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Jail on track to break even



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Harlan County Jailer B.J. Burkhart discusses an upcoming project with IWP staff members Morgan Lee and Curt Hall.

State inmates lead to increased revenue

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Considering the economic issues facing Harlan County, like the current downturn in the coal industry and the scaling back of coal severance funds, it may surprise some to discover the Harlan County Detention Center may break even for the fiscal year.

According to Harlan County Judge-Executive Dan Mosley, it is an accomplishment for a jail in the state of Kentucky to break even.

Mosley said during a recent fiscal court meeting the Harlan County Detention Center is on track to end the fiscal year with an increased revenue of over \$400,000.

Harlan County Jailer B.J.

Burkhart explained funds obtained through housing state inmates is largely responsible for the jail's increased revenue.

"The key is that we now house 170 state inmates on average, compared to 100 in years past," Burkhart said. "We are getting state inmates from jails all over the state, from counties that

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