

State general fund revenue up, road fund down

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Kentucky ended the 2025-26 fiscal year with general fund revenues exceeding expectations by \$476 million, while the state's road fund fell short of projections because of lower-than-expected motor fuel tax collections, lawmakers learned Wednesday.

State Budget Director John Hicks updated the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue on the state's year-end financial results, noting the budget reserve trust fund has grown to \$2.9 billion.

Hicks said sales and use tax receipts, individual income tax collections and major business taxes drove the stronger-than-expected general fund performance.

"The headliner is sales and use [tax] at 6.4% [growth]," Hicks said. "Having 6.4 is a really good



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Sen. Christian McDaniel, R-Ryland Heights, shares his concerns about the road fund revenue shortfall during Wednesday's Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue Committee meeting. McDaniel also serves as co-chair of the committee.

year. It shows, again, that nationally, consumption drives the U.S. economy."

Individual income tax receipts increased 4.6% despite the state's individual income tax rate dropping from 4% to 3.5% in January.

"That's always a good

statement about wages and salaries," Hicks said.

Lottery revenues also increased 5.5% during the fiscal year.

"We continue to find that interesting given we have sports wagering in Kentucky," Hicks said.

Sen. Amanda Mays Bledsoe, R-Lexington, asked whether the state is monitoring the relationship between lottery sales and sports wagering.

"Especially since we consistently hear how much it's dropping and the impact that has on some of our higher education dollars," Bledsoe said. "Any indication on why that raised? ... Are you tracking the impact of both moving forward to see if there's any trends related to the lottery or sports gambling?"

Hicks attributed much of the increase to strong Powerball jackpots and scratch-off ticket sales.

"Scratch-off tickets are a major component of their revenue streams," he said. "Both of those did well. The thing that is kind of hard to guess is those Powerball jackpots rising. ... They did pretty well on scratch-offs. We did really well on high

Powerball."

He added that sports wagering revenues remain healthy and continue to exceed expectations.

While the general fund outperformed projections, Hicks said the road fund finished the fiscal year \$72.4 million below estimates, primarily because of lower motor fuel tax revenues.

Committee Co-Chair Sen. Christian McDaniel, R-Ryland Heights, noted Gov. Andy Beshear suspended the state's gas tax for six weeks near the end of the fiscal year.

"If you look at the official estimate versus the actuals, but for the action of the governor, we would have met the official estimate?" McDaniel asked.

Hicks responded, "Yes."

Despite the decline in gas tax receipts, Hicks said motor vehicle usage tax collections reached a record \$734 million.

"We've had like three straight years of record high, at least, of motor vehicle usage tax," he said. "So that offsets the gas tax and the other elements that are much smaller pieces of the road fund."

To address the shortfall, Hicks said the state adjusted revenue-sharing appropriations for cities and counties, transferred unexpended transportation appropriations into the road fund and implemented overall budget reductions.

McDaniel said he was concerned that local governments absorbed a significant share of the impact.

"They're certainly bearing a fairly disproportionate burden of the shortfall," he said.

The Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue is scheduled to meet again Sept. 2 at 1 p.m.

TRIMBLE COUNTY COURT NEWS

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The following cases were heard Aug. 4.

COMMONWEALTH VS. ARRAIGNMENTS

Michael Payton, 1990. Terroristic threatening third degree (pleaded not guilty). Next appearance Aug. 11.

Michael Payton, 1990. Terroristic threatening third degree (pleaded not guilty), assault fourth degree no visible injury, attempt serving alcoholic beverages to minors first degree (dismissed without prejudice), burglary second degree, criminal mischief first degree – restitution/repair first offense. Public defender appointed. Next appearance Aug. 11.

Alesia Pauline Campbell, 1989. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible). Next appearance Aug. 18.

David M. Goodman, 1981. Possession of marijuana (pleaded not guilty), buying/possessing drug paraphernalia (public defender appointed), possession of a controlled substance first degree second offense (methamphetamine). Next appearance Aug. 11.

Mary N. May, 1996. Reckless homicide (pleaded not guilty), reckless driving (FTA eligible), wanton endangerment first degree (FTA eligible) (4 counts), assault first degree (3 counts). Next appearance

Aug. 11.
Rickie Ray Rothman, 1971. Amount due \$143. Speeding 26 over/greater (FTA eligible) (amend), reckless driving (FTA eligible) (dismissed), improper passing (FTA eligible) (dismissed).

DIVERSIONS COMPLETED

Robert Henry Ferrell Lenear, 1989. Speeding 20 mph over limit (FTA eligible). Successful diversion.

MOTION HOUR

Rex McAlpine, 1958. Theft by deception include cold checks (dismissed).

William E. Smith, 1970. Assault fourth degree dating violence (minor injury) (guilty). Next appearance Aug. 18.

PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

James Jupin, 1983. Amount due \$25. Flagrant nonsupport (dismissed without prejudice). Apply bond to KY child support.

Ronald Dean Robertson Jr., 1980. Amount due, \$25. Theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others Class-A 3 or more in 5 years (pleaded guilty). No contact with victim or place. Next appearance Dec. 8.

PRETRIAL CONFERENCES

Amjad Mahmoud, 1992. Nonsupport. Next appearance Aug. 18.

Casey Pickett, 1978. Terroristic threatening third degree (2 counts). Next appearance Aug. 18.

Jessica Lee Wynn, 1981. No/expired KY registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible), failure to surrender revoked

operator's license (FTA eligible). Next appearance Sept. 15.

REVIEWS

Devon Wentworth, 1990. Amount due \$481.26. Theft by deception – include cold checks. Next appearance Aug. 18.

Devon Wentworth, 1990. Amount due \$173.50. Theft by deception – include cold checks. Next appearance Aug. 18.

James Lee Fox, 1965. Rear license not illuminated (FTV), license to be in possession (FTA eligible) (FTV), no operator's/moped license (FTA eligible) (FTV), failure to produce insurance card (amend), failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first (FTA eligible) (FTV), operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible) (FTV). Next appearance Sept. 1.

SHOW CAUSES DEFERRED INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

Dagin M. Priest, 2000. Criminal mischief third degree (3 counts, pleaded guilty), public intoxication-controlled substance (excludes alcohol) (dismissed). Paid in full. Remand.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

James William Stivers, 1991. Amount due \$213. Operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible) (amend), license to be in possession (FTA eligible) (guilty), failure to surrender revoked operator's license (FTA eligible) (dismissed), failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible) (guilty), failure to produce insurance card (dismissed).. Paid in full. Remand.

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The following cases were heard Aug. 5.

COMMONWEALTH VS. ARRAIGNMENTS

Nicklaus Dhane Barry, 2001. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible), no/expired registration plates, no/expired KY registration receipt. Next appearance Sept. 2.

Ethan Clark, 2005. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible). CATS. Next appearance Oct. 14.

Ethan R. Clark, 2005. Speeding 17 mph over limit (FTA eligible) (CATS), failure to produce insurance card (proof shown). Next appearance Oct. 14.

Shamar Jeune, 2003. Excessive windshield/window tinting, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first (FTA eligible). Next appearance Sept. 30.

Camryn Marshall Looney, 2005. Speeding 21 mph over

limit (FTA eligible) (CATS), failure to notify address change to DOT (merge). Next appearance Oct. 14.

Chelsey Lee Mattingly, 1990. No/expired KY registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible), operating vehicle with expired operator's license (FTA eligible), failure to produce insurance card. Next appearance Sept. 30.

Kala R. Walker, 1997. Amount due \$80. Improper display of registration plates, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (FTA eligible), failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible). In treatment. Next appearance Oct. 14.

George M. Wilson, 1965. Failure to wear seatbelts (FTA eligible), failure to produce insurance card, drive DUI suspended license second offense in 5 years (FTA eligible), operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol fourth or greater (FTA eligible). Next appearance Sept. 2

Stacey Wilson, 1970. Possession of a controlled substance first degree third or greater offense (methamphetamine), endangering the welfare of a minor (2 counts), unauthorized parking in a handicapped zone. Next appearance Sept. 2.

Virginia L. Minch, 2007. Speeding 20 mph over limit

(FTA eligible). CATS

CONTINUED FIRST APPEARANCES

Joe Dickerson. Local county ordinance. Next appearance Sept. 30.

Enrique Bernabe Antonio, 1986. Terroristic threatening third degree (6 counts), menacing, no operator's/moped license (FTA eligible). ICE holder.

PRELIMINARY HEARING

Tara M. Paynter, 1977. Amount due \$30. Flagrant nonsupport. Bond was applied to child support. Next appearance Sept. 2.

PRETRIAL CONFERENCES

Cameron L. Anderson, 1986. Assault fourth degree domestic violence no visible injury, assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury, terroristic threatening third degree, menacing, resisting arrest. Bond \$1,000. Next appearance Sept. 2.

Alfred Scott Barnes, 1992. Amount due \$25. Resisting arrest, assault fourth degree no visible injury, menacing. Next appearance Sept. 2.

Kevin M. Clark, 1992. Assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury. Next appearance Sept. 30.

Devlyn T. Davis, 2002. Operating motor vehicle under the

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LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**Carrollton Utilities
Regional WWTP Rehabilitation and Expansion
Carrollton, Kentucky**

GENERAL NOTICE
Carrollton Utilities (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

**Carrollton Utilities
Regional WWTP Rehabilitation and Expansion
JTL Project No. 23074**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Carrollton Utilities Main Office, located at **900 Clay Street, Carrollton, KY 41008**. Bids shall be received until **August 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. EST**, after which, the Bids received will be publicly opened and read in the Council Chamber.

The Project includes the following Work:

This Project includes all Work required to rehabilitate and expand the existing Carrollton Utilities (CU) Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to an average daily treatment capacity of 2.5 million gallons per day (MGD). This Work involves comprehensive mechanical and electrical rehabilitation of critical treatment process components, as well as construction of new infrastructure to support increased capacity and improved operational performance.

This Project includes the full mechanical and electrical rehabilitation of the existing clarifiers, Biotower trickling filters, ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system, lagoon liner, and electrical room. This Project also involves the modification of piping and valving systems associated with the Biotower process to improve flow control, operational flexibility, and system reliability. In addition to the rehabilitation efforts, the Project includes the construction of a new Biotower Pump Station and a new UV disinfection channel. By submitting this bid, Contractors understand the challenges and issues involved with the potential conflicts with existing operations during the construction of this Project.

This Project will be partially funded with Federal funds from the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) and therefore is subject to the Federal laws and regulations associated with that program.

Bids are requested for the following Contract:

CU Regional WWTP Rehabilitation and Expansion
The Project has an expected duration of **540** days.

OBTAINING THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project will be available for purchase on **July 6, 2026**, for a non-refundable fee of **\$400** for each electronic at the following designated website:

www.lynnimaging.com

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the website. The printing costs are non-refundable. All addendums will be issued electronically by Lynn Imaging.

Plan holders shall submit questions in writing in accordance with Specification Section 00 21 13 – Instructions to Bidders to Pierce Frye, P.E., PRIME AE Group, Inc., at pierce.frye@primeeng.com. Questions from non-plan holders will not be accepted.

The Contract Documents, including the Plans and Specifications, are on file for public inspection at the Carrollton Utilities Main Office, 900 Clay Street, Carrollton, KY 41008, or at the office of PRIME AE Group, Inc., 9300 Shelbyville Road, Suite 500, Louisville, KY 40222, by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling 502-583-5994. A minimum of 24-hour notice for appointments to review the plans shall be provided by the requester.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A **non-mandatory** pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **July 23, 2026, at 1:00 PM EST** at the Carrollton Utilities Main Office, 900 Clay Street, Carrollton, KY 41008. A site visit to the WWTP will be conducted for those interested in seeing the project site, after completion of the pre-bid conference.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This project is Federally Funded, to include but not limited to an Economic Development Administration (EDA Investment No. 04-01-07839) and a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan.

Federal requirements (including American Iron and Steel, Federal Davis-Bacon Wage Rates, and Build-America, Buy America) and all provisions must be met by the Bidder and all Subcontractors. Bidders shall comply with applicable 40 CFR 31.36 requirements in such documents and the following: (1) the President's Executive Order 11246 (Equal Employment Opportunity) as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin, (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (3) the Anti-Kickback Act, and (4) the Contract Work Hours Standard Act.

Contractors and its Subcontractors shall comply with 41 CFR Part 60-4, in regard to affirmative action, to ensure equal opportunity to females and minorities and will apply the timetables and goals set forth in 41 CFR 60-4, if applicable to the area of the Project. Bidder shall make positive efforts to use small, minority, women-owned, and disadvantaged businesses.

The award of the project will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials.

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