

# FIVE DAY forecast

5/21/26

THURSDAY  
74/51



FRIDAY  
77/59



SATURDAY  
80/61



SUNDAY  
81/63



MONDAY  
81/63



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**Mason Kessler and Jax Pendley represented Butler County at the KHSAA State Bass Fishing Tournament, finishing 52nd out of 92 teams statewide.**



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**Brock Henderson and Hollis Cardwell placed 24th overall at the KHSAA State Bass Fishing Tournament on Lake Barkley.**

Henderson and Hollis Cardwell (24th) were just behind them in weight. Mason Kessler and Jax Pendley finished 52nd as the third team representing Butler County.

Not only was it the first time in school history

to send multiple teams to state, many personal best bass were caught while the largest bag of fish in school history was broken, also. None of these fishermen are graduating and the future is bright on the water for these teams.

Coach Danny Cardwell

is extremely proud of all his anglers and their accomplishments. Coach Cardwell expresses his gratitude to all the sponsors and boat captains, also. Without them, these anglers would not have this opportunity. Congratulations on the season!

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He studied music education at WKU and currently teaches at Lost River Elementary while mentoring young musicians at Bowling Green Rock Band

Academy.

Throughout his career, Adams has performed with several regional bands including Fat Box, Billy Swayze,

Felonious Funk, The Lost River Cave Men and The Karmadons.

The concert is free and open to the public.

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and the Waste Tire grant.

The election workers bill was approved for a total of 43 workers. \$13,000 for the workers and up to \$3,500 for Board members. Lunch will also be provided for the workers.

The Fiscal Court approved to hire Mike Lindsey for Ferry Operator at Rochester.

The PVA Statutory Contribution \$5,144.25 for the fourth quarter was approved.

The 27-28 fiscal years Ferry operation contract, amounts for 2 years, \$338,715 for Butler County's Ferry operations was approved.

Fencing for Woodbury RV Park was discussed. There is some material, but not enough to complete the fence. The estimated cost is \$4,000. Magistrate Allen Smith offered to donate 1-inch tube of piping to help lower the cost. The Fiscal Court approved.

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accepted the reimbursement from AOC of \$56592.50. The Fiscal Court also approved to pay the annual fee for E-911 in the amount of \$3,991.

The 26/27 Animal Shelter bid will also be put out for bid.

All other regular bills and transfers were approved.

The next Fiscal Court will be held on May 25, 2026, at 5:00pm in the upstairs courtroom and is open to the public.

## BBB May Hot Topics

1. A consumer reported an employment scam to BBB that cost them \$5,000. They purchased equipment for their new position, believing the company would reimburse them, but both job and company were a scam. BBB warns consumers to research companies first before applying for jobs, and to be wary of any job offers that sound too good to be true.

2. A consumer was almost scammed out of \$1,280 by a phony Facebook customer service call center. Facebook and its parent company Meta do not have a generic public phone number for customer service. Meta will never ask users for passwords, payment details, or other sensitive information over phone, text, chat, or email.

3. A scam company called Evercrest Express is the latest reshipping scam to target area consumers. BBB reminds consumers

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# Kentucky Humanities Announces 2026 Great Reads Selections

### Staff Report

Kentucky Humanities, which serves as Kentucky's Center for the Book, has announced its 2026 Great Read selections, honoring two Kentucky authors and their works celebrating literacy, storytelling and imagination.



**Author Kim Michele Richardson**



**Author Meg Shaffer**

Selected for the 2026 Youth Great Read is My Kentucky Moonlight School by Kim Michele Richardson, while The Book Witch by Meg Shaffer was chosen as the Adult Great Read.

“These selections reflect the range and richness of Kentucky storytelling,” said Jay McCoy, director of the Kentucky Center for the Book. “Together, these books honor our state’s deep literary roots — from real histories of education and perseverance to imaginative journeys that spark a lifelong

love of reading.”

The Kentucky Center for the Book is part of a national network affiliated with the Library of Congress. Each year, centers across the country participate in the “Great Reads from Great Places” initiative, highlighting books connected to local culture, history and traditions.

My Kentucky Moonlight School, published by Penguin Random House, tells the story of Kentucky’s historic Moonlight Schools, the nation’s

first official adult literacy movement. Set in the hills of early 20th-century Kentucky, the book follows a young girl named Jewel and her family as adults in their community learn to read and write.

Richardson, a Kentucky native, is the bestselling author of several novels, including The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek.

The Adult Great Read, The Book Witch, is a

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### Ordinance No. 2026-02

#### ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL CITY BUDGET

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN, KENTUCKY ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

**WHEREAS**, an Annual Operating Budget proposal has been prepared and delivered to the City Council of the City of Morgantown, Kentucky; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed and discussed the proposed Annual Operating Budget and desires to adopt it for Fiscal Year 2027.

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

- The Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, including all sources of estimated revenues and appropriations for all City funds as set forth in Exhibit 1 attached hereto is hereby adopted.
- All encumbrances outstanding on June 30, 2026 for goods not yet provided or services not yet rendered are hereby re-appropriated in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
- The balance of all capital construction, renovation, improvement projects and grants currently approved and/or nearing completion are hereby approved for re-appropriation and carry over for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
- The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, phrase, or provision shall for any reason be declared invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.
- All prior Municipal Orders or Ordinances or parts of any Municipal Orders or Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
- This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to KRS 83A.060 in that it was introduced on April 2, 2026 and given final reading on June 11, 2026 and said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon signature, recordation and publication in summary pursuant to KRS Chapter 424.

### Section 1: That the annual budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 is hereby adopted as follows:

Resources Available	General Fund	Fire Fund	Park Fund	Street Fund	LGEA Fund	Cemetery Fund	IHC Fund	Tourism Commission
Fund Balance Forward:	\$1,900,000.00	\$190,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$235,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
<b>Estimated Revenue:</b>								
Property Tax	\$140,000.00							
License/Permit Fees	\$55,500.00							
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$411,000.00	\$35,000.00		\$55,000.00	\$500.00			
Other Income	\$131,000.00	\$2,000.00				\$200.00	\$7,200.00	\$ 400,000.00
Insurance Fees	\$500,000.00							
Occupational Fees	\$2,000,000.00							
Grant Restricted	\$900,000.00	\$11,500						
Franchise Fees	\$5,000.00							
Interest	\$10,000.00					\$1,000	\$1,000	
Charges for service			\$38,000.00			\$4,000		
<b>Total Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,152,500.00</b>	<b>\$48,500.00</b>	<b>\$38,000.00</b>	<b>\$55,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$5,200</b>	<b>\$8,200</b>	<b>\$ 400,000.00</b>
Available for Appropriations	\$6,052,500.00	\$238,500.00	\$158,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$85,200.00	\$243,200.00	\$ 550,000.00
<b>APPROPRIATIONS:</b>								
General Government	\$2,226,500.00							
Police	\$1,088,400.00							
Fire	\$5,000.00	\$81,150.00						
Streets	\$1,064,000.00		\$60,000.00	\$2,000.00				
Park	\$1,038,000.00		\$59,000.00					\$ 360,000.00
Contributions to IHC								
Cemetery						\$44,55.00		
Industrial/Economic Development	\$40,000.00						\$150,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$5,491,900.00</b>	<b>\$81,150.00</b>	<b>\$59,000.00</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$44,500.00</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 420,000.00</b>
Funds Under/Over Appropriations	\$560,600.00	\$157,350.00	\$99,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$40,700.00	\$93,200.00	\$ 130,000.00
Intrafund Transfers								
<b>Ending Fund Balances of FY</b>	<b>\$560,600.00</b>	<b>\$157,350.00</b>	<b>\$99,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$40,700.00</b>	<b>\$93,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 130,000.00</b>

**City of Morgantown, KY**  
**Ordinance 2026-02**  
**Amending Ordinance 2023-10; Section 7.050:**  
**Establishing Meeting Dates and Times**

**7.050 Planning Commission**

There shall exist a Planning Commission with the duties and responsibilities of such boards as set forth in KRS Chapter 100 as amended.

A. Duties and Responsibilities

- The Commission shall have general powers necessary to carry out its functions in accordance with this ordinance.
- The Commission shall adopt and approve its by-laws. The by-laws shall set forth the procedures, rules and regulations necessary for the Commission to conduct its business. The by-laws shall describe the method for administration of funds.

B. Membership

- The Planning Commission shall consist of five (5) citizen members. The Mayor of the City of Morgantown shall appoint the members to the Board of the Planning Commission subject to the approval of the City Council.

C. Terms of office

- The terms of office shall be four (4) years ending on June 30 of the designated year. The board of adjustment shall otherwise be organized and operated in accordance with KRS 100.217.

D. Meeting Dates and Times

- The Planning Commission shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Meetings shall be held at Morgantown City Hall in the Council Chambers, unless otherwise duly advertised in accordance with applicable law.

The Planning Commission members shall receive a salary of \$283.84 per month. The Planning Commission chairperson shall receive a salary of \$308.84 per month

This salary is set by the City Council and can be changed at their discretion.

**First Reading: April 2, 2026**  
**Second Reading:**

**Published:** Mayor Billy Phelps  
**Attest:** City Clerk Allie Lee