

Federal Project means more money for Green

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Congress recently passed a \$550 billion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

According to Green County Judge Executive John Frank, this project has already had an impact in Green County.

The Green-Taylor

WaterDistrictreceived about \$300,000 that enabled them to make some improvements in pump stations as well as a couple of water tanks.

Included in the IIJA was a total of \$104 billion for clean water improvements that will be divided among all the states.

This bi-partisan bill featured items that will appeal to small ar-

eas like Green County but also has allocated funds that do not apply here.

“We have applied for every dollar that we can,” Frank said.

The other area that will have an impact in Green County is the improvement in high-speed internet. A total of \$65 billion was allocated for construction and upgrade of networks across the

country to provide access to high-speed internet to every person.

“Windstream has applied for and has been granted \$5,000,000 to expand broadband in the southeastern part of the county,” Frank said, “Putting in fiber optics is expensive, and this will help to bring high-speed internet to parts of our county that need it.”

Other parts of the bill include \$110 billion for improving roads and bridges across the county.

“We may eventually get some money for road resurfacing,” Frank said, “but this money is meant primarily for large projects.”

There are lots of other areas included in the bill such as public transit, rail improve-

ments, airports and waterways and electric vehicle charging stations.

According to The White House, this bill will help create 1.5 million to 2 million jobs a year over the next ten years.

Frank added that he looks forward to working with federal and state leaders who will help generate funds for Green County.

Senator David Given’s Legislative Update – Week 1



Senate report

State Sen.
David
Givens

As we officially gavel in the Kentucky General Assembly’s 2022 Regular Session, your representatives will tackle key issues most important to you that enhance the quality of life of Kentuckians.

The Interim Joint Committees met in the fall and listened to the thoughts and concerns of districts across the Commonwealth. Seeds sown during that interim period have informed this General Assembly and will ensure a fruitful 60-day session establishing policies that improve the lives of Kentucky’s residents.

Despite repeated appeals to our governor, a special session in the fall to handle redistricting was not called, so that important legislation was introduced Tuesday, the first day of the session. The constitutional process of redistricting occurs every 10 years and is the sole responsibility of the state legislature. The process is guided by population data gathered by the U.S. Census Bureau and constitutional legal requirements as well as federal statutes and case law. The General Assembly’s efforts on this front will be to ensure you have an equal voice in Frankfort for state issues and appropriate representation at the national level in Washington, D.C.

Even numbered years are known as “budget sessions” and take place over 60 session days. After passing single-year budgets in the previous two years, the General Assembly will get back on track in 2022 by passing a two-year budget. Because of COVID-19 and the natural disasters that tore through western Kentucky in 2021, vast sums of federal dollars have poured into the state from Washington and unnaturally inflated our economy. Know that we will ensure we do not use these one-time relief dollars to create recurring expenses in following years. You can trust the state budget our caucus is committed to crafting will be fiscally conservative, protect Kentucky’s resources, reflect Kentucky’s values, and maintain full funding for obligations like pensions. This



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Senate President Pro Tem David P. Givens, R-Greensburg, speaks with Sen. Paul Hornback, R-Shelbyville, before the day’s session in the Senate.



Rep. Michael Sarge Pollock, R-Campbellsville; Rep. Brandon Reed, R-Hodgenville; Senate President Pro Tem David P. Givens, R-Greensburg; and House Speaker Pro Tem David Meade, R-Stanford, converse during a recess of the House.

assembly remains committed to improving the status of the Budget Reserve Trust Fund, also known as the “rainy day fund.”

Labor challenges in the Commonwealth cut across almost all industries and are most evident in our local healthcare system where we are experiencing a nursing shortage like the state has never seen before. The physical and emotional fatigue our medical professionals are experiencing is legitimate and we have to protect the health care systems our communities rely upon. It’s important we audit our state workforce programs holistically to evaluate what is working, where funds are being spent, and how we can repurpose dollars to be used most effectively. Boosting education in the skilled trades and providing a mechanism for students to access training will position them with industries which need an expanded workforce, as well as entice new commerce to our state. Considering best practices of other successful neighboring states like Indiana and Vir-

ginia will help guide the Commonwealth in building a vibrant workforce and healthy economy.

Likely the most important topic the legislature will address is the improvement of our state’s K-12 educational system. One of the most significant ways we’ll tackle this is through reforming site-based decision making (SBDM) councils, anchoring curriculum development and accountability with superintendents, principals, and elected school boards, and giving parents a greater voice and choice in their children’s learning environment. Improving literacy standards has to be a priority. The evidence is clear that children who can read at or above grade level by the third grade are more likely to be successful in life. Providing teachers with the professional development they need to improve reading achievement among students will be a goal of the Senate this session.

A robust and well-rounded education is critical to a better Kentucky. Because of the impact of COVID-19—and the unin-

tended consequences of executive branch responses to it—our state has significant ground to make up. This legislature recognizes that and will continue to lead on this issue, returning choice to parents.

Finally, an issue that unites us all is protecting our most vulnerable population: children. Sadly, Kentucky ranks among the worst in the nation in child abuse and neglect. Stabilizing the child welfare workforce must re-

main a top priority if we intend to protect high-risk children who live in unsafe environments. As COVID-19 led to school and day-care closures, abuse and neglect moved into the darkness, away from educators and caregivers who are trained to identify the signs. Much like the cooperative efforts we witnessed in helping western Kentucky after it was ravaged by tornadoes last month, protecting our children is a unifying issue. Now is the time to pass bipartisan legislation to protect our state’s most precious treasure.

Much can be accomplished when we have open, honest dialogue and work together to the benefit of Ken-

tucky residents. We will carry that sentiment with us as we progress through the 2022 Regular Session.

Follow the decisions taking place by visiting legislature.ky.gov. Live coverage is available through ket.org/legislature; if you miss live committee meetings or legislative action in the Senate and House chambers, archived footage is also available at ket.org/legislature/archives. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me David.Givens@lrc.ky.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Green County Fiscal Court shall conduct a second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Green County budget for fiscal year 21-22 to include unanticipated receipts from CDBG-Utility Assistance in the amount of \$7,500.00 and increasing expenditures in the area of CDBG-Utility Assistance. The reading will be conducted on January 20 in the courtroom of the Green County Courthouse. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743 during normal business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF VIRGINIA SHUTTERS

A lawsuit to Foreclose on property located at 36 Summersville Road has been filed in the Circuit Court of Green County, Kentucky naming Virginia Shutters and unknown heirs, devisees or legatees of Virginia Shutters as defendants/persons who may have an interest in the property.

Virginia Shutters and any heirs, devisees or legatees of Virginia Shutters are hereby given notice of that lawsuit, *Bluegrass Lien Holders, LLC vs. Shutters, et al.*, Green Circuit, 21-CI-00133 of their being named defendants and of the need to file some response to the Complaint to assert any interest, if any, they may have in the property.

PUBLIC NOTICE: AMBULANCE TAX REFUNDS:

Due to error and miscommunication with the Department of Local Government, the tax for Green County Ambulance Taxing District for Tax Year 2020 was collected at a rate of 10.2 cents per \$100.00, rather than the correct rate of 10 cents per \$100.00. The Green County Ambulance Board recently became aware of the error and voted to refund any overpayment to taxpayers pursuant to KRS 134.590. Pursuant to statute, taxpayers seeking a refund must apply for same within two (2) years from the date the tax was paid.

The overpayment and the resulting refunds are relatively small. Any refund will be equal to 0.00002 of the assessed value. For example, the overpayment and resulting refund due on a \$100,000.00 parcel of property will equal \$2.00. On a \$20,000.00 automobile, the overpayment and resulting refund will equal \$0.40. A website reflecting the refund due each taxpayer is available online at: gckyems.org.

Per KRS 134.590(6), refunds can only be given to taxpayers upon application. Per statute, applications must be in writing and must state the grounds for the refund. The grounds for refund is the error in the tax collected. Forms for making such applications are available online at: gckyems.org and paper applications are available at the Green County Ambulance Service office, located at 55 Dakota Meyer Dr. Greensburg, KY 42743. Taxpayers desiring a refund must submit a written application (preferable on the forms provided) to the Green County Ambulance District within two (2) years after payment of the tax. Applications may be submitted by mail or in-person at Green County Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 245 Greensburg, KY 42743.

Green County Volunteer Fire and Rescue

!!! FIRE DUES !!!

ATTENTION GREEN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

Fire dues run from January 1st to December 31st of the current membership year. By paying your fire dues, you are drastically reducing the charge should you need our services.

NON-MEMBERSHIP FIRE CALLS ARE A MINIMUM OF \$1,000 PER CALL.

Dues are payable by 1) paying online at gcfirestore.company.site or scan the QR code on this card, 2) mailing a check or money order to P.O. Box 1, Greensburg, KY 42743; or 3) dropping it in the secure dues box attached to the fire department in Greensburg. Include filled out card if mailing or dropping off.

\$70 for 1st deed + \$30 for each additional deed

Property Owner	Phone Number of Property Owner
Physical Address of Property	

NOTE: If you live in or around the Summersville area, or if you have already paid your dues, please disregard this notice.



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