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COUNTY UPDATE

Paving the Way, Thanks to the Kentucky Legislature

By Judge Executive Marshall Todd

Somerset, Ky. (April 24, 2026) – Last week we started our deep dive on legislation passed by the Kentucky General Assembly and already signed by the Governor. Now that the 2026 Regular Session is over, we want to take a look at each bill individually that affects funding here in Pulaski County. Last week's look at House Bill(HB) 502 covered the specifics of the Biennial Road Plan. Several road projects are included in the plan. They are:

- Somerset Northern Bypass construction
- Horizontal and vertical realignment of KY-196 at White Oak Creek (from 1.0 mile east of Warner Road to 0.3 mile west of Sievers Road)
- Congestion reduction and safety improvements along US 27 between General Burnside Island and Cumberland River Bridge
- Bridge replacement on KY-196 at Little White Oak Creek
- KY-39 improvements from milepoint 6.47 to milepoint 10.673
- Capacity and safety upgrades along KY-90 between Wayne County line and New Cumberland River Bridge

- Safety and access improvements along KY-461 from south of Buck Creek to Pulaski/Rockcastle line
- Minor widening along KY-914, including added turning lanes and relocated entrance
- Safety improvements along KY-1642 at KY-1577
- Installation of a turning lane from KY-914 into the Pulaski County Compost Site

This week, we're focusing on House Joint Resolution(HJR) 76 and the Local Assistance Road Program(LARP). We received all the funding we requested through LARP but first let's talk about what a House Joint Resolution is. A House Joint Resolution in Kentucky starts in the House and has to clear both the House and Senate, then be signed by the Governor, before it carries the weight of law. Lawmakers typically use it for things spelled out in statute or to give direction to state agencies—like approving funding, calling for studies, or laying out state policy.

In the case of HJR 76, alongside the state road plan covered last week in HB 502, the House has rolled out county and city road projects to receive funding in fiscal year 2027 through the Local Assistance Road Program(LARP). The plan sets aside \$68.2 million to fix up local roads that are rated an 8, 9, or 10 in terms of condition.

That's a big jump from where things have been. LARP received \$21.1 million in FY2026 and \$20 million in FY2025. This new funding tops both of those years combined and opens the door to fixing a whole lot more roads across the Commonwealth. Up to now, limited funding has meant most of the work went to roads in the worst shape—rated 10—and every now and then a few rated 9. With this added investment, we've got a chance to get ahead of the problem and fix roads before they fall apart even further. Funding approved in HJR 76 for Pulaski County includes these road projects:

Resurfacing of Hurricane Ridge Road, Chappell Way, Lakeview Road, Sneed Road, Mounce Road, Sydnee Drive, Clark Road, Calhoun Road, and Highland Drive.

I want to thank not just our representation in Frankfort for this funding, but also our Magistrates for putting in for these roads for LARP funding. We received funding for all the projects we asked for. Our working relationships we have with local, state, and federal leaders have put us in a good place to request funding for

all manner of projects and it shows. Next week, we will look at HB 900 and all four projects that saw funding here in Pulaski County.

As always, the Pulaski County Judge Executive's Office is open Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. You can reach me by calling the office at (606)678-4853 or by sending me an email at mtodd@pcgovt.com. God Bless you all and God Bless Pulaski County.

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