

Bullitt County students spend summer learning about arts

LOUISVILLE — The 2025 Kentucky Governor’s School for the Arts program concluded on July 26, with a class that represented more than half of the Commonwealth’s 120 counties. Growing from 256 students to more than 500 students, the tuition-free program took place during two consecutive three-week sessions (Session 1: June 8 – June 28; Session 2: July 6 – July 26) with students divided into each. Both sessions were hosted at The University of Kentucky.

During the three-week program, student-artists from 72 counties were immersed in a rigorous schedule of daily seminars, creative projects, master classes, and lectures. Instruction was offered in nine disciplines: Creative Writing, Dance, Design, Drama, Film+Photography, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Visual Art and Vocal Music.

Graduates from Bullitt County include: Finley Byers, of Bullitt Central High School, for Creative Writing

Etta Crepps, of Central Hardin High School, for Instrumental Music

Eliana Riddle, of Bullitt East High School, for Creative Writing

Special activities and performances for GSA 2025 included a Kentucky Shakespeare in Central Park performance and the UK Opera Theatre's annual It's a Grand Night for Singing!

Award-winning performing artist and educator, Harry Pickens, as well as artist, teacher, and actress Joy Lanceta Coronel visited students this year. Other events included guests like visual artist LaNia Roberts and musical performer Peter Collins.

Since 1987, more than 8,500 rising high school juniors and seniors have descended on a college campus setting to immerse themselves in an arts intensive environment, with cross-discipline learning, special guest artist performances and lectures, and the opportunity to access critical life-changing college scholarships.

ABOUT THE KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

GSA is a public/private partnership inaugurated in 1987 by The Kentucky Center, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and numerous private supporters. Today, the

vital funding required to make GSA a reality is provided by the state through the leadership of the Governor’s Office and the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, as well as The Kentucky Center Endowment Fund, David F. Young and Cheryl Cahill, Toyota Motor Manufacturing and more than 300 corporations, parents, educators, alumni and friends of GSA.

ABOUT KENTUCKY PERFORMING ARTS

Bringing world class performances to Kentucky, connecting artists with the community, and providing arts education opportunities, Kentucky Performing Arts lives its statewide mission of connecting and inspiring through the arts. Kentucky Performing Arts has a significant impact on the Commonwealth’s tourism and local economy, contributing \$26.3 million in an average year, including \$15.8 million in direct economic impact with our patrons spending an additional \$10.5 million annually. As an integral member of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet, Kentucky Performing Arts, along with the other agencies, seeks to preserve and promote the history, heritage, and arts of the Commonwealth.

Three locations in Louisville make up the family of venues under the Kentucky Performing Arts umbrella:

The Kentucky Center at 501 W. Main St.

The Brown Theatre, 315 W. Broadway Old Forester’s Paristown Hall, 724 Brent St.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

The University of Kentucky College of Fine Arts offers Kentucky’s broadest collection of visual and performing arts academic programs with four academic units. The college also is home to the Singletary Center for the Arts and the UK Art Museum. The College of Fine Arts declares that the arts are essential to the life of the individual and the community. We express our commitment to the arts through dedication to teaching, scholarly research, artistic experimentation, performance, outreach, and exhibition.

ACE Hardware changes hands in MW

MT. WASHINGTON — A longstanding fixture in the Mt. Washington community is entering a new chapter. Ace Hardware, located at 337 N Bardstown Road, Mt Washington, KY, has officially been acquired by Ace Mt. Washington LLC, operated by Mafaz Ansar, a local entrepreneur and the managing member of Ansar Properties, LLC. The acquisition closed early May, marking a continuation of the store’s legacy under new ownership with an eye toward modernization and local engagement.

Stout’s Feed Store, founded around 1929, has been a staple of Mt Washington life for nearly a century. In the 1980s, Stout’s joined the Ace Hardware family, evolving into a dependable, locally operated hardware destination for the fast-growing region. Its reputation for customer service and community support has helped it thrive through decades of economic change and regional growth.

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“Our mission is simple—serve our community with excellence and ensure that Ace

Mt Washington continues to be a place where neighbors help neighbors," said Ansar. “We're excited to build on the store's deep history and continue its service for decades to come."

Generational Equity represented the seller in the transaction. Jeff Farmer with Action Advisors / eXp Commercial represented the buyer. “This is more than a hardware store acquisition, it’s a passing of the torch in a community that’s been anchored by this business for nearly 100 years, said Farmer. “With Mafaz's commitment to the Ace brand and local service, Mt Washington is in good hands, Farmer continued." Plans are already in motion to refresh the store's

offerings and customer experience while honoring the legacy built by the Stout family and longtime staff.

“Our family would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our loyal customers, friends and community through the years. Our father and his two brothers started the business 96 years ago to raise and support their families, and help build a community as Mt. Washington is today,” said Kenny Stout, Owner of Stout’s ACE Hardware.

ABOUT ACE HARDWARE

Founded in 1924, Ace Hardware is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the world, with more than 5,600 stores in over 60 countries. Known for local ownership and personalized service, Ace stores are consistently ranked among the top in customer satisfaction and brand trust.

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The Bullitt County Public Library, established under KRS 173.710, provides library services to citizens in Bullitt County, Kentucky. In accordance with Chapter 65A and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the financial records of the Bullitt County Public Library District for the Period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 may be inspected at the Bullitt County Public Library, Central Library location, 740 Conestoga Parkway, Shepherdsville, Kentucky during administrative office hours; Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Inquiries should be made to the Executive Director. Records can also be viewed online at the library’s website (www.bcplib.org.) at the following URL: <https://bcplib.org/about-us/reports>.



BULLITT COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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Shepherdsville, KY 40165
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A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PLANNING STUDY FOR WIDENING OF GREENBRIER RD Bullitt County Fiscal Court

This document constitutes a Request for Proposals for Personal Service Contract from qualified individuals and organizations to furnish those services as described herein for the Bullitt County Fiscal Court.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

County - Bullitt

Route - US 31 E to KY 2706

Project Description - Widening KY 2706 (Greenbrier Rd.) from HWY 44 to 31 EX and eventually Wales Run and Landis Lane, intersecting with 31 EX.

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

Contact - Keith Griffiee

User Division - Bullitt County Fiscal Court

Approximate Fee - \$250,000 Planning Study

Project Funding - Federal, State and Local funds

Project Length - Approximately 3.6 miles.

III. PURPOSE AND NEED

The existing facility, KY 2706 (Greenbrier Rd.), is a narrow two-lane road. The segment contains vertical and horizontal deficiencies, few passing zones, limited sight distances, embankment stability problems, and narrow or nonexistent shoulders. The proposed project is to improve safety and level of service, reduce response time for emergency vehicles, and add capacity for future traffic demands.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

The selected Consultant will be required to provide Preliminary Roadway Design, including the preparation of engineering studies, identification of appropriate typical sections, identifying any utility impacts, performing drainage design, developing dependable cost estimates, conducting, and preparing documents for public meetings.

The selected Consultant may be asked to provide engineering services to perform Final Roadway Design, which may be added to the contract-by-contract modification, when Preliminary Design is complete. Final Design will include the preparations of any design studies, drainage design, final right of way plans, construction plans, traffic control plans and cost estimates as necessary to provide final Grade, Drain and Surfacing Plans for the project.

I. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Department may retain any of the advertised services to be performed by in-house county forces.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL

The Department will provide any necessary Environmental Services. It is anticipated that the Department will prepare a re-evaluation of an existing EA/FONSI document.

III. STRUCTURE DESIGN

When the project advances to Final Design, and if the selected Consultant is retained for Final Design, they shall do the necessary engineering service to submit to the Department an Advanced Situation Folder(s) for the appropriate applicable structure(s). Structure Design Services may be added by Contract Modification. Prequalification around Structure Design is required to be identified in the Consultant’s Response to Announcement.

IV. TRAFFIC

The Department will provide the Traffic projections and related information.

V. UTILITIES

The Department will be responsible for determining the existing locations of utilities to determine feasibility of redesigning or utility relocation and cost estimates.



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF BULLITT ORDINANCE NO. 25-17

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF BULLITT COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

BE IT ORDAINED by the Fiscal Court of County of Bullitt, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SUMMARY

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Fiscal Court of Bullitt County on the 3rd day of June 2025, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on the 13th day of June 2025.

SECTION ONE

The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated in the summary analysis set forth hereafter.

(1)	General Fund	
	General Government	\$8,893,215
	Protection to Persons and Property	\$822,830
	/General Health & Sanitation	\$1,051,620
	Social Services	\$200,000
	Recreation & Culture	\$1,346,434
	Debt Service	\$0
	Capital Projects	\$526,000
	General Services	\$962,000
	Contingent Appropriations	\$2,811,701
	Fringe Benefits (employer's share)	\$2,235,000
	Total General Fund	\$18,848,800
(2)	Road Fund	
	Roads	\$4,126,882
	Fringe Benefits (employer's share)	\$722,000
	Total Road Fund	\$4,848,882
(3)	Jail Fund	
	Protection to Persons and Property	\$5,156,116
	Fringe Benefits (employer's share)	\$1,305,500
	Total Jail Fund	\$6,461,616
(4)	LGEA Fund	
	Protection to Persons and Property	\$7,900
	Roads	\$952,100
	Total LGEA Fund	\$960,000
(07)	Federal Grants Fund	
	Protection to Persons and Property	\$400,000
	Total Fed Grant Fund	\$400,000
(09)	EMS Fund	
	Protection to Persons and Property	\$6,259,915
	Administration	\$2,385,000
	Total EMS Fund	\$8,644,915
(12)	Forest Fire Fund	
	Protection to Persons and Property	\$2,000
	Total Forest Fire Fund	\$2,000
(75)	Clerk Storage Fund	
	Clerk Storage	\$130,000
	Total Clerk Storage Fund	\$130,000
(77)	Dispatch Fund	
	Protection to Persons and Property	\$1,992,914
	Debt Service	\$0
	Administration	\$552,540
	Total Dispatch Fund	\$2,545,454
(84)	ARPA Fund	
	Contingent Appropriations	\$0
	Total ARPA Fund	\$0
(74)	OPIOID Fund	
	Opioid Fund	\$175,000
	Total OPIOID Fund	\$175,000
	GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$43,016,667

SECTION TWO

This Ordinance shall be published in The Pioneer News newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE

This Ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in Bullitt County are hereby notified that a copy of the Bullitt County Fiscal Court's budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge Executive during normal business hours.

Given First Reading at a regular meeting of Bullitt County Fiscal Court on the 3rd day of June 2025.

Given Second Reading and adopted at a regular meeting of Bullitt County Fiscal Court on the 17th day of June 2025.

Attested to:

Kevin Mooney
Bullitt County Clerk

Jerry Summers
Bullitt County Judge Executive