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Greene County Commission signs and adopts 2025 budget



SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The Greene County Commission signed and officially adopted the 2025 county budget on Friday, Jan. 10, in the county’s Historic Courthouse in Springfield. This completes the public process which included 9 public meetings. The Commission focused on employee retention and quality core public services in 2025. The following are highlights and key takeaways of the appropriated budget:

- 3% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all county employees and a 1.5% mid-year merit step for eligible employees
- Greene County bond funds fully allocated with renovations for the Juvenile Detention Center and the transformation of the former county Justice Center into the Family Courts Facility beginning in 2025
- Assessor’s Office will add three additional data collectors, funded through the Assessment Funds, to align with the State Tax Commission’s staffing guidelines. Additionally, renovations to the Historic Courthouse are planned to enhance in serving citizens with their personal property assessments
- The Collector and Assessor will be transitioning to a new, fully intergraded collections and personal property software system. This unified platform will streamline operations between the two offices, enhancing coordination and improving services for property owners
- Several courts-based offices will add a new Bailiff, Staff Attorney, Assistant Director for Juvenile Detention, and new equipment

Budget Analysis

The total expenditure for all funds is \$284,631,868, which is \$1084 less than 2024. State law requires county budgets to include prior-year surplus funds as revenue and be a balanced budget. The figures below show the estimated current revenues, but not total revenues, and appropriated expenses for all 2025 funds:

Planned Revenue & Expenses

<u>2025 Projected Receipts</u>		<u>2025 Planned Expenditures</u>	
Taxes	188,910,752	Personnel	116,881,097
Intergovernmental	23,782,195	Operations	132,675,443
Other	37,055,792	Capital	35,075,328
Current Revenues	249,748,739	Total	284,631,868
Fund Balance Used			
For Operations	34,883,130		
Total	284,631,868		

1,084 Lower than last year

Below are the totals by office for major funds and changes from the 2024 budget:

Totals by Office for Major Funds
(General Revenue, Law Enforcement, Road & Bridge and Assessment)

	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Difference
Assessor	3,044,664.38	3,636,290.31	591,625.93
Auditor	560,041.63	566,961.40	6,919.77
County Clerk	1,829,211.72	1,125,343.88	-703,867.84
Collector of Revenue	866,757.93	986,306.66	119,548.73
Commission	85,406,168.71	90,054,143.11	4,647,974.40
Court Order	12,146,958.51	12,618,909.52	471,951.01
Prosecuting Attorney	9,213,398.98	9,426,184.91	212,785.93
Public Administrator	830,526.94	854,820.24	24,293.30
Recorder of Deeds	610,379.85	628,090.37	17,710.52
Sheriff	53,309,221.18	53,635,113.88	325,892.70
Treasurer	285,779.28	301,780.63	16,001.35
Grand Total	168,103,109.11	173,833,944.90	5,730,835.79

\$21,660,063 will be allocated to Reserves. The Commission set certain budget priorities in cooperation with county Officeholders and department managers, however, could not accommodate \$3,647,283.79 of additional requests in the 2025 budget.

The County budget remains within the guidelines created in the long-term plan developed with the passage of the 2017 sales tax request. The Budget Office continues to monitor ARPA spending throughout the county, which must be fully spent by the end of 2026.

“Working with all Officeholders and department heads, Greene County has again adopted a fiscally sound budget using a process that is transparent and open to the public,” stated Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. “County citizens can be proud of the process used and the concern shown for the strategic and wise use of limited resources at every turn. All expenditures can be tracked daily using the Transparency Portal on our homepage at greencountymo.gov”

The full 2025 budget, including more information from the Greene County Budget Office, can be found at: <https://greencountymo.gov/budget/>.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 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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