

Senate President Robert Stivers: 2026 General fund receipts exceed budget estimates

The following is a statement from Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, regarding the Office of the State Budget Director’s final fiscal year 2026 revenue report, which shows Kentucky’s general fund revenues exceeded revised revenue projections while posting year-over-year growth. "Kentucky's fiscal year-end report confirms what we've said all along: responsible budgeting, conservative tax policy and disciplined fiscal management are producing real results. Despite repeated claims that lowering the income tax would undermine our financial stability, Kentucky finished the year with revenues ex-

ceeding expectations, a balanced budget, historically strong reserves and taxpayers keeping more of what they earn. “Good public policy should be judged by tangible outcomes, not sensational rhetoric or headlines. These results demonstrate that we don't have to choose between fiscal responsibility and economic growth. By maintaining spending discipline while allowing Kentuckians to keep more of their hard-earned money, we've built a stronger economy and a stronger commonwealth. We'll continue taking the long view because our responsibility is not simply to balance the next budget, but to leave Kentucky in

a stronger position for the next generation. “We accomplish that by remaining committed to policies that have consistently delivered results, even in the face of persistent, public criticism. It is particularly telling that some of the same voices who spent years opposing these reforms remain the first to claim credit for the success they originally insisted would never materialize. “In the 2026 Legislative Session, the General Assembly had a constitutional obligation to write a responsible budget.. While many lawmakers never subscribed to the pessimism echoing from the executive branch when considering the great

responsibility of budgeting and balancing precious taxpayer dollars, prudence isn't optional. It's an imperative. That is why lawmakers took a conservative approach. "If it was not already proven multiple times over, tax relief for families is not jeopardizing our state's finances as those who have opposed it would have them believe. “Friday’s report should give Kentucky families confidence in their commonwealth’s future. We will contin-

ue to budget responsibly, protect taxpayers and make decisions based on fact and reason, not fear and political messaging. That

approach has served the Bluegrass well, and it will continue guiding the Kentucky General Assembly.”

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lake Cumberland District Health Department's most recent audit, adopted budget, and financial statement can be viewed at any time at <https://spge.dlg.ky.gov/spge/Identity/Account/Login>

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lake Cumberland Area Development District is supplying the following information in accordance with Kentucky Revised Statutes 65.070, 55A.010.65A.090 and Chapter 424: The location of supporting documents can be found at 2384 Lakeway Drive, Russell Springs, KY 42642

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 65 and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes the financial report and supporting data may be inspected by the general public at the Green County Conservation District, 103 Industrial Park Rd., between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. central time Monday thru Wednesday. The Board of Supervisors meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Central Time. All meetings are open to the public. This advertisement was paid for by the Green County Conservation District using taxpayer dollars in the amount of \$34.52.

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The new meters will not require someone to read the meters every month.

Until all new meters have been installed, the readers will be reading the meters every month once the transition begins, but Davis understands that the readers will not get to each meter on the exact same day each month but in most cases, the meters will be read as close to the same day as possible.

Davis said that customers will be paying for the exact amount of water that goes through the meter from one meter reading to the next.

When the transition begins, customers will no longer need to read their own meter but that does not take away their responsibility of keeping an eye on their meter until the meter is replaced.

“I suggest that customers take a gander at their meters at least once a month to make sure they don’t have a leak,” Davis said. “But when we get all the new meters in, that won’t happen anymore because if there is excessive water usage, we will get an alarm at the office. If a customer’s toilet runs for several hours one night, we will know about it the next day and will call the customer and let them know of the higher amount of water usage.”

Because of the topography of Green County and other parts of south-central Kentucky, only about 4% of the meters will not send that data to the company office and will still require an employee to read the meters.

Davis said that the water company will keep customers up to date on their Facebook page, will continue to have information in the newspaper and on radio and will also send letters

to all customers along with the bills that are mailed.

“If we find out we can start September 1, we will send a letter with our August statements explaining what we are doing,” Davis said.

Davis wanted to assure customers that rates will not go up because of the new meters because the company has money on hand to purchase the supplies but he did say that the water company was in a mandated rate study and while he expects the rates to change because of those results, he doesn’t know what will be approved by the PSC.

“We haven’t had a rate increase in the last 30 years,” Davis said, “except for the pass-through increases. If Campbells-ville or Greensburg or Green River Valley has a rate increase, then we pass that increase along to our customers. PSC can’t even give us an actual date that we had a rate increase.”

Those three entities are the companies from which Green-Taylor Water purchases the water they use.

As the company moves through this period of transition, Davis said that they are asking for people to be cooperative with them and to give them a little bit of grace as they make these changes.

“No one here has ever done this and even though it is not new, because everyone around us is doing it, this will be a stressful process and if we can get everything figured out and the customers would work with us, I would really appreciate it,” Davis said.

He added that if customers have questions or concerns that they are encouraged to call the water office to get answers.

Green-Taylor Water District was established in 1964 and currently has a total customer

base of more than 6,700 with more than 5,500 of those having active meters.

Job Opening: Full-Time Water Meter Reader (3 Positions)

Green-Taylor Water District is accepting applications for **three (3) full-time Water Meter Readers**.

Position Details

- **Position:** Water Meter Reader
- **Schedule:** Monday through Friday
- **Hours:** 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Central Time)
- **Starting Pay:** \$18.00 per hour

Benefits

Green-Taylor Water District offers an excellent benefits package, including:

- Health Insurance
- Kentucky Retirement System (KRS)
- Health Savings Account (HSA)
- Company Vehicle Provided During Work Hours

Job Responsibilities

The primary responsibility of this position is accurately reading approximately **5,547 active water meters each month** throughout the Green-Taylor Water District service area. Additional duties may include reporting damaged or inaccessible meters, identifying potential water leaks, documenting unusual meter conditions, and performing other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Applicants should possess:
- A valid driver's license with a clean driving record (required)
- Strong attention to detail and accuracy
- Good organizational and time-management skills
- The ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- A positive attitude, strong work ethic, and willingness to complete assigned tasks efficiently
- Ability to work outdoors in varying weather conditions and walk on uneven terrain

Preferred Characteristics

We are looking for dependable individuals who take pride in their work, are self-motivated, and understand the importance of providing accurate meter readings and excellent service to our customers.

Green-Taylor Water District is seeking **three dedicated individuals** who are ready to become part of a team committed to serving our community with professionalism and integrity.

Applications will be accepted until noon (central time) July 24, 2026

Green-Taylor Water District is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

Complaints of discrimination should be sent to:

USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, Washington, D.C. 20240-9410

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of KY-61 Sewer Main Relocation consisting of the relocation of approximately 300 LF of 8-inch, 5,400 LF of 6-inch and 1,100 LF of 2-inch sewer mains and all related appurtenances as shown on the DRAWINGS and described in the SPECIFICATIONS will be received by Green County Sanitation District No. 1., 3336 Hodgenville Road, Greensburg, Kentucky, 42743 until 2:00 pm. (CST), August 04, 2026 and then publicly opened and read aloud at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Office Building on this date.

Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated on the Bid Form.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

KENTUCKY ENGINEERING GROUP, PLLC., 101 High Street, Versailles, Kentucky 40383

Phone: 859.251.4127

GREEN COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO.1, 3336 Hodgenville Road, Greensburg, Kentucky 42743.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Kentucky Engineering Group located at 101 High Street, Versailles, KY 40383, 859-251-4127, upon receipt of a non-refundable amount of \$300.00 for each complete set of documents.

All bids must be made on required Bid Form and must be fully completed and executed with original signatures and corporate seals. All bidders must be listed as a plan holder by the plan distributor.

This project is being funded by the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

Bidders must comply with President's Executive Orders No. 11246 and No. 11375 and any amendments or supplements to those Executive Orders. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

Bidders must certify they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated or based on race, color, creed or national origin. Bidders must comply with 41 CFR 60-4 in regard to affirmative action and to insure equal opportunity to females and minorities, and all that are applicable. Minorities and small businesses are encouraged to submit bids on this project.

Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Anti-Kickback Act, and the Contract Work Hours Standard Act.

Successful Bidder shall make positive efforts to use small, minority, women owned and disadvantaged businesses.

Contractor shall comply with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Buy America Requirement in 23 C.F.R. § 635.410 and all relevant provisions of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), contained within the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52 enacted November 15, 2021. The BABA requires iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in infrastructure projects funded by federal financial assistance to be produced in the United States. Comply with 2 C.F.R § 184.

The Green County Sanitation District No.1 reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids, for any reason. The right is reserved by the Owner, in the exercise of its sole judgment to reject any or all Bids, and to re-advertise and award the Contract in the regular manner or to waive any informalities, irregularities, mistakes, errors, or omissions in any Bid received and to accept any Bid deemed to be responsive to this invitation and favorable to interests of the Owner.

The sealed bid for this project shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Sealed Bid for KY-61 Sewer Main Relocation" for Green County Sanitation District No. 1. The bid may be mailed to: Green County Sanitation District #1, P.O. Box 188, Summersville, Kentucky 42782. A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the Green County Sanitation District No.1. in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid shall accompany the Bid.

Green County Sanitation District #1

Barbie Milby, Chairman

Date: July 22, 2026

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