



2026 Budget Public Hearing

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Attending

- Dennis G. Blackburn Commission Chair
- Roger Brian, Commissioner
- Kerry Cook, Commissioner
- Felicia Snow, Clerk/Auditor
- Michael Winn, Attorney

Others in attendance: Barbara Tewell, Ben Jackson, Colleen Allen, Sharon Torgerson

Commissioner Blackburn opened the public hearing stating that public comments will be taken to discuss **WAYNE COUNTY'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2026**. Commissioner Blackburn turned the time over to Felicia Snow, Clerk/Auditor.

Mrs. Snow, stated that the county is proposing the 2026 general budget with total revenue/expenses estimated to be \$14,621,068. Mrs. Snow went over the overall expenses for each department.

Commissioners: \$258,513

District Court: \$86,055

Public Defender: \$95,000

Microfilm: \$3,000

Clerk/Auditor: \$253,813

Assessor: \$210,556

General Government BLDGS: \$120,000

Planning & Zoning: \$76,183

Commission Secretary: \$45,653

Justice of Peace: \$80,646

Data Processing: \$100,000

Audit: \$20,000

Treasurer/Recorder: \$223,111

Non-departmental: \$9,195,000

Elections: \$59,100

Building Department: \$65,000



Office of Tourism: \$521,681

Search & Rescue: \$52,650

EMS: \$390,000

Public Health/R-6 AOG: \$41,016

Airport: \$620,256

Facility Manager: \$201,901

Extension Services: \$77,150

Economic Development: \$200,750

Senior Citizens: \$52,656

Law Enforcement: \$1,038,716

Animal Control: \$3,400

Emergency Management: \$265,897

Weed/Mosquito: \$51,365

Parks & Recreation: \$21,500

Library: \$41,600

County Fair: \$53,500

Distance Education: \$3,550

Attorney: \$91,850

Mrs. Snow stated that the shift in the county budget from 2025 to 2026 reflects several major projects that are fully or partially funded through State and Federal funding. These investments allow us to expand services and infrastructure without placing a burden on taxpayers.

Commissioner Blackburn opened the hearing public comment.


Barbara Tewell, asked how much of the budget is not pass through money. Mrs. Snow responded that she did not have an exact number but estimated it was less than \$6,000,000. Ms. Tewell also asked what the special projects are for the pass-through funds. Commissioner Cook stated that the Hanksville Diversion, Prairie Dog Fence and the Emergency Services Building are the three bigger projects. Ms. Tewell asked a final question about the future of a recreation center/swimming pool. Commissioner Brian stated that we are continuing to look for Grant funding to establish a recreation center/swimming pool.

Sharon Torgerson, Assessor, asked why there was a big difference in the local/state Levey, Mrs. Snow responded that this is just an estimate for 2026. Mrs. Torgerson asked about the inter-local government increase from last year. Commissioner Brain confirmed that it has to do with the pass-through funding.

Commissioner Blackburn declared the public hearing closed seeing that there were no more comments.


Dennis G. Blackburn, Commission Chair




Felicia Snow, Clerk/Auditor

