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Greene County Commission signs and adopts 2026 budget



SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The Greene County Commission signed and officially adopted the 2026 county budget on Friday, Jan. 9, in the County’s Historic Courthouse in Springfield. This completes the public process which included nine public meetings. The Commission focused on quality core public services, superior customer service, and employee retention in 2026. The following are highlights and key takeaways of the appropriated budget:

- First year in more than 10 years that General Revenue Fund 101 has been budgeted to build cash balance, demonstrating continued fiscal responsibility
- 30% of bond payments directed towards paying off the NID Bond 2016A
- \$10.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated, completing the county's use of federal pandemic relief funding by the December 2026 deadline
- Increased capital investments in Information Systems by \$993k and Vehicle Services by \$989k

- 3% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all county employees and a 1.5% mid-year merit step for eligible employees
- Assessor's Office operations increased by \$99k for biennial aerial photography, while capital expenditures decreased by \$331k with the completion of office renovations
- County Clerk's operational costs increased by \$623k due to election and voter registration expenses in the 2026 general election year
- Collector of Revenue expenses increased by \$55k for continuing costs of the Senior Tax Credit program
- Prosecuting Attorney operations increased by \$38k for Navigator Services at the Family Justice Center and case management system fees
- Sheriff's Office operations increased by \$377k primarily for jail food expenses, range supplies, and janitorial services

Budget Analysis

The total expenditure for all funds is \$261,992,672. As required by Missouri state law, the county budget is balanced, meaning total appropriated revenues equal total planned expenditures. The budget uses \$38,052,135 in prior-year fund balance combined with \$223,940,537 in projected current revenues to fully cover all planned expenses. The figures below show the estimated current revenues and appropriated expenses for all 2026 funds:

2026 Projected Receipts		2026 Planned Expenditures	
Taxes	161,495,990	Personnel	111,158,963
Intergovernmental	23,314,399	Operations	116,322,146
Other	39,130,148	Capital	34,511,563
Current Revenues	223,940,537	Total	261,992,672
Fund Balance Used			
For Operations	38,052,135		
Total	261,992,672		

New this year, the Budget Office has developed detailed cash flow projections to illustrate how the county manages revenues and expenses throughout the year. Because property tax revenues

are primarily collected in December while expenses occur year-round, the county strategically uses available fund balances during the year and replenishes them when revenues arrive. This planning ensures the county maintains adequate cash reserves to meet its obligations at all times.

The County projects it will need \$36.4 million in general revenue reserves to cover operating costs until property tax and other revenues arrive later in the year.

Below are the totals by office for major funds and changes from the 2025 budget:

Totals by Office for Major Funds

(General Revenue, Law Enforcement, Road & Bridge and Assessment)

	2025	2026	
	Budget	Budget	Difference
Assessor	3,636,290.31	3,655,911.91	19,621.60
Auditor	566,961.40	563,997.89	-2,963.51
County Clerk	1,125,343.88	1,788,703.90	663,360.02
Collector of Revenue	986,306.66	1,059,128.49	72,821.83
Commission	90,054,143.11	82,876,737.74	-7,177,405.37
Court Order	12,618,950.93	13,177,546.34	558,595.41
Prosecuting Attorney	9,426,184.91	9,812,903.54	386,718.63
Public Administrator	854,820.24	862,698.49	7,878.25
Recorder of Deeds	628,090.37	635,345.23	7,254.86
Sheriff	53,635,113.88	57,690,960.34	4,055,846.46
Treasurer	301,780.63	340,458.22	38,677.59
Grand Total	173,833,986.31	172,464,392.09	-1,369,594.23

The Commission set certain budget priorities in cooperation with county officeholders and department managers, however, could not accommodate \$8,676,321.88 of additional requests in the 2026 budget.

The County budget remains within the guidelines created in the long-term plan developed with the passage of the 2017 sales tax request.

In 2026, the County will complete both its federal subsidy spending and the capital projects funded by the 2017 sales tax initiative. With these milestones complete, the County will assess changes since 2017 and develop a new long-term financial plan.

"Greene County remains in a strong financial position heading into 2026, and I'm grateful for the hard work of everyone involved in this process," stated Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. "As always, citizens can track all county expenditures daily through the Transparency Portal at greenecountymo.gov."

The full 2026 budget, including more information from the Greene County Budget Office, can be found at: <https://greenecountymo.gov/budget/>.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving approximately 308,000 people. Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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