

# Celebrate our Commonwealth's role in making America during Kentucky History Month



State Representative Ryan Bivens

In 2025, the legislature officially designated June as Kentucky History Month, ensuring our commonwealth has a dedicated time each year to reflect on the people, events, and ideals that shaped who we are today. June was chosen because of its deep significance in Kentucky history. Our state was admitted to the Union as the 15th state on June 1, 1792, marking 234 years since Kentucky officially joined the nation.

While recognizing history may seem like a small gesture, preserving and honoring our heritage matters because it allows us to learn from both the triumphs and hardships of the past. Kentucky's story is inseparable from the story of America itself, particularly during the Revolutionary era when this region represented the nation's western frontier and a gateway to expansion, resilience, and opportunity. By recognizing Kentucky History Month, we not only celebrate the pioneers, veterans, builders, and communities who laid the foundations of our commonwealth, but also ensure future generations understand the lessons, sacrifices, and complexities that brought us to where we are today.

However, the history of our commonwealth stretches beyond 1792. In fact, Kentucky was once known as Kentucke County, Virginia. Formed on New Year's Eve 1776, Kentucke County existed for nearly four years with its seat located in present day Harrodsburg. The Virginia government also appointed officers to form a militia for the protection of the county during the Revolutionary War, the names of whom read like a roll-call list of the frontier heroes who would eventually be instrumental to the founding of our commonwealth:

George Rogers Clark, John Todd, Benjamin Logan, Daniel Boone, and James Harrod. By 1780 though, Kentucke County was abolished and divided into Fayette, Jefferson, and Lincoln counties. By the time Kentucky gained statehood in 1792, the number of counties had grown to include Bourbon, Madison, Mason, Mercer, Nelson, and Woodford.

Despite continuous efforts throughout this period though, Kentucky's path to statehood was not simple. Settlers had numerous reasons why they wished to separate from Virginia, most of which was due to their location on the American frontier. In order to be represented in state government, call out their militia, or even trade on the Mississippi River, Kentuckians were forced to make the long and arduous journey back to Virginia. With a quickly increasing population and consistent troubles with local natives, the desire for statehood only continued to grow. While Kentucky received the consent of Virginia to become a state in 1788, due to the ongoing ratification of the new United States Constitution it was advised that Kentucky wait until after it was officially adopted to make their final push for statehood.

This final push came in 1792 when a convention was called in Danville to finalize a draft of the state's first constitution. It was accepted by Congress on June 1st of that year, and Kentucky was officially admitted as the 15th state.

As we celebrate this year's anniversary of statehood with the first Kentucky History Month, it is also important to remember the other milestones that have both recently passed and are on the near horizon. Two years ago, Harrodsburg celebrated its 250th anniversary, and recognized its legacy as the commonwealth's oldest city. Last year, both Lexington and Fort Boonesborough marked their

250th anniversaries. This year, the United States of America marks 250 years of independence on July 4.

Known as a sescentennial, celebrations and events will be hosted across the nation in cities both large and small to commemorate the history of our country and the enduring legacy of the Declaration of Independence.

These celebrations are being spearheaded by America250, an organization established in partnership with the federal government as well as a multitude of other entities in order to effectively prepare for the coming year. Here in Kentucky, America 250 has partnered with the Kentucky Historical Society in order to plan statewide events and provide educational resources to commemorate our history and cherish what it means to be a Kentuckian. For more information regarding these Kentucky events, please visit their website at [history.ky.gov](http://history.ky.gov). For more information regarding national events, please visit America250's website at [america250.org](http://america250.org).

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank the Kentucky Historical Society as well as all who have been involved in commemorating the history of both our commonwealth and our country for these momentous occasions. I also encourage everyone to participate in these once-in-a-lifetime festivities, and celebrate the legacy of those who made today possible.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and questions. You may reach me through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181 or by email at [ryan.bivens@kylegislature.gov](mailto:ryan.bivens@kylegislature.gov). You may also track our work at [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov).

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Green County Fiscal Court will be accepting **SEALED** bids on the following road supplies and equipment to be furnished to the County of Green for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

#### ALL ITEMS MUST MEET STATE SPECIFICATIONS.

1. COLD MIX  
More detailed specifications on the above supplies may be obtained between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Central Time, Monday through Friday, at the office of the Green County Judge/Executive, John H. Frank, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743. Phone No: (270) 932-4024. **SEALED Bids must be submitted to the aforementioned office no later than 4:00 P.M., Central Time, Tuesday, June 9, 2026, with specifications included. Envelopes should be clearly marked as to what items you are bidding on. Bids will be opened at Special Called Green County Fiscal Court Meeting, which begins at 3:30 P.M., Central Time, on Thursday June 11, 2026, at the Green County Courthouse.** The Court may award contracts on the bids received at the aforesaid meeting or, in the event further deliberation is warranted, designate a date certain for awarding same. The Green County Fiscal Court reserves the right to: (a) accept the best and lowest bid, (b) accept more than one bid per item, and/or (c) reject any and all bids received. The Fiscal Court further reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid received and in the bidding process.

### INVITATION FOR SEALED BID

The Green County Fiscal Court is currently accepting **SEALED** bids for the purchase of the following items of surplus property:

- 6420 John Deere tractor, with flail mower and side mower
- 50-gallon Hydraulic Tank
- Pick-Up Truck Topper
- Tiger Brand 60-inch bush hog mower

**Bids will be accepted in the Green County Judge/Executive's Office, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, until Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 4:00 PM, Central Time.** Bids will be opened at a special called Fiscal Court meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 3:30 PM, Central Time. **Sealed bids must be marked on the envelope as to the item you are bidding on.**

All sales are final and are made on an "as is", "where is" basis. No returns. All items become the responsibility of the buyer at time of awarding bids. Items must be removed from their location by Friday, June 19, 2026. The property shall be awarded to the highest and best bid, and Green County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Please contact the office of the Green County Judge/Executive, John H. Frank, for specifications or any questions at 270-932-4024.

### PUBLIC NOTICE - INVITATION FOR BID

The Green County Fiscal Court requests bids on the following item. Bids must be received in the office of the Green County Judge/Executive, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743. **All bids must be received by 4:30 P.M. Central Time on June 22nd, 2026. The bids will be opened on June 25th in the Fiscal Court Meeting Room, Green County Government Building at the same address during the Fiscal Court Meeting at 9:00 A.M. Central Time.** Bids must be in sealed envelope with the words "Sealed Bid for BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – Doc Ward ROAD (CR 1314) (044C00027N)", the date and time that the bid is to be opened, prominently displayed on the front of the envelope.

#### BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – DOC WARD ROAD (CR1314) (044C00027N)

For additional information, contact Charlie Allen, Director of Engineering, at [charlie@tadd.org](mailto:charlie@tadd.org) or Judge John Frank, County Judge Executive, at [johnfrank.cje@hotmail.com](mailto:johnfrank.cje@hotmail.com).

The right is reserved to accept or reject all or any part of any bid and to waive any informality in any bid.

### REQUEST FOR BIDS

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#### GREEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY'S - Telecommunications Franchise

Green County, Kentucky is soliciting bids from parties interested in obtaining franchises to operate telecommunications systems within the confines of the County, pursuant to Ordinance No. 26-04-16-2026. Franchise(s) awarded pursuant to this Request for Bids will be non-exclusive and will be for a term of ten (10) years. Bids must meet all the requirements of Ordinance No. 26-04-16-2026.

**SEALED BIDS** must be received no later than 4 PM CST, on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at which time the bids will be opened at a Special Called Fiscal Court Meeting held on Thursday June 11, 2026, at 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743. **Sealed bid proposals should be sent to the following address: Green County Judge-Executive's Office, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743 and marked as to what the bid proposal is for.**

Green County reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the franchise, and to accept what, in its opinion, is the lowest, responsive, responsible and best bid which is in the best interest of, and most advantageous to the County. Form bid applications are available upon request from the Green County Judge's Office, 203 Court Street, Greensburg, Kentucky 42743, Telephone (270) 932-4024.

### INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Green County Board of Education for Athletic - Bid Package 2 – 3 Buildings in Greensburg, Kentucky, until 10:00am CT / 11:00am ET on 17 June 2026, at the office of the Board of Education, 402 E Hodgenville Avenue, Greensburg, KY. Bids will be opened and read aloud.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on 27 May 2026 at 10:00am CT / 11:00am ET at the Area Technical Center, adjacent to the football field, 102 Carlisle Avenue, Greensburg, KY 42743.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained at Lynn Imaging ([lynnimaging.com](http://lynnimaging.com)), 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, 800-888-0693. There will be no cost to bidders for digital copies. Costs for printed copies and shipping will be bidders' responsibility, and are nonrefundable.

Successful low bidder will be required to provide 100% Performance and Payment Bond for contract signing for all labor and materials (including DPOs – Materials purchased directly from suppliers) as part of this contract. Bid Security equal to 5% of Base Bid will be required, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check. Questions or requests for clarification shall be directed to the Architect. Documents may be viewed at the following locations:

G. Scott & Associates, Architects plc  
314 Wilkinson Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Phone: 502-875-2290  
Fax: 502-875-1307  
Contact: Gary Scott  
E-mail: [mail@gscottarch.archi](mailto:mail@gscottarch.archi)

Green County Board of Education  
402 E Hodgenville Ave  
Greensburg, KY 42743  
Phone: 270-932-6601  
Fax: 270-932-3624  
Contact: Will Hodges, Supt.  
E-mail: [will.hodges@green.kyschools.us](mailto:will.hodges@green.kyschools.us)

Builders Exchange of Louisville  
2300 Meadow Dr.  
Louisville, KY 40218-1372  
Phone: 502-459-9800  
Fax: 502-459-9803  
Contact: Treva Masters  
E-mail: [tmasters@bxtkentucky.com](mailto:tmasters@bxtkentucky.com)

Construction Connect  
30 Technology Parkway S - Ste 100  
Norcross, GA 30092  
Phone: 800-364-2059  
Fax: 866-570-8187  
Contact: Ryan Cahill  
E-mail: [content@constructconnect.com](mailto:content@constructconnect.com)

Dodge Data & Analytics  
4300 Beltway Place, #180  
Arlington, TX 76018  
Phone: 817-375-2942  
Fax: 347-620-4319  
Contact: Lori Bachman  
E-mail: [lori.bachman@construction.com](mailto:lori.bachman@construction.com)

Builder's Exchange  
4350 Glendale-Milford Rd, #120  
Cincinnati, OH 45242  
Phone: 866-907-6300  
Fax: 866-907-6304  
Contact: Cyndi Thornton  
E-mail: [CThornton@bxohio.com](mailto:CThornton@bxohio.com)

Shrout Tate Wilson  
Consulting Engineers (Mech/Elec)  
628 Winchester Road  
Lexington, KY 40505  
Phone: 859-277-8177  
Fax: 859-277-8372  
Contact: Jeff Frohlich  
E-mail: [jeff.frohlich@stweg.com](mailto:jeff.frohlich@stweg.com)

Pitman Green LLC  
131 N Public Square  
Greensburg, KY 42743  
Phone/Fax: 270-973-5213  
Contact: Brian Ferguson  
E-mail: [bferguson@pitmangreen.com](mailto:bferguson@pitmangreen.com)

RAI Engineering (Struct)  
539 West Market St, Suite #200  
Louisville, KY 40202  
Phone: 502-589-2212  
Fax: 502-589-2240  
Contact: Anthony Ehlers  
E-mail: [anthony@raiengineering.com](mailto:anthony@raiengineering.com)

Construction Journal  
400 SW 7th St.  
Stuart, FL 34994  
Construction Journal.com  
Phone: 772.781.2144  
Contact: Mary Ann Duke  
E-mail: [Bids@ConstructionJournal.com](mailto:Bids@ConstructionJournal.com)

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid may be withdrawn without the consent of the Owner or forfeit of Bid Security for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the date for receipt of bids.

Will Hodges, Superintendent  
Green County Board of Education

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Hay and Manure Testing Reimbursement Program  
The Green County Conservation District will reimburse the cost of hay and/or manure testing that is administered through a certified testing agency. Applicants must submit an original receipt for reimbursement. There is maximum of \$75 per operation a calendar year. Applications may be obtained at the Conservation office at 103 Industrial Park Rd, Greensburg.

### Public Notice

An ordinance amending the Green County budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, to include unanticipated receipts from General, Road, Jail, Park, Workforce Development, Clerk's Office Storage Fees, and HB1 Various Projects in the amount of \$326,498.27 and increasing expenditures in the area of Reserve for Transfer, was adopted by the Green County Fiscal Court on May 21 at 5:00 P.M. A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at 3:00 PM Central Time on Thursday, June 11, 2026, in the Courtroom of the Green County Courthouse, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, Kentucky, to consider:

Proposal to discontinue and close a portion of "Authur Shirrell Road" (CR #1262), said portion beginning at the 2,748-foot mark on Authur Shirrell Road and extending a distance of 425 feet in a northeasterly direction to the end of Authur Shirrell Road. Authur Shirrell Road begins at the intersection of Hwy 1464 and Authur Shirrell Road, and it is in the Grab/Pierce Community of Green County, Kentucky.

/s/ John Frank  
Green County Judge/ Executive