

Public asked to help with Kentucky summer turkey brood survey

BY LISA JACKSON
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Kentucky’s native wild turkeys are spending their summer days eating, moving and raising their recently hatched poults.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources asks the public to be on the lookout for turkeys as they move around and share their observations to help biologists better understand and manage wild turkey populations in the state.

“Monitoring our turkey flock for its long-term conservation depends on teamwork,” said Zak Danks, KFW Wild Turkey Program coordinator. “Fish and Wildlife staff can’t be everywhere all at once. That’s where hunters and wildlife enthusiasts across the state can really help, reporting turkey sightings to our survey.”

To report sightings of wild turkeys during the survey window through Aug. 31, visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife summer turkey brood survey webpage, or enter the key words “turkey



survey” in the search bar on the agency’s website at fw.ky.gov to access the online survey portal, link to the mobile survey app or download a printable form that can be mailed or emailed to the department. Data collected through this survey help the department to better understand turkey population trends over time.

“An easy-to-use mobile phone app and website make participating in the survey easy,” Danks said. “I’ve compiled thousands of turkey observations reported by interested citizens and staff into a statewide index that provides a glimpse into the summer’s reproductive success, which is important

to the sustainability of the wild turkey population.”

Hunters across the southeastern U.S. have reported seeing fewer turkeys in recent years. State fish and wildlife agencies are conducting scientific research to shed more light on the status of turkey populations. Turkey observation data gained through the public survey are used in conjunction with research findings, making this citizen-science data set vital for long-term conservation.

Questions on the annual summer turkey brood survey or turkey hunting may be directed to the agency’s information center at 800-858-1549 from 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. (ET) weekdays, excluding state holidays, or at info.center@ky.gov.

Waller comes out of retirement, traded to Dolphins

BY ALANIS THAMES
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MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — The Miami Dolphins are acquiring Darren Waller from

the New York Giants, about a year after the veteran tight end announced his retirement from the NFL. The Dolphins are sending a conditional 2026 sixth-round

draft pick to the Giants for a 2027 seventh-rounder and the 32-year-old Waller, who will come out of retirement

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Nelson County Fiscal Court, at the meeting held on June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Bernard E. Ice Meeting Room, 1 Court Square, Bardstown, Kentucky, called for a second reading and thereafter presented for adoption the proposed Ordinance relating to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

BUDGET SUMMARY

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was approved by the fiscal court on May 20, 2025, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on May 30, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of Nelson County, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

(01) GENERAL FUND	
General Government	\$ 2,359,500
Protection to Persons & Property	2,342,300
General Health & Sanitation	1,777,800
Social Services	71,700
Recreation	1,608,900
Roads	115,000
Transportation	253,000
Capital Projects	910,000
Administration	2,985,900
Reserve	1,047,900
TOTAL	\$ 13,472,000

(02) ROAD FUND	
Roads	\$ 3,319,400
Administration	628,400
Reserve	576,200
TOTAL	\$ 4,524,000

(03) JAIL FUND	
Protection to Persons & Property	\$ 2,690,500
Administration	592,500
Reserve	25,000
TOTAL	\$ 3,308,000

(04) LGEA FUND	
Roads	\$ 160,000
Reserve	277,000
TOTAL	\$ 437,000

(07) FEDERAL GRANTS FUND	
Protection to Persons & Property	\$ 25,000
Reserve	220,000
TOTAL	\$ 245,000

(09) EMS FUND	
Protection to Persons & Property	\$ 3,545,000
Administration	1,164,000
Reserve	34,000
TOTAL	\$ 4,743,000

(13) SOLID WASTE FUND	
General Health & Sanitation	\$ 2,921,000
Administration	598,000
Reserve	742,000
TOTAL	\$ 4,261,000

(15) LANDFILL	
General Health & Sanitation	\$ 2,631,800
Administration	614,200
Reserve	4,784,000
TOTAL	\$ 8,030,000

(23) OCC LICENSE TAX FUND	
General Government	\$ 196,700
Airports	12,000
Administration	38,300
Reserve	212,000
TOTAL	\$ 459,000

(74) OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS	
Protection to Persons and Property	\$ 80,000
Administration	76,000
Reserve	194,000
TOTAL	\$ 350,000

(80) CO CLERK STORAGE FEES	
General Government	\$ 30,000
Reserve	130,000
TOTAL	\$ 160,000

(82) E911 CENTRAL DISPATCH	
Protection to Persons and Property	\$ 1,855,000
Administration	417,000
Reserve	354,500
TOTAL	\$ 2,627,000

(84) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS	
Roads	\$ 103,318
Capital	1,463,054
TOTAL	\$ 1,566,372

SECTION TWO. This Ordinance shall be published in the Kentucky Standard by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This Ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

(Signed) _____
Tim Hutchins, County Judge Executive

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in Nelson County are hereby notified that a copy of the County's proposed budget is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive, One Court Square, during normal business hours.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. B2025-07

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY, ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Council; and WHEREAS, the City Council has received and reviewed the budget proposal and made desired modifications.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY:

Section I - That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby adopted as set forth below:

CITY OF BARDSTOWN BUDGETS BY FUND – FY26			
Fund	Revenues	Expenses	Total Revenue over (under) Expenditures
GENERAL FUND	17,465,500	44,020,000	**(26,554,500)
COMBINED UTILITIES FUND	53,007,100	67,507,100	**(14,500,000)
SELF INSURANCE FUND	2,372,000	2,372,000	-
MUNICIPAL ROAD AID FUND	365,000	340,000	25,000
EQUIPMENT FUND	195,000	-	195,000
LAND ACQUISITION FUND	103,250	-	103,250
DEPRECIATION FUND	20,000	50,000	**(30,000)
LAGOON CLEANING FUND	160,000	-	160,000
SEWER ENHANCEMENT FUND	165,000	1,000,000	**(835,000)
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE RESERVE	179,500	-	179,500
ASSET FORFEITURE	25,000	9,000	16,000
CEMETERY FUND	136,300	136,300	-
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	74,193,650	115,434,400	**(41,240,750)

** use of unrestricted reserves

Section II - That any and all ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed

Section III - That this ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2025 after its passage and publication as required by law..

CITY OF BARDSTOWN: /s/J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

This summary was certified by Audrey Haydon-Blackmon, City Attorney. A copy of the complete budget is available for inspection in the office of the City Clerk, 220 N. 5th Street, Bardstown, KY 40004 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This advertisement was paid for by the City of Bardstown using taxpayer dollars in the amount of \$266.41.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. B2025-08 FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING AS AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. B2024-06 THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN'S BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.

WHEREAS, an annual budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 was adopted by the City Council of the City of Bardstown on June 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, there have been unanticipated changes in both revenues and expenditures during that period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY, THAT:

Section I.

The annual budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 is hereby amended as follows:

- General Fund: Increase anticipated revenues from \$16,679,650 to \$42,327,855 and increase authorized expenditures from \$18,579,650 to \$21,778,850;
- Combined Utilities Fund: Increase the anticipated revenues from \$63,269,950 to \$110,279,710 and increase expenditures from \$70,419,950 to \$91,546,950;
- Self-Insurance Fund: Increase anticipated revenues from \$2,423,500 to \$2,650,000 and increase expenditures from \$2,423,500 to \$2,650,000;
- Equipment Fund: Decrease anticipated revenues from \$419,000 to \$106,500;
- Sewer Enhancement Fund: Decrease expenditures from \$1,500,000 to \$1,000,000;
- Asset Forfeiture Fund: Increase the anticipated revenues from \$60,000 to \$260,000 and increase expenditures from \$31,500 to \$193,500;
- Cemetery Fund: Decrease anticipated revenues from \$121,165 to \$98,165 and increase expenditures from \$121,165 to \$143,165.

Section II.

The annual budget is hereby amended and attached hereto, reflecting the above referenced amendments to the revenues and expenditures that comprise the FY 2024-2025 budget for the City of Bardstown.

CITY OF BARDSTOWN AMENDED BUDGETS BY FUND – FY25			
Fund	Revenues	Expenses	Total Revenue over (under) Expenditures
GENERAL FUND	42,327,855	21,778,850	20,549,005
COMBINED UTILITIES FUND	110,279,710	91,546,950	18,732,760
SELF INSURANCE FUND	2,650,000	2,650,000	-
MUNICIPAL ROAD AID FUND	340,000	415,000	**(75,000)
EQUIPMENT FUND	106,500	200,000	**(93,500)
LAND ACQUISITION FUND	103,250	-	103,250
DEPRECIATION FUND	24,250	-	24,250
LAGOON CLEANING FUND	-	-	-
SEWER ENHANCEMENT FUND	220,000	1,000,000	**(780,000)
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE RESERVE	215,000	-	215,000
ASSET FORFEITURE	260,000	193,500	66,500
CEMETERY FUND	98,165	143,165	**(45,000)
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	156,624,730	117,927,465	38,697,265

**denotes use of Unrestricted Reserves

Section III.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of that conflict. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following publication as required by law.

CITY OF BARDSTOWN: /s/J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

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