, January 9th. If there are any delays, which is not only possible but highly plausible, that date would be delayed.

The last day the motor vehicle department will be open to process vehicle transfers and last minute 2023 vehicle renewals will be December 28th 2023. We will be unable to process any vehicle registrations that expire in 2024. Those will not be able to be processed until the new KAVIS program comes online in January.

Three things to remember:

- If you have 2023 vehicle renewals, be sure to get those renewed by December 28th.
- If you have a vehicle that needs to be transferred, get that done by December 28th.
- There is going to be a necessary disruption to motor vehicle transactions to begin 2024 and every effort is being made to minimize the disruption.

The Nelson County Clerk Office will remain open during regular business hours throughout the time that we will be unable to process motor vehicle transactions. There are many other facets of how we serve Nelson County that will not be affected. We will remain open to process land record filings, the issuance of marriage licenses, the duties associated with elections including candidate filings and voter registration, the payment of delinquent real property taxes, and the various other duties of the County Clerk Office. We will resume motor vehicle transactions as soon as technologically possible.