



## **PULASKI COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE**

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### **COUNTY UPDATE**

#### **Pulaski County Government Awarded \$1.4 million by The Kentucky Legislature for Nancy Community Center**

*By Judge Executive Marshall Todd*

**Somerset, Ky. (May 14, 2026)** – Today we continue our discussions about the funding Pulaski County received thanks to the Kentucky Legislature during the 2026 Regular Session through House Bill(HB) 900. As stated by Rep. Shane Baker, a part of our local Pulaski County delegation in Frankfort, HB 900 represents a continued effort by Kentucky lawmakers to make strategic investments in rural communities, ensuring they have the resources needed to thrive while preserving the character and strengths that make them unique.

The project we received funding for that I'm most proud of is something I've been promising for some time now. Pulaski County Government received \$1.4 million for a Nancy Community Center. During the 2026 Regular Session, my office was in direct communication with our delegation in Frankfort, including Rep. Josh Branscum, and was able to acquire the funding for this community center.

There are some projects that simply add convenience to a community. Then there are projects that protect it, strengthen it, and help secure its future for generations to come. The proposed Nancy Community Center falls squarely into the second category.

At its heart, this facility is about people. It is about making sure families have somewhere safe to go when storms threaten our region. It is about ensuring elderly residents in western Pulaski County can connect with medical providers through telemedicine without the burden of long travel. It is about creating a place where neighbors gather in good times and lean on one another in difficult ones. For the people of Nancy and surrounding communities, this center represents security, preparedness, and hope.

Kentucky knows all too well the devastating power of severe weather. The “Super Outbreak” of 1974 left scars across this region and across the nation, taking lives and destroying homes throughout parts of southern Kentucky, including nearby counties. Since then, tornadoes, ice storms, floods, and other natural disasters have repeatedly reminded us that preparedness is not optional — it is essential. We were reminded of that a year ago in Pulaski County.

The Nancy Community Center will serve as a critical emergency resource for local, state, and national first responders and emergency management officials during natural disasters. In moments when every second matters, communities need reliable infrastructure that can provide shelter, coordination, communication, and care. This facility would stand ready to serve that purpose for Pulaski County.

But perhaps what makes this project especially meaningful is that it is designed not only for emergencies, but for everyday life. On one day, the building may serve as a warming center during dangerous winter weather. On another, it may host continuing education classes, senior activities, or provide telemedicine services for elderly residents unable to travel for routine healthcare appointments.

And in between those critical moments, it would simply be a place where community happens. Children playing on the playground. Families gathering for reunions. Neighbors shopping at a farmers market. Music festivals bringing people together on warm Kentucky evenings. Students, faculty, and staff from Nancy Elementary School utilizing the facility for educational and community functions. These moments may seem ordinary, but they are the very fabric that holds small towns together.

In rural communities where resources are often spread thin and distances can be challenging, partnerships and shared infrastructure matter tremendously. Most importantly, this center would send a powerful message. Rural communities deserve investment too. The people of Pulaski County are resilient. We have weathered storms, supported one another through hardships, and preserved the values that define Kentucky's small communities. The Nancy Community Center will honor that spirit by providing a facility built not only for today's needs, but for tomorrow's challenges.

Years from now, people may remember the building for the lives it protected during a storm. Others may remember the healthcare services that helped a loved one. Some will remember a festival, a family reunion, or a child's laughter on the playground. That is the true value of a community center. It is not simply a structure. It is a promise that no matter what we go through, this community will face it together. If you would like more details, 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](mailto:mtodd@pcgovt.com). God Bless you all and God Bless Pulaski County.

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