

**CITY FROM A1**

unearned revenue has accrued approximately \$1.3 million, which was received from a grant. Eade stated that it will remain a liability on the balance sheet until it has been spent, then turn into income.

In total net positions, assets exceed liabilities by approximately 5.6 million dollars as of June 30, 2025, with an overall increase of approximately 2.3 million dollars.

Total revenues from governmental funds were approximately 5.9 million dollars, an increase of 1.7 million dollars from 2024.

Lastly, Eade stated they proposed a total of 36 adjustments, which are typically performed during the course of the audit. Overall, Eade added that they encountered no difficulties during the audit and found no issues or

findings. Mayor David Thompson conducted a first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-1, an Ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the city of Barbourville.

Section one of Ordinance No. 2026-1 states, "Whereas American Legal Publishing Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio has completed the 2026 S-34 supplement to the code of ordinances of the city of Barbourville, which supplement contains all ordinances of a general nature enacted since the prior supplement to the code of ordinances of this municipality. Whereas the American Legal Publishing Corporation has recommended revising the addition of certain sections of the code of ordinances, which are

based on or make references to sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Whereas the intent of the council is to accept these updated sections in accordance with the changes of law to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and therefore be ordained by the City of Barbourville, Section 1, that the 2026 S-34 supplement of COVID ordinances of the City of Barbourville, Kentucky, as submitted by American Legal Publishing Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio."

Council members discussed plans for the recently purchased property behind City Hall, coming to an agreement that they

would spend approximately \$4 -5,000 to repair the house to rent, in contrast to nearly \$70,000 to demolish and build an additional parking lot. Members agreed that it would be in the community's best interest.

In monthly reports, Fire Chief Doug Dozier reported that they helped EMS 10 times, responded to four alarms, two brush fires, and helped East Knox and Williamsburg during their recent fire, and the Richlands fire department during a recent trailer park fire.

Police Chief Tye Winston reported 15 accidents, one injury, 14 cases, 76 arrests, 324

charges, 16 DUIs, 244 traffic violations, and carried out heavy patrol during the recent winter storm. Winston added that the blessing of the baby box will take place on February 13, at 4:00 p.m.

In updates on the most recently known as the "Dixon" building, mobilization is expected to begin on Monday, February 9, with securing the building site and adjoining properties. The third-floor demolition is expected to be done by hand and completed in two weeks, with the second and first floors completed mechanically

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future pay raise for the Mayor.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Ronnie Moore.

Following, Jonathan Eade from the firm of Jones, Nale & Mattingly introduced items with discussion, presenting the June 30, 2025, audited financial statements.

Eade stated that items, including the general fund, tourism, recreational fund, non-major funds, recreational park funds, and utility commissions, were fairly presented in accordance with the county principles accepted within the United States of America.

There has been an increase in overall cash, to approximately 4.2 million dollars as of June 30, 2025, up from 4.1 million dollars in 2024, largely due to the insurance premium tax receivable.

Capital asset additions of approximately 2.3 million dollars, with 1.6 million attributed primarily to the construction of the new City Hall, \$427,000 on the fire department, and \$245,000 on the police department.

The city has an outstanding debt of approximately \$820,000 as of June 30, 2025, with no new debt issued in 2025. The debt consists of financing a street sweeper, a \$612,000 bond to build the drive-in theatre, and multiple leased vehicles, totaling \$100,000 in future payments.

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**RECURRING**

**Lend-A-Hand Food Pantry**

Need help with food? Lend-A-Hand can help! To sign up, you need: a driver's license and the names and birthdays of family members living in the same home. The pantry is open every third Saturday of the month, and one Thursday each month. To make an emergency appointment, please call 606-524-3901, 606-622-7384 or 606-622-2286.

**Knox County Preschool, KCEOC Head Start Screenings**

Screenings will be held for Knox County Preschool and KCEOC Head Start on the following dates: March 6 - Jesse D. Lay Elementary, March 13 - Flat Lick Elementary, March 13 - G.R. Hampton Elementary, March 20 - Lynn Camp Elementary and March 20 - Central Elementary. Call 606-645-2830 ext. 2419 for an appointment today.

**Al-Anon meets weekly**

Al-Anon (Support for Families and Friends of Alcoholics) meets weekly on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Barbourville.

**Therapeutic Foster Care**

Benchmark Family Services is a Therapeutic Foster Care agency offering free orientation classes for anyone interested in information about becoming a Foster Parent. Please call our office at 606-526-6992 for more information.

**Redemption & Recovery**

Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Redemption & Recovery meets at East Barbourville Baptist Church. Lunch provided.

**Feed My Sheep Community Meal**

Feed My Sheep Community Meal is once again starting our free weekly meal. We will serve on each Thursday at 6 p.m. except for 1st Thursday of the month. Hope to see all our old friends. We are located in Corbin on College St in The Barn.

**Community Events**

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**THURS., FEBRUARY 5**

**Barbourville City Council to meet**

The Barbourville City Council will host its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 5 at Barbourville City Hall, 196 Daniel Boone Drive, Barbourville.

**FRI., FEBRUARY 13**

**Save Heaven Baby Box Dedication**

The new baby box at Barbourville City Police Department will be unveiled and dedicated on Friday, February 13 at 4 p.m. The box was fully funded by the GFWC Kentucky Barbourville Jr. Woman's Study Club.

The Police Department occupies the inner-right side of City Hall on Daniel Boone Drive. Light refreshments will be served.

**Grand opening for AdventHealth Daniel Boone Clinic**

AdventHealth will be hosting a grand opening for its Daniel Boone Clinic, formerly Daniel Boone Family Healthcare, at 1881 South US Hwy 25E, Barbourville at 11 a.m., Friday, February 13.

**SAT., FEBRUARY 14**

**Sweethearts Banquet Potluck Dinner and Gospel Singing at Gospel Barn**

Williamsburg Gospel Barn invites you to our sweethearts banquet potluck dinner and gospel singing on Saturday, February 14th. Doors open 4 PM with open mic, dinner begins around 5:30 PM. Kitchen will be closed, so please bring a covered dish. Everyone welcome.

**TUES., FEBRUARY 17**

**Pancake Supper**

On Tuesday, February 17th, there will be a pancake supper at First Christian Church commemorating Shrove Tuesday, which is the day before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The pancake supper will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the recreation building behind and adjacent to the church. On Ash Wednesday, February 18th, we will have a worship service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome and invited to both events.

**WED., FEBRUARY 18**

**Ash Wednesday Service**

First Christian Church of Barbourville will host its Ash Wednesday worship service at 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 18 in the sanctuary. All are welcome and invited.

**THURS., MARCH 19**

**Farmers' Market to host Vendor Potluck Dinner and sign up**

The Knox County Farmer's Market will hold a Vendor Potluck Dinner and 2026 vendor sign up from 5-7

p.m. on Thursday, March 19 to kick off the 13th farmers' market season. RSVP by Thursday, March 12, by calling or texting Mary Beth Jewell at 606-627-1810. Please bring a side dish. Sign up for an annual \$50 membership and receive a free gift! A \$20 nonrefundable application fee applies to all members. The \$50 membership fee covers all markets, or you may pay the \$10 setup fee each week. The Knox County Farmers' Market is sponsored by Knox County Farmers' Market, Knox County Extension Office, Hometown Bank, ARH Hospital, and Barbourville Tourism.

**SAT., MARCH 28**

**Autism in Flight Celebration Day at Thompson Park**

A free, family-friendly event celebrating Autism Awareness Month will take place from 2-6 p.m. on Saturday, March 28 at Thompson Park. The event will feature fun, sensory-friendly activities, community resources, food, and local vendors. Outside food is welcome. All ages welcome.

**20th annual Knox Co. UNITE Fishing Tournament**

Knox County UNITE will host its 20th annual fishing tournament from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 28 at Laurel Lake Grove Marina. A dinner, rules and registration will be held at 6 p.m. on March 27 at Tracker Boat in Corbin. Entry fee of \$100 per boat. Checks payable to: Knox County UNITE. Registration - cash only at Rules Dinner and day of tournament. Applications being taken now at Tracker Boat, Corbin.

**SAT., APRIL 11**

**Local Candy Showcase**

All local candy makers are invited to showcase your sweets at the Knox County Extension Office for "The Sweet Life: The Story of Ruth Hunt" on April 11. For more information, call 606-546-3447 or email [knox.ext@uky.edu](mailto:knox.ext@uky.edu).

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