

# Fiscal Court approves budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027

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The Green County Fiscal Court, in a special meeting Thursday, May 28 approved the second reading and adoption of the county's budget for fiscal year 2026-2027. The grand total budgeted amount is \$6,039,157.

"As I've said before, this budget is as streamlined as possible. We continue to try to save the taxpayers money on a daily basis," said Judge-Executive John Frank.

In other business, magistrates approved:

- (1) To advertise for bids pertaining to a telecommunications franchise
- (2) To advertise for bids for asphalt material, cold mix
- (3) To re-advertise for bids of certain county surplus property items
- (4) To award the bid for road oil to Asphalt Materials, Elizabethtown
- (5) A Waiver of Conflict of Interest for Mark Franklin, Bond Counsel
- (6) To appoint Todd Simpson as Assistant Animal Control Officer effective June 8, 2026
- (7) Resolution No. 05-28-2026 pertaining to the proposed discontinuance and closure of a portion of Authur Shirrell Road, a

- distance of 425 ft. at the end of the road and the appointment of "viewers," namely Green County Road Supervisor Daryl Rogers and local citizens David Dicken and Jeff Bishop
- (8) Resolution No. 05-28-2026-01 pertaining to the advertising of the proposed partial closure of Authur Shirrell Road
- (9) To table the submitted bids for diesel fuel and gasoline from Tri County Auto & Oil and White Oil Company, and to authorize Judge-Executive Frank to request from them their rack prices and delivery costs for five specific days based on their current bid

## Greensburg Rotary donation to 4-H



Photo by Clevis Jeffries

Greensburg Rotary Club President Gaye McCubbin presented Tuesday, May 26 a \$1,000 check to Green County 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent Sue Ann Loyall with funds to be used for youth attending Lake Cumberland 4-H Summer Camp June 2-5 at Jabez.

# Constant attention: Effective measures to reduce screen time

Constant phone notifications and a tendency to "doomscroll" for hours in an effort to keep abreast of the latest news has conditioned people to keep their phones in hand at all times. The Mayo Clinic cautions that excessive screen time threatens physical, social and mental health. Everything from obesity to eye strain to neck and back pain may be linked to spending too much time on phones, tablets and computers. Excessive screen time also has been linked to mental health issues like

depression and anxiety. Limiting daily screen time is recommended to foster better overall well-being. Pulling away from the draw of screens can be challenging, but it's not impossible. Audit your screen time Getting a clear picture of daily screen time can help a person make changes for the better. Identify three applications that take up most of your time, and check how many times each day you reach for your phone or tablet to engage with these apps.

Noting each engagement can shed light on how much time you're spending on screens. Make it less accessible Technology often is overused because designers engineered it to be easily accessible. By making things slightly less convenient, a person may be less inclined to use it. Deleting apps that are over-used from a phone or tablet and only gaining access through a computer web browser is a start. Ban the phone from the bedroom and switch to a regu-

lar alarm clock. Kondo, a direct messaging management company, suggests turning settings on the device to display in grayscale, which makes things appear dull and less enticing. Turn off notifications Govern your notification permissions more strictly, turning off any that aren't of the utmost importance. Disabling news alerts, sports scores, social media likes, and less vital notifications can greatly reduce the number of times

a person looks at screens. Replace with something else Kicking a bad habit can be challenging, but finding something new and healthier to take its place can be effective. Convert to more analog hobbies like journaling, reading, knitting, doing puzzles, or something else that engages the brain. Another idea is to try to commit to a few hours at least one day a week to put the phone away. Out of sight truly may mean out of mind.

# Police

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"At times, that has created situations where we needed an officer on campus, but they were unavailable or difficult to immediately contact. Establishing our own police department ensures our officers remain focused solely on protecting our students, staff, and facilities." By creating its own department, Green County Schools will have officers assigned directly to district campuses and school events, allowing for a more visible and consistent security presence throughout the school system. Board members noted that school police departments are becoming increasingly common as districts seek proactive approaches to campus safety, emergency preparedness, and relationship-building with students and families.

The board approved the creation of two positions associated with the new department, including a Chief of Police and a School Resource Officer position. State funding made available through the Kentucky legislature to assist districts with school safety personnel is expected to help support the initiative. In other business, the board also considered a new policy establishing guidelines and procedures for naming district facilities in honor or recognition of individuals and organizations. The board additionally discussed contractual conditions related to incoming Superintendent Ben Davenport, who was selected as the district's next superintendent during the board's regular May meeting.

## South Central Rotary donates to Crusade for Children



Photo submitted

South Central Ky. Rotary Club held a fish fry last week near the Old Courthouse in Greensburg. Proceeds were donated to the WHAS Crusade for Children.

# Jones

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She earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with emphases in Accounting and Marketing. Jones has built an impressive resume of leadership, service, and performance experiences throughout her academic career. She has participated in several nationally recognized honor band programs, including performances with the Macy's Great American Marching Band in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, the Bands of America Honor Band in the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, and the All-American D-Day Band commemoration activities in Normandy, France honoring the heroes of D-Day. She is also scheduled to participate in a future honor band performance and me-

memorial experience at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. In addition to her musical accomplishments, Jones has volunteered at several major national sporting events, including the Indianapolis 500, the NFL Draft, and the NCAA Men's Final Four Basketball Tournament. Friends, family, and community members say Jones' selection reflects years of hard work, leadership, and dedication both inside and outside the classroom. She's ecstatic about this opportunity and looks forward to the future. "Being able to say that I work for a professional sports organization is something I've wanted for so long and I can't believe it's finally happening!"

### NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

In order to comply with the orders of the Russell Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner of the Russell Circuit Court shall proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder at public auction the below properties on **FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M., CT, RUSSELL DISTRICT COURTROOM, RUSSELL COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, JAMESTOWN, KENTUCKY.**

Said properties shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon (unless otherwise indicated) the following terms and conditions:

- A) For the purchase price, the Purchaser(s) must pay in full by cash or good check on the date of sale or the Purchaser(s) may pay ten (10%) down on the day of sale and shall execute a good and sufficient purchase money bond, with approved surety thereon, equal to the balance of the purchase price payable to the Master Commissioner within thirty (30) days. Any such purchase money bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment and shall be a lien upon the property sold as additional security for the payment of the balance of the purchase price. The Master Commissioner's bond shall bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of sale until paid in full. **In the event the successful bidder is not paying the full amount of the purchase price on the date of sale, purchaser will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon.** In the event the successful bidder is the Plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the Judgment amount.
- B) Purchaser shall be required to pay property taxes for current tax year and all taxes thereafter, for which the Purchaser(s) shall receive no credit against the purchase price.
- C) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title, and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Russell County Court Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s).

**The Master Commissioner Sale/Deed is not a warranty of good title.** Possession shall be given to the Purchaser(s) with the delivery of the Master Commissioner's Deed thereto. Purchaser(s) will assume and be responsible for all risks of loss to the premises upon acceptance of their bid by the Master Commissioner at the Master Commissioner's Sale.

**Bidder should examine the records of the Russell Circuit Clerk, the Russell County Clerk and Adair County Clerk prior to the sale for further information.** Any statements made the day of the sale shall take precedence over advertised material. Bidder shall be prepared to comply promptly with these terms.

(Sale bonds will bear interest at the rate of Judgment entered in each separate action)

#### SALE NO. 1

Address: 7110 Greensburg Road, Greensburg, KY 42743  
(located in ADAIR Co.) (Map No. 029-00-00-004.00)

Community Trust Bank vs. Jenna Whitt, Unknown Spouse of Jenna Whitt and Joyce McFarland as POA for Jason McFarland  
Russell Circuit Court, Civil Action No. 24-CI-00181 Principal amount to be raised for both: \$324,963.42

M. GAIL WILSON, MASTER COMMISSIONER, RUSSELL CIRCUIT COURT