

KCTCS regents approve two-year budget request; local projects included

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The Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents approved the 2026-28 biennial budget request, which includes additional funding to support operations and capital improvements for the system of 16 community colleges, according to a statement from KCTCS.

The operating request totals nearly \$238 million in 2026-27 and \$272 million in 2027-28. This represents a 7.2 percent increase in the first year and a 22 percent increase in the second.

The request includes

inflationary base funding adjustments, debt service and operating funds to support capital projects and increased performance funding distributions as proposed by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

The performance funding request includes an increase of \$31.9 million in 2026-27, which would bring total funds to \$145 million if funded. For the second year, the increase includes \$35.2 million for a total of \$160 million in performance funding, the statement said.

On the capital side, the statement said, the request calls for 67 projects across the system, totaling nearly \$662 million.

The statement said the proposal was based on the system's six-year capital plan compiled from college requests that were submitted through a strategic needs analysis according to state guidelines.

The projects encompass a wide range of facility needs, including asset preservation, new construction, maintenance, renovation, campus security, capital equipment, and information technology equipment.

Projects proposed throughout the system include:

- Safety and security upgrades — \$30 million;
- Deferred maintenance pool — \$32 million;

- Information technology pool — \$9.5 million;
- Equipment pool — \$5 million; and
- Property acquisition pool — \$5 million.

Projects proposed at Big Sandy CTC include:

- Mayo Campus renovation — \$4.5 million;
- Prestonsburg campus buildings upgrade — \$7.4 million;
- Magoffin LRC roof replacement — \$1.2 million; and
- Site improvements and wayfinding — \$3 million.

Projects proposed for Hazard Community and Technical College include:

- Smith Administration Building renovations — \$5 million;
- Upgrade ADA/elevator Industrial Education Building — \$2.5 million;
- Lees Campus exterior improvement — \$3.5 million; and
- Industrial Education Building exterior upgrade — \$2.5 million.

The Kentucky General Assembly will consider the budget request during next year's legislative session.

The next board of regents meeting will be held Dec. 4-5 at the system office.

Several indicted by grand jury

A Floyd Chronicle and Times Staff Report

Several people were indicted recently by a Floyd County grand jury.

Those indicted included:

- Rebecca Moore, 43, of Open Fork, David, on charges of DUI, possession of a controlled substance not in original container (four counts), first-degree possession of a controlled substance (opiates, first offense), second-degree possession of a controlled substance (unspecified) and third-degree possession of a controlled substance (unspeci-

fied, two counts).

- Kevin J. Slone, 46, of Jefferson Road, Hueysville, on a charge of first-degree promoting contraband.

- Nathan Stewart, 35, of Store Hollow, Betsy Layne, on charges of second-degree burglary, second-degree criminal mischief and theft by deception (\$500 to \$1,000).

- Jason Goble, 41, of 3rd Street, Paintsville, first-degree bail jumping.

Editor's note: An indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

Williams discusses district facility plan

By Devin Kidd Staff Writer

During a recent special-called meeting, the Floyd County Board of Education discussed and approved the district's facility plan.

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Tonya Williams said the plan includes numerous upcoming projects.

"The Betsy Layne dome's foam ceiling is the original from 1969; it had turned black, so we're going to replace all of that," she said. "Additionally, it will get a new a/c unit, new electrical works, a new boiler room and windows. It's getting a complete makeover, and

we're looking at a completion date around the spring semester. We appreciate the community's patience."

The dome was an area that was affected by recent flooding.

Williams also said the board will be looking at updating what was once the Allen Central football field.

"It will be for Floyd Central's track team," she said. "We'll be redoing the track, blacktopping the parking lot and redoing the locker rooms, bathrooms and concession stands."

Another major project includes a potential multi-purpose facility for Prestonsburg High School.

"We'll be looking at trying to acquire property in Prestonsburg for an indoor

multi-purpose facility for PHS," Williams said. "It will be in two phases: the first will be acquiring the property, and the second will be the facility."

Williams said other projects include: turf for Betsy Layne High School's football field, acquiring an architect to look at a softball field for BLHS and resurfacing the track, as well as getting a new scoreboard at South Floyd Elementary.

"Everything is in the LPC, and was approved at the special-called meeting," she said. "The district facility plan is a four-year plan of things we'll start on as we can. The immediate ones will be the Betsy Layne dome and the indoor multi-purpose facility."

Courthouse news

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Several property transfers and marriage licenses were reported recently by the Floyd County Clerk's Office. Those transfers and licenses were:

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Joseph Coleman, Kristina N. Parsons Coleman, Ashley Williams, Lauren Williams, Michael B. Williams and Skyler C. Williams to Michael Brandon Williams, Kristina N. Parsons Coleman, Skyler C. Williams and Jacob T. Coleman'

Larry Kimbler and Sherry Kimbler to Richard Fetherolf and Rex Fetherolf

Patrick Collins and Brittany Collins to Hemphill Towers LLC

Okel Ray to Roberta Parks, Timmy Cook, Wendy Cook and Wendell Cook

Herman D. Pennington, Elsie Pennington and the Herman D. Pennington and Elsie Pennington Title Holding Trust to Regina Scott, Denise

Harmon, Herman D. Pennington and Elsie Pennington

Herman D. Pennington and Elsie Pennington to the Herman D. Pennington and Elsie Pennington Title Holding Trust

Tommy Darrell Tackett and Beronica Tackett to Beronica Lynn Tackett

Bobby Slone to Ernest Mestas and Peggy Howard

Bobby Slone to David B. Slone

Mary Roberts to Richard F. Thomas and Barbara A. Hall Thomas

Martin Properties LLC to Donald Webb and Pauline Webb

Bill Scott Paige and Felicia Paige to Bertha Tackett

Shelby Grace Hall to Heather McPeck

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Alexis Howell to Brady Baker

JURY

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"While the grand jury is sympathetic to the family of Mr. Harvey and does not condone people taking the law into their own hands, it is our belief that no jury would convict Ms. Adkins given the circumstances here," the document said.

Adkins was originally charged

with murder after the shooting.

During a preliminary hearing in the case, Prestonsburg Police Capt. John Begley testified that Adkins had alleged at the time of her arrest that her father had abused her.

"She admitted that she had shot her father; when asked why, her words were — in reference to (a relative) — she won't have to grow up

looking at this person, knowing what he did to her," Begley testified.

Following the issuance of the

no true bill, the felony murder case against Adkins in Floyd District Court was dismissed.

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pertaining to the submittal of a Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KPDI) application for funding to purchase commercial property at Banner for future industrial sites. A \$1,000 application fee will be paid to the Kentucky Association for Economic Development (KAED).

Also during the meeting, the court accepted Sheriff John Hunt's 2024 franchise tax settlement, and changed the name of Railroad Street at Dwale to Tie Yard Drive and Ford Street, also at Dwale, to Second Avenue.

The court also hired Kermit B. Adkins as a part-time road worker for District 4 at \$11.40

per hour with no benefits.

Court members also approved Jailer Steve Little's hiring of five employees, including Ryan Lowe, Raymond Sparks, Christian T. Marsillett and Michael Blankenship as part-time guards, and Russell Gibson as a fulltime guard. They also approved Little's promotion of Steven Hall to sergeant.



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