

# Fiscal Court approves first budget reading for 2026-27

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Green County Fiscal Court, in its regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 16 approved the first reading of its budget for fiscal year 2026-2027, with total budgeted appropriations amounting to \$6,039,157.

“This year’s budget is somewhat less than the previous year. This is due mostly in part to the Court not receiving some state funds as we have in the past. We have worked to cut costs in every category, just as we do every day,” said Judge-Executive Frank.

In other business, magistrates approved:

- (1) To increase Fiscal Court’s contribution to \$400 per month effective May 1 toward the Green County Food Pantry director’s salary
- (2) A request from Pierce Community Ministries of \$25,000 in Opioid Funds
- (3) To implement



Photos by Clevis Jeffries

Green County Head Start students performed the Pledge of Allegiance with others in attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the Green County Fiscal Court last Thursday. Judge-Executive John Frank said, “It was a true joy to hear the kids recite the Pledge of Allegiance. They did a great job and really put their hearts into it. It was a great way to begin the court meeting.”

- (4) To reimburse a five percent raise in salary in 2027 for certain county employees, including Anne Beard, Sharon Abell, Jeff Wright, Brynn Turcotte, Jennifer Davenport, and seven road employees

- (5) Payment of recurring expenses for fiscal year 2026-2027
- (6) To advertise for road material bids for fiscal year 2026-2027

- (7) Resolution No. 04-16-2026-01 regarding surplus property owned by the county with the exception of item no. 2 and the renumbering of surplus items
- (8) The National Opioid Settlement

- (9) To pay Pete Bell \$100 per week to maintain ball fields for eight weeks during

Summer League play and six weeks during Fall League play and any additional make-up weeks

(10) To accept excess fees from the Green County Clerk’s office totaling \$13,000

(11) Resolution No. 04-16-2026 pertaining to America 250KY County Committee

(12) First reading of Ordinance No. 26-04-16-2026 pertaining to the creation of a franchise for the operation and maintenance of a telecommunications (non-cable) system in Green County

The Court also acknowledged the Green County Cooperative Extension Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027.

In a special called meeting Thursday, April 2 magistrates approved to begin legal action regarding a county road.



At Green County Fiscal Court’s regular monthly meeting last Thursday, State Representative Ryan Bivens was in attendance, informing the Court of state funding made available through the Kentucky Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) involving the resurfacing of several county roads. Green County will receive \$783,000. He also mentioned County-City Bridge Improvement funding for Green County of up to \$441,186 pertaining to bridge replacement on Doc Ward Road. Pictured from left, Magistrates Charles Judd, Andrew Parson, Tim Darnell, State Rep. Ryan Bivens, County Judge-Executive John Frank, Magistrates Terry Aaron, Steve Lewis, and County Attorney Russ Goff.



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