

County approves \$13.87M budget for 2026-27

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Fiscal Court approved a \$13.87 million budget for fiscal year 2027 during its June meeting, while County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom cautioned that uncertainty remains surrounding continued funding for the Cave-In-Rock Ferry.

Magistrates Matt Grimes and Travis Perryman were absent.

During discussion of the budget, Newcom said ferry funding was included at the same level provided during the previous two years, despite ongoing contract negotiations between Kentucky and Illinois.

"Negotiation is going worst of any other budget I've seen," Newcom said, pointing out that newcomers in political and administrative positions in both states may be affecting the talks while the

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local ferry authority is tasked with being a mediator to try to work it out.

"There are a lot of issues to work out with a deadline for a new contract approaching," the judge said. "I've told everyone who has asked that we are further apart than I've ever seen on the ferry negotiations."

The current contract ends June 30.

In other budget-related action, magistrates approved Ordinance 26-007, a fiscal year 2026 budget reconciliation measure that transferred \$137,462 to reconcile year-end accounts.

"Special thanks to the budget committee for tracking all this," Newcom said. "It's been one of the most difficult

budgets we've had. We still don't have our numbers from the state to be able to finalize our budget."

The court also approved several fund transfers and budget appropriation adjustments, including transfers involving the jail, sheriff's department, road fund, 911 fund, opioid settlement fund, economic development fund and other county accounts.

A transfer of approximately \$44,000 from the county general fund to the jail account was approved to cover delayed claims and current expenses. Magistrates also approved more than \$56,000 in current jail claims after the transfer ensured sufficient funds were available.

The court approved purchase of a replacement grinder pump for the county jail at a cost of approximately \$15,000.

County Clerk Daryl Tabor reported there were no appeals filed on the Property Valuation Administrator's assessments. The court approved payment of \$400 each to members of the Board of Assessment Appeals, with half of the cost to be reimbursed by the state.

Among other business, the court approved revisions to the county administrative code to reflect a change in state law raising the non-bid-purchase threshold from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

"This provides Chapter 8 revisions to the administrative code by changing the county code to correctly reflect wording

of KRS for the small purchase threshold," Newcom said.

The court approved renewal of the county's property insurance through the Kentucky Association of Counties All Lines Fund at a cost of \$318,441 and renewed workers' compensation coverage totaling \$100,674. Both policies will be paid in six installments.

Magistrates also approved a preventive maintenance agreement for the Emergency Operations Center generator at a cost of \$1,430.

The court adopted a resolution supporting the Vision Zero roadway safety initiative.

"We were among the first counties to participate in this program," Newcom said. "We continue to work with Ken-

tucky Transportation and the Pennyrile Area Development District transportation people to place signage and make safety improvements to county roads."

The resolution noted the county maintains approximately 390 miles of roadway and supports continued efforts to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries through infrastructure improvements and safety enhancements.

Additional appointments included Magistrate-elect Danny Fowler as the county's representative on the Aging Council and Magistrate-elect Pam Todd as the fiscal court representative to the Crittenden County Economic Development Corp., replacing Property Valuation Administrator Todd Perryman.

Inmate figures drop, but cash flow better

Crittenden County Detention Center saw a decline in inmate population during May compared to April, with the average daily population dropping from 184.2 inmates to 173.8 inmates. However, the jail's bottom line improved as receipts outpaced disbursements.

State inmates made up the largest share of the population, averaging 77.9 in May, down from 87.3 the previous month. Federal inmates increased

slightly from 65.3 to 66.7, while Crittenden County inmates declined from an average of 11.9 to 9.1.

Housing revenue remained relatively stable despite the lower inmate count.

The jail generated \$279,266 in overall revenue during May and showed disbursements of \$277,714.

State housing payments dropped by more than \$7,200, but federal housing payments increased.

Crittenden County Detention Center



DETENTION CENTER REPORT

JUNE 18, 2026

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count is an average for last month.

* Federal Inmates \$57 Per diem
* State Inmates \$35.34 Per diem
* Lyon County Inmates \$36.00
* Other County Inmates \$40.00

LAST MONTH CASH FLOW

Total Receipts \$279,266.33
Disbursements \$277,714.54

JAIL CENSUS	May 2026 Avg	April 2026 Avg	Monthly Avg 2025
State Inmates	77.9	87.3	75.81
Federal Inmates	66.7	65.3	58.12
Other County Inmates	20.1	19.7	24.95
Crittenden County Inmates	9.1	11.9	17.96
TOTAL INMATES	173.8	184.2	176.84
Highest Daily Count	186	200	187.50
Lowest Daily Count	166	182	170.7

Last Month REVENUE

	May 2026	April 2026	Monthly Average 2025
State Housing Payments	\$85,346.10	\$92,590.80	\$81,465.77
Federal Housing Payments	\$117,762.00	\$111,606.00	\$100,553.70
Federal Transport Payments	\$11,190.81	\$13,398.83	\$9,689.27
Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$19,116.00	\$17,712.00	\$24,840.00
Other County Housing Payments	\$2,200	\$2,520.00	\$1,980.00
Weekend/Work Release	\$1,520	\$1,440.00	\$712.00
TOTAL HOUSING	\$237,134.91	\$239,267.63	\$219,243.57

Last Month ANALYSIS

	May 2026	April 2026	Monthly Average 2025
Cost of Crittenden Inmates	11,400	\$14,320.00	\$21,948.00
Numbers of Co. Housing Days	285	358	548.7
County Daily Housing Rate	\$40	\$40	\$40
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	9.1	11.9	17.916



Second Place Finish

The 12-under Crittenden County Lady Blues finished runnerup in the Lakes Area Baseball and Softball League Tournament last week in Marion. Pictured are (front from left) AJ McMackin, Elizabeth Greenwell, Kailea Mason, Olivia Mattingly, London McCord, (back) Coach Travis McCord, Coach Mary Greenwell, Jessie Greenwell, Lucy Mattingly, Aria Kinnis, coach Kris Buchanan, Cadie Buchanan, Emma Shae Holland, coach Bryan Holland and Bradie Hackney.

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