

2022 BUDGET MESSAGE

The 2022 Budget year will begin with Eastern Commissioner John Marr, Western Commissioner Charlie Kavanaugh and Presiding Commissioner Denis Allen, appointed to fill the vacancy of outgoing Presiding Commissioner William H. (Bill) Gabel in June 2021. The levies adopted by the Commission in August 2021 to fund the 2022 budget are as follows: General Revenue: \$0.1190; Road and Bridge: \$0.2363 and Sheltered Workshop: \$0.1156.

In addition to property tax, the County's other main source of revenue is sales tax. The voters of Johnson County approved a one-eighth (1/8) cent sales tax for the purpose of providing animal shelter services to all county residents. This action came about as a result of the City of Warrensburg defunding the animal shelter they had provided for a number of years. The tax, which passed in April, 2021 with a vote of 2,323 in favor and 1,557 against, is expected to generate approximately \$700,000 annually. The County's total sales tax rate is 2.875% broken down as follows:

Tax	Percentage	Purpose	Effective
General Revenue	0.5000%	provides funding for the majority of county offices	1/1/1980
Road and Bridge	0.5000%	funding for bridges and hard surfaced roads	1/1/1985
Law Enforcement	0.5000%	45% of this revenue is distributed to the Cities	10/1/1993
Jail Bonds	0.2500%	will drop to 0.1250% when bonds are paid off	1/1/2011
Prop P	0.5000%	to provide increased funding for Sheriff personnel	10/1/2019
Prop A	0.1250%	to provide animal shelter services	10/1/2021
Emergency Services	0.5000%	provides funding for E-911/Central Dispatch*	4/1/2013

*It should be noted that the Emergency Services Board is a separate entity with its own elected board members and budget. While the Emergency Services tax is factored into the overall county sales tax rate, those revenues are distributed directly to the Emergency Services Board by the Department of Revenue.

It is the intent of this Commission to protect the County funds via prudent adherence to the budget, which we are pleased to say has been successful thanks to all Elected Officials working together.

A priority of the County Commission is to provide some much-needed repairs and improvements to the Courthouse building at 300 N Holden St. While court is no longer held in this building, it is still the most important single structure in the County. This historic building, completed in 1898 of native Warrensburg sandstone, stands as a proud representation of county government and the backdrop to many community events for the past 124 years. Projects planned for the next twelve to eighteen months include: repair and replacement of the west entrance landing, stairs and west door and glass surround; improvements to the east handicap accessible door, entrance and interior ramp; resurfacing of the Courthouse and Justice Center parking lots, secured fencing of a portion of the Justice Center parking lot; beginning the installation of HVAC in the Courthouse.

County roads and bridges continue to be in good shape. Currently there are four budget funds dedicated to the maintenance of roads and bridges in Johnson County. These funds have a combined carry over and anticipated revenue of \$14,775,168 and budgeted expenditures \$11,983,824. The Commission will work with Road and Bridge to consider future projects on an ongoing basis as funding allows. Two (2) bridge decking projects were also completed on East Division Road in 2021. The County has several hard surfaced road improvement projects slated for 2022. The county will continue to take a strong position requiring preparation of ditch sections and subgrade prior to considering hard surfacing of county roads.

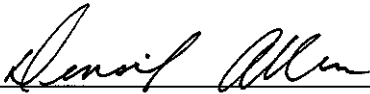
Sheriff Munsterman continues to do an excellent job of keeping his budget balanced while providing for the safety of the County. The Sheriff is projecting approximately \$1.8 million from out-of-county prisoner housing, which is near what was planned for 2021. The prop P sales tax (1/2%) is expected to generate approximately \$2.6 million annually. This Commission is aware of future jail construction plans in Jackson County that could impact the contracts for prisoner housing with Johnson County beyond 2024 and will work with the Sheriff to monitor that situation.

The County closed out spending of CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funding and received the first draw down of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding in 2021. These federal funds have been allocated due to the economic impact to COVID-19 pandemic that began in March, 2020. The Commission in conjunction with the Recovery Advisory Team consisting of County Treasurer Heather Reynolds, County Clerk Diane Thompson and Johnson County Economic Development Executive Director Tracy Brantner, will continue to move forward identifying eligible projects. The County has until December 31, 2026 to fulfill the spending of funds.


The County Commission with the recommendation of the Spirit Trail Coalition awarded a bid for a mural to be painted on the retaining wall along the Spirit Trail. The mural was completed in September 2021 and depicts several images tied to Eastern Johnson County.

We fully intend to continue to monitor budget adherence and we are proud of the way ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS take their budgets seriously. We are convinced our teamwork makes us the best county in the State when it comes to fiscal responsibility and a cordial work environment.

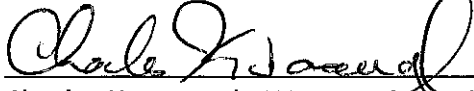
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