

Last week reviewed: Judiciary, Capital Planning, and Legislative Oversight



State Representative Ryan Bivens

During the second week of the 2025 Interim, the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary met, along with five statutory committees, which were created by law to perform specific tasks related to oversight of the executive branch of state government. These meetings provide lawmakers with an opportunity to hear from key stakeholders about important issues affecting the Commonwealth, which often shape legislative priorities for the upcoming session. Over the course of the week, the committees covered a wide array of topics, ranging from critical infrastructure investments to staffing at the state's veterans nursing homes.

Summaries of this week's committee meetings are below. To access more committee information and meeting materials, please visit the legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov. Additionally, meetings are recorded live and available to watch on the legislature's YouTube page, @KYLRC Committee Meetings.

IJC on Judiciary: Members met to hear from the Administrative Office of the Courts on pretrial and disaster response. AOC discussed their nationally recognized program, started in 1976 as part of the Bail Bond Reform Act. Currently, they have 275 employees who provide 24/7 support to 14 Regions, encompassing 120 Counties and 70 jails throughout the state, with Kentucky's population at approximately 4.6 million. They discussed the roles of their employees: Pretrial Services Specialists and Risk Assessment Specialists. Additionally, AOC discussed the disaster response to the May 2025 flooding and the impact it had on the court buildings in Franklin, Hardin, and Perry Counties. In Franklin County, at the peak of the flooding, the first floor experienced approximately four feet of water, affecting areas including the specialty court and circuit clerks' offices. Mechanical and electrical systems sustained significant damage, and upon evaluation, the situation was determined to require long-term repairs. As a result, court operations were relocated to a temporary space provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) on Chamberlain Avenue, which includes a courtroom, offices, and a conference room. To accommodate the move, space at the AOC building was cleared on June 22. In-custody court proceedings are currently being conducted at the Franklin County Regional Jail. In Hardin County, a large amount of rain caused significant flooding in the basement of a building that is approximately 28 years old. The flooding reached a depth of 18 inches, affecting an area that houses court records as well as me-

chanical and electrical equipment. Due to the rapid onset of the flooding, there was not enough time to remove important files from the basement. As a result, court operations were temporarily suspended to allow the water to recede. Within 24 to 48 hours, Servpro was brought in to begin mitigation efforts. In Perry County, wind damage caused several roof panels to be blown off, resulting in minimal water intrusion. However, there was no impact to court operations.

Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee: Lawmakers reviewed several administrative regulations pertaining to a variety of topic areas, including but not limited to, Medicaid services, utility pole attachments, and paid parental leave. The regulations that generated the most discussion related to paid parental leave for state employees. Several individuals spoke before the subcommittee in support of extending the proposed paid parental leave for state employees from six weeks to 12 weeks and making it an annual benefit. However, the regulations were not amended.

Capital Planning Advisory Board: Members met to review project proposals from several Kentucky Agencies. Collectively, they requested over \$1 billion for critical infrastructure investments, including veterans' centers and historic parks. The funding aims to improve public safety and infrastructure reliability across Kentucky. Our state agencies presented detailed reports that summarized projected funding and new initiatives, highlighting their commitment to a safer Kentucky.

Government Contract Review Committee: Legislators convened to discuss a litany of government contracts to ensure taxpayer dollars are being used responsibly. Of note, the committee reviewed a contract for the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy that had previously been deferred. Additionally, the committee reviewed contracts for the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Kentucky Lottery Corporation, Kentucky Community Technical College System, and Department for Medicaid Services, among others.

Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee: Lawmakers first heard a report on the Fire Commission Minimum Training Standards and Administrative Spending, which found the Commission to not be in compliance with the 5% administrative spending cap established in Kentucky Statute. The Fire Commission then spoke on policy recommendations for the 2026 Legislative Session, which included a more transparent process for the Commission's large amount of yearly carry-over funds. Members then heard testimony

from Pike County's 35th District Family Court Judge who spoke about the disconnect that the judiciary is experiencing from the Cabinet and the conflicts that are arising from this disconnect. The Cabinet also provided an update on Child Removal and Reunification and two Data-Informed Management Reports and Risk Validation Studies which will be available May 2026. Finally, The

Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs testified to the staffing shortages within Veterans Centers across the state.

Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee: Legislators met to hear from parties interested in agricultural development in Kentucky. The Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy updated the committee on

projects being considered for funding by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board that would help support economic development in agricultural communities across Kentucky counties. Members also heard from the Community Farm Alliance about Kentucky Double Dollars, a program aimed at helping Kentuckians eat healthier and supporting our farmers. Feeding Ken-

tucky also spoke to the committee about food insecurity across the commonwealth.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Ryan.Bivens@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.



Ordinance Number 2025-0618.02 Amendment

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF SALARIES AND COMPENSTATION TO BE PAID TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG WITHIN THE FYE 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET. THIS ORDINANCE AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 2023-0911.02

WHEREAS, the City of Greensburg is required by various statues in effect to establish salaries and compensations for various departments, and

WHEREAS, the City of Greensburg has fulfilled their statutory obligation regarding the establishment of Salaries and compensations for all employees;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Greensburg:

<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>WAGE RANGE</u>	<u>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WAGE RAGE</u>
City Clerk/Treasurer	17.00 – 25.00	Public Works Director	17.00 – 25.00
Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer	12.00 – 18.00	Laborer, Maintenance I	12.00 – 18.00
Utility Billing Clerk	12.00 – 22.00	Laborer, Maintenance II	15.00 – 20.00
Office Clerk	12.00 – 18.00		
P & Z Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer	Up to \$7,500		
		<u>WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT</u>	
		Waste Water Plant Director	18.00 – 30.00
		Waste Water Plant Operator I	12.00 – 20.00
		Waste Water Plant Operator II	15.00 – 24.00
		Apprentice	12.00 – 15.00
		<u>WATER TREATMENT PLANT</u>	
		Water Plant Director	18.00 – 35.00
		Water Plant Operator I	12.00 – 20.00
		Water Plant Operator II	18.00 – 35.00
		Apprentice	12.00 – 15.00

*School to reimburse salary and benefits at 100%

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE was introduced at a regular called meeting of the Greensburg City Council held on the 16th day of June, 2025, and thereafter passed and adopted at the special called meeting of said City Council held on the 18th day of June, 2025. Final reading of said Ordinance shall be in full effect upon publication.

By: City of Greensburg

John M. Shuffett

John M Shuffett, Mayor

ATTEST: Kimberly Darnell

Kimberly Darnell, City Clerk/Treasurer

First Reading: 06/16/2025



CITY OF GREENSBURG BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2025-0618.01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF GREENSBURG'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the legislative body, and **WHEREAS**, the legislative body has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications, **NOW, THEREFORE** BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GREENSBURG,

SECTION ONE: that the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 is hereby adopted as follows:

	GENERAL FUND	MUNICIPAL AID	LGEA	WATER & SEWER
RESOURCES AVAILABLE:				
Fund balance at June 30, 2025	\$ 802,348	\$ 135,836	\$ 43,382	\$ 343,089
Revenues:				
Franchise fees	\$ 185,000			
ABC Licenses and Regulation Fees	\$ 82,000			
Insurance Premium tax	\$ 350,000			
Interest	\$ 2,500			
Intergovernmental	\$ 70,000	\$ 41,600	\$ 8,000	
Licenses and permits	\$ 17,500			
Occupational / Net Profit Taxes	\$ 915,000			
Other	\$ 81,100			
Property & Vehicle Taxes	\$ 308,000			
Rent	\$ 20,000			
Grants	\$ 535,539			\$ 1,000,000
ARPA Funds from prior years	\$ -			
Transfers In	\$ 36,000			
E-911	\$ 372,000			
Loan Proceeds				\$ 245,000
Charges for services-Water				\$ 938,500
Charges for services-Sewer				\$ 446,500
Total revenues	\$ 2,974,639	\$ 41,600	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,630,000
APPROPRIATIONS:				
Grants	\$ 535,539			\$ 1,000,000
City Maintenance	\$ 412,452			
Community Center	\$ 46,000			
General government	\$ 478,029			
Paddle Trail	\$ 52,250			
Public safety-fire	\$ 100,000			
Public safety-police	\$ 729,027			
ARPA Funds	\$ -			
911 Expenses	\$ 546,765			
Retirement of Indebtedness- Sewer				\$ 175,000
Retirement of Indebtedness- Water				\$ 225,000
Sewer operations				\$ 439,619
Water operations				\$ 781,551
Transfers Out		\$ 32,000	\$ 4,000	
Total appropriations	\$ 2,900,062	\$ 32,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,621,170
Excess of revenues				
Over / under appropriations	\$ 74,577	\$ 9,600	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,830
Fund balance at June 30, 2026	\$ 876,925	\$ 145,436	\$ 47,382	\$ 351,919

SECTION TWO: That this budget becomes effective upon its final reading and adoption, June 18, 2025.

John Michael Shuffett

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Mayor

Kimberly Darnell

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City Clerk / Treasurer

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