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County OKs \$13.7 million budget

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Trigg County magistrates have approved a \$13.7 million fiscal year budget for 2026 that includes a 3% pay raise for county employees and a 2.9% increase for elected officials. Magistrates approved the new budget on first reading during Monday's meeting of the Trigg County Fiscal Court, with Trigg County Judge-Executive Stan Humphries observing that the budget reflects a 2.2% decrease from last year.

In another aspect of the new budget, he said the state retirement system reduced its calculations this year from 19.71% to 18.62%. Humphries noted that the second reading for the court's 2026 fiscal year budget will take place during the June 2 fiscal court meeting. In the interim, the budget will be sent to the state, with officials reviewing it for accuracy. "We have tried to be very cognizant of keeping our budget in line with where we

were last year," the judge told magistrates during the meeting. He noted that a few items, based upon past performance and the past year, are ones that the court will consider adding or increasing. In the general fund, Humphries said a line has been added for disasters in the wake of incidents plaguing the area this past year. "We're adding a line of \$40,000 in (the) general fund," SEE **BUDGET/PAGE A3**



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Trigg County Attorney Randy Braboy (left) and Trigg County Judge-Executive Stan Humphries discuss sealed bids during Monday's Trigg County Fiscal Court meeting.

Tourism commission launches new website, debuts kiosks

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The Cadiz-Trigg County Tourist Commission has launched its new website, Executive Director Beth Sumner has told the group's members.

Speaking during a regularly-scheduled meeting on May 1, Sumner noted that the website can still be found at gocadiz.com.

"It starts out with the video at the top," the director said, noting the site now boasts a common color scheme featuring trees and the lakes and has links to community events.

Sumner said the website includes descriptions, a map and information about what to do in the community and how to prepare for the events.

The site also has a special section about the Trigg County Country Ham Festival and a link to the new Trigg County Country Ham Festival site.

It features a calendar of events that Sumner said can be updated in the tourism office.

"It's exciting," she noted of the new website. "It's just really, really cool. It's nice to see all these activities that are available."

Additionally, the tourism director noted that the new kiosks that will be placed throughout the community are officially open.

"We have still got some customization to do, but they are working," Sumner noted to commissioners during the tourism meeting.

She explained that the kiosks are done because the



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Trigg County Tourist Commission members Lucas Hale (left) and Deepak Patel watch as Tourism Director Beth Sumner (center) demonstrates one of tourism's new kiosks. The new website is on display behind Sumner.

new website is done; everything that is updated on the new website automatically flows over to the kiosks, she said.

Sumner noted that information on the kiosks can also be sent to people's email or phones.

They can utilize the kiosks to find places of interest in the community, the director added.

Kiosks also are equipped with a photo booth.

"I think (this) will be one of the more popular pieces," Sumner noted of the photo capability.

People can share the photos with their emails, Sumner noted, and the kiosks in turn will capture people's emails, a feature allowing local officials to thank people for visiting the community.

Sumner said all the kiosks are now working.

The commission also during its meeting approved a measure to hire a summer intern.

"It's hard for us to get out and about to take appropriate pictures and video, just to be some legs on the ground and also to do some updates, just like to this, to the kiosks," observed Sumner, noting she's thought a lot about the need for an intern to take on those tasks.

"I just need somebody who can sit and do that and has that thought process," she continued of the need for an intern to do social media posts.

Sumner noted that Murray State University has some marketing majors that might offer an ideal candidate for a summer intern position.

The director said the position would likely be four days a week, not full time,

and would be a position for 12 weeks during the summer.

"If the summer one works well, it might be something we want to look at considering for the future," Sumner noted of the intern position.

In other business:

- The commission approved a motion to update bylaws for the group that the director said have likely not been updated since 2005. Sumner said she will offer suggestions for the update during the tourist commission's meeting in June.

- Director of Guest Services Jamie Lewis reported visitors in the past month from 15 different states, in addition to Canada, Puerto Rico and the United Kingdom.

- Sumner said the community's next pig statue

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City moves ahead with plans for cemetery fee

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The city of Cadiz is moving ahead with plans to charge an interment fee to help offset some of the costs for the city's East End Cemetery.

Cadiz City Council during its meeting Tuesday approved a measure suggested by Council Member Craig Stallons to charge a \$300 fee.

Stallons noted that he believes it will be beneficial to charge an interment fee; he noted that the fee is actually

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Planning sets new public hearing on RV issue

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A new public hearing to consider the annexation of property for the Cadiz RV Park has been scheduled for next week.

The hearing is slated for 6 p.m. May 13 at the Cadiz Renaissance Center at 49 Jefferson St.

"The right steps this time have been taken," noted Jim Mullen, the secretary of the Cadiz-Trigg County Planning

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