

A low-angle photograph of the Kentucky State Capitol building, featuring a large, ornate dome with a lantern on top. The building is constructed of light-colored stone with classical columns and a pediment. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the image.

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# **2022 County Legislative Agenda**

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## 2022 Priorities

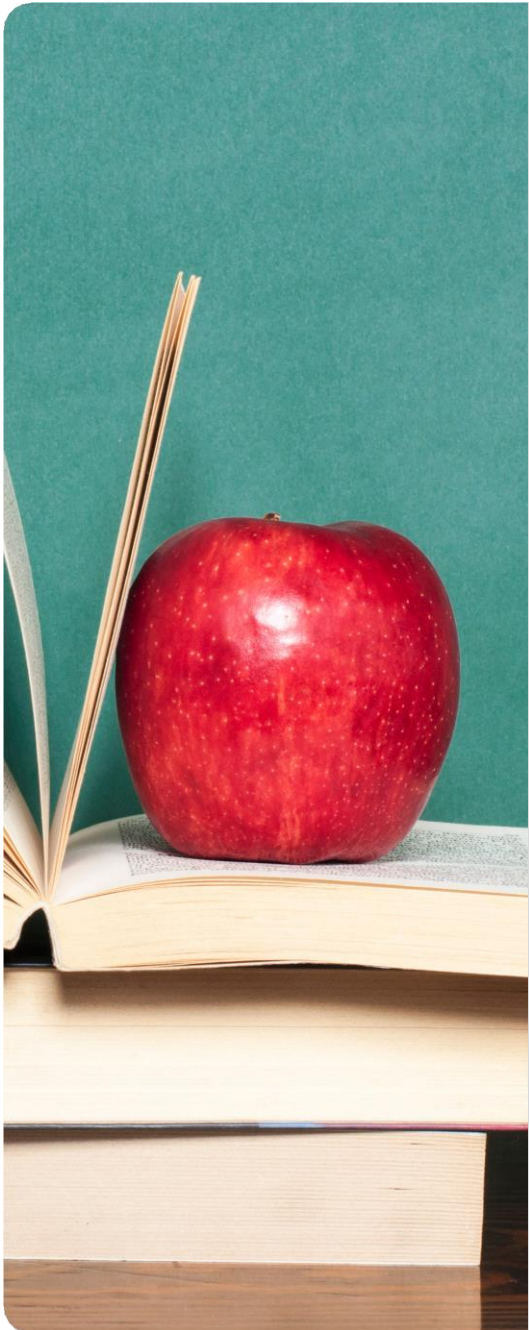
### Educate and Inform

#### Telling the county story

Prioritize telling the county story to policymakers, including the constitutionally-required duties counties must perform on behalf of the Commonwealth.

#### ARPA

Ensure that policymakers understand the implications and limitations on ARPA funding flowing to counties.



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# 2022 Priorities and Positions



## County Jails

### County Jails: Cost Shifting

Seek an increase in the per diem reimbursement rate for state inmates in county jails and seek reimbursement when state inmates receive sentencing credit for time served.

### ARPA

Pursue fulfillment of the \$6 million appropriated for FY2021 and \$5.9 million for FY2022 to defray COVID-19 related expenditures for county jails.

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# 2022 Priorities and Positions



## Transportation

### Increased Revenue

Advocate for increased funding for county roads and bridges, including an increase in the gas tax.

### Electric Vehicles

Develop a proactive model for the collection of electric vehicle fees that includes a direct distribution to counties.

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# 2022 Priorities and Positions



## Criminal Justice

### Video Arraignment

Support efforts to find technologically-driven solutions to reduce costs and risks for county-administered criminal justice operations, including video arraignment.

### Reform

Collaborate with officials to develop criminal justice reforms that improve outcomes for inmates, reduce recidivism and reduce costs including substance abuse and mental health treatment options.

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# 2022 Priorities and Positions



## Revenue and Budgets

### County Options

Pursue options to improve county revenue flexibility and diversification.

### Budgets and Funding

Actively oppose any unfunded mandates passed from the state to counties.

### County Audits

Work to maintain transparency and increase efficiency while reducing costs of required county audits, including expansion of competitive, market-based solutions.

### Court Security Officers

Advocate for an increase in the hourly rate reimbursement for Court Security Officers, currently at \$9 an hour.

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