

Jail Bill Falls Through



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Judge Joe Choate signs a proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention month surrounded by members of the Hart and Caverna Boards of Education, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Hart Circuit Clerk, Hart District Judge, and KASA.

By **Gary Gardner**
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

The Hart County Fiscal Court met Tuesday, April 14, in the courtroom. Judge Joe Choate signed a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

He also informed the court that the jail bill that was much needed for all counties fell

through and did not even get a vote. All departments submitted reports, including Jailer Israel Bergerson, stating there was a total of 112 in the county jail. Sheriff Jeff Wilson reported that 96% of the 2025 property taxes had been collected, and the new body cameras were in operation.

In other business the court approved

appropriation of \$70,000 for the Hart County Conservation District an increase of 4.5% over last year; contract with Greenway Roofing for the Hart County Extension roof for \$15,958; approved to advertise for LGEA and CRA meetings; accepted a bid from Bachman Auto Group for three new sheriff's trucks for \$50,800; approved

jail food services and inmate commissary from Kellwell Foods; accepted a bid from CBC for telecommunications for the jail, and acknowledged for presence of telecommunications in the county right of way.

The Court's next meeting will be 9:00 am Tuesday, April 28 in the courtroom

ORDINANCE 01-2026
AMENDING ORDINANCE 13-021
CITY OF MUNFORDVILLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF THE MUNFORDVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Munfordville City Council, Munfordville, Kentucky (the "City"), has determined that it is necessary to revise Sections 3.5.2 and 3.6 of the Munfordville Planning and Zoning Ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Munfordville, Kentucky, as follows:

3.5 - AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

3.5.1 Intent - This district is intended to classify the land situated on the fringe of the urban area that is used for agricultural purposes but will be undergoing urbanization in the future. Many tracts in this district will be in close proximity to residential, commercial and industrial uses. Therefore, the agricultural activities conducted in this district should not be detrimental to urban land uses. It is not intended that this district provide a location for a tower standard of residential, commercial or industrial development than is authorized in other districts. The types of uses, area and intensity of use of land which is authorized in this district is designed to encourage and protect agricultural uses until urbanization is warranted and the appropriate change in district classification is made.

3.5.2 Permitted Uses in Agricultural Districts

3.5.2a Agricultural crops, plant nurseries, greenhouses, commercial kennels, riding stables, fishing lakes, and [cabins.]

3.5.2b Accessory Uses Permitted: Accessory buildings which are not a part of the main buildings, including barns, sheds and other farm buildings, private garages and accessory buildings which are part of the main buildings; private swimming pools; and tennis courts.

3.5.3 Conditional Uses in Agriculture Districts - The following uses may be permitted as conditional uses in an agriculture district.

3.5.3a Churches and other places of worship, Sunday School buildings, parish homes, hospitals, sanitariums, convalescent or nursing homes; public and parochial schools; colleges and private schools for academic instruction; public building and properties; public parks; public utilities; quarries and gravel pits; public and private sewage disposal plants; garbage and/or refuse disposal sites; and wireless transmitting stations.

3.5.3b Other uses which are consistent with these permitted and conditional uses:

3.5.4 Dimension, Area Regulations, & Exceptions for Agricultural Districts.

3.5.4a Dimension and Area Regulations.

3.5.4a.1 lot area: Minimum 1 acre

3.5.4a.2 Lot width: 100 feet

3.5.4a.3 Front yard setback: 40 feet

3.5.4a.4 Rear yard setback: 25 feet

3.5.4a.5 Side yard setback: 25 feet

3.5.5 Prohibited Uses: Within the city limits, the following agricultural activities are prohibited: animal husbandry, egg and poultry production, dairying, farrowing, and other agricultural activities which constitute noise and or waste nuisances.

[3.6 Definitions "Cabin" means a detached structure constructed on a permanent foundation, designed for temporary or recreational occupancy, which shall not be used as a primary residence or for continuous habitation, and which does not meet the requirements of a full-time dwelling as defined by this Ordinance.]

Passed and adopted by the Munfordville City Council April 21, 2026

First Reading: April 13, 2026
Second Reading: April 21, 2026

Attested: /s/ Neva F. Brent, City Clerk
Approved: /s/ Ricky D. Line, Mayor

Highway Plan Shows Mix of Construction, Planning Across Region

By **Jeff Jobe**
COMMUNITY PUBLISHER

JOBEnews REGION — Kentucky's 2026-2028 Biennial Highway Construction Plan allocates millions for road and bridge work across the region, but totals vary widely depending on whether projects are in construction or still in early design.

Russell County follows with approximately \$15.9 million across multiple phases, including significant work along the U.S. 127 corridor.

Butler County includes roughly \$10 million, highlighted by a \$6.5 million bridge project on U.S. 231 and additional bridge and ferry-related funding.

Mid-range counties include Ohio County at about \$5 million, with funding focused on drainage improvements along U.S. 62 and safety upgrades on KY 69, and Edmonson County at just over \$4 million, including work on KY

70/KY 259 and access improvements tied to the Kyrock school project. Cumberland County totals \$3.4 million, centered on improvements along KY 61.

Metcalf County's \$2.99 million allocation and Hart County's \$650,000 are both limited to design work, meaning construction is expected in future plan cycles.

Allen County includes several high-cost corridor projects, particularly along KY 100, but much of that work is part of longer-term planning and not fully scheduled for

construction within this biennium.

State officials note the plan is part of a broader six-year roadmap, with projects moving from design to construction in future funding cycles.

HIGHWAY PLAN SHOWS BIGGEST INVESTMENTS ACROSS THE REGION

Kentucky's **2026-2028 Biennial Highway Construction Plan**

COUNTY	TOTAL 2026-2028 FUNDING	WHAT'S INCLUDED
BARREN	\$27.6 MILLION	Major construction on KY 1297 (Roger Wells Blvd.), US 68, US 31-E and Glasgow bridges.
RUSSELL	\$15.9 MILLION	US 127 corridor improvements, bridge work and other roadway projects.
BUTLER	\$10 MILLION	\$6.5 million bridge project on US 231, additional bridge replacements and ferry funding.
OHIO	\$5.04 MILLION	\$2.4 million to fix drainage on US 62, guardrails and safety improvements on KY 69.
EDMONSON	\$4.19 MILLION	KY 70/KY 259 reconstruction and access improvements for Kyrock school.
CUMBERLAND	\$3.4 MILLION	Improvements to KY 61 from milepoint 12.9 to 13.6.
METCALFE	\$2.99 MILLION	Design phase only: Summer Shade Bypass and KY 90 safety improvements.
HART	\$650,000	Design phase only: Intersection and access improvements on US 31W near Hart County High School.
ALLEN	LARGE LONG-TERM CORRIDOR PROJECTS	Major work planned on KY 100, but most of it extends beyond this biennium.

KEY TAKEAWAY

HIGHER TOTALS OFTEN MEAN ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION. Smaller totals may simply mean projects are still in the design phase and will move forward in future years.

A SIX-YEAR PLAN Projects move from design to construction in future funding cycles.

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SOURCE: Kentucky 2026-2028 Biennial Highway Construction Plan

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ordinances regarding dogs. Chief Childress clarified that for issues regarding roaming dogs, citizens should contact animal control.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Curry announced the Spring Cleanup will be held April 16-18. Large items may be dropped off at the Maintenance Department on New Street between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays, and from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday.

The city will offer the same service again

from October 15-17. Additionally, an auction of surplus vehicles is scheduled for April 25 at the Maintenance Department.

Finally, Kenan Riley, pastor of Fruition Church, requested to speak to the council, to introduce himself and explain about his church. Riley shared that he has 10 years of experience in ministry and that his church is an established 501c3.

"We are real, we're stable, we're accountable people," Riley said, describing

his parishioners and his plans for the old Bookstore building on Water Street.

City Attorney Pat Ross explained that the process for this project would involve the city making a recommendation to the planning commission to amend the text of B1 zones.

With no further business to discuss, the session concluded, and the council set its next meeting for Monday, May 11.

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