

“Court”

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Magistrate Lee Earl Adams noted that “people expect us to work together not against each other.”

Magistrate Ralph Allen asserted that the road department needed a backhoe. “We can’t load with the backhoe we have and we are behind on our work.” Allen also pointed out that his district didn’t get fair treatment in roadwork and equipment use. “When we borrowed money to fix county roads, my district wouldn’t have gotten anything if we hadn’t gone over the \$2 million budget.” Allen added, “I could use a backhoe every day but I don’t get one unless nobody else needs it.”

The payments for the tractor and mower were finally approved, along with the other claims.

The 2013-14 budget for the Rockcastle Industrial Development Authority was presented to the court for approval by Holly Hopkins, Executive Director.

The budget shows \$934,529 total available funds for the fiscal year with the same amount in appropriations. However, in the appropriations was \$63,870, set aside as reserve for transfer and, on the recommendation of County Treasurer Joe Clontz, this amount will be subtracted from the court expected contribution of \$148,000, along with \$12,700 in retirement benefits for Hopkins which the court pays, reducing the court’s contribution to \$71,430.

McKinney also asked that the \$4,500 allotted for travel and training be reduced to \$3,500. When asked by Hopkins for his justification for the reduction, McKinney answered “I just don’t think spending that much is beneficial to RCIDA.”

The funds are used primarily for Hopkins to attend out-of-state marketing and she challenged McKinney’s assertion that the trips were not beneficial. However, McKinney insisted and another \$1,000 was removed from IDA’s budget.

A separate claim presented for payment to the court was from Goff Con-

struction for \$19,440 for work at Rockcastle Business Park South for additional parking spaces for Source HOV. The court was originally told the company needed the additional space but, after Goff was contracted for the project, a company official said the additional space was not needed. Goff leveled off the area, rocked it and then recovered it with top soil so that if the extra spots are ever needed they could be finished quickly.

The court made several donations including:

- \$2,000 to the American Red Cross, at the request of Roger Coldiron, a member of the local board;
- \$5,000 to Little League Baseball for uniforms and/or equipment;
- \$1,000 to the Dix River Festival;
- \$1,000 to the Cumberland River Comprehensive Cre Center;
- \$145 to the Special Olympics Kentucky to sponsor one athlete;
- \$125 to the American Legion to sponsor a representative to the state convention.

Bills for audits of county entities were also approved and included \$9,980.97 for the fiscal court audit; \$3,942 for the jail canteen and \$3,095.81 for the RCIDA audit. Clontz said he would be questioning the amount charged for the jail and RCIDA audits since he felt they were excessive.

The court also approved a resolution and application required for a \$52,000 coal severance grant. When received, the money will be used toward construction costs of the new Climax Volunteer Fire Department.

In other action, the court approved the mandated payment of \$23,133 in program support for the Property Valuation Administrator’s office; partial payment of the \$47,000 for all lines fund insurance and \$84,490 for workmen’s compensation; \$2,346 in monthly support for the Rockcastle County Development Board; payment of \$2,859 to the county clerk for tax bill preparation; \$2,322.64 for six months of utility bills for the Brindle Ridge VFD; \$2,884.82 for five months of expenses for the county coroner’s office and \$600 in

dues to the Kentucky Coal Coalition. The court also approved a \$545 claim for a new uniform for an officer in the sheriff’s department and payment of \$1,272 for the sheriff’s unemployment insurance fund.

Also during the meeting, the court approved the addition of two electrical inspectors for the county. At the request of Gary Mink, Dale Fortney of Madison County was added, along with Wayne Rice.

As a last item of business, the court approved the transfer of \$250,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund. \$100,000 will be transferred from there to the detention center to help pay an \$82,000 debt service payment due.

Drop-Off Day figures released

According to James Renner, Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator, the amount of trash received recently on Drop-Off Day at the Brodhead Fairgrounds was just about the same as last year but the disposal costs were slightly less. However, the amount of PRIDE money received for the program for this year was also less, according to Renner.

A comparison of the last two year’s figures show that in 2012, 26 thirty yard roll-off dumpsters were used for a total of \$13,066.75. \$4,750 in PRIDE funds were received to help defray costs and \$1,371.60 was collected in scrap metal money for a total cost last year of \$6,945 to the county.

This year, 21 thirty yard roll-off dumpsters were used along with 20 eight yard front-load dumpsters for a total disposal cost of \$11,495. \$2,750 in PRIDE money was received by the county, the City of Mt. Vernon contributed \$200 in PRIDE funds, \$1,296 of scrap metal was collected and sold for a total out-of-pocket disposal cost to the county of \$7,248.10.

Of course, these figures do not include wages, meals and other miscellaneous expenses incurred.

“Festival”

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School.

Several groups are scheduled to perform on Saturday including: Jake

Vanover at 1 p.m., the Carol Doan Band and Friends at 2p.m., a Shaolin Do Karate demonstration at 3 p.m., Bittersweet Cloggers at 4 p.m., Level Green at 6 p.m. and Wild River Band at 8 p.m.

The Brodhead Homecoming Festival Committee invites everyone out for a weekend that will be fun for the entire family. For more information contact Brodhead City Hall at (606)-758-8635.

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