About KACo

The Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) is a non-profit, non-partisan, member-owned association of elected county officials in all 120 counties. KACo provides services to support, educate and advocate for our members.

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2021

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2021

1. Invest in transportation infrastructure
   - Increase the gas tax and other transportation-related fees; establish fees for electric vehicles.
   - Preserve the agreed-upon formula for distribution of funding to counties and cities.

From the 2020 poll of KACo members

Q. GAS TAX:
Do you support raising the gas tax to increase funding for local roads and bridges?

2. Broadband access and affordability
   - Collaborate to find solutions to limited access to broadband.
   - Lower regulatory barriers to expanded broadband access.

43% of county officials polled said that a lack of available providers is the most significant barrier to residents in their county getting broadband.

3. Jail Relief
   - Pursue positive criminal justice reform.
   - Expand access to substance abuse treatment.
   - Increase the state per diem rate.
   - Preserve the state appropriation to closed jails.

From the 2020 poll of KACo members

Q. BUDGETS:
Which of the following is putting the most pressure on your county’s budget?

4. Opportunities to streamline and collaborate
   - Transition Sheriff’s budget from calendar year to the county fiscal year.
   - Develop foreclosure options for abandoned/blighted property.

5. County revenue flexibility
   - Allow countyside sales tax authority.
   - Support countywide revenue options and collection.