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## Council to revisit RV annexation

### Public hearing is canceled

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Members of the Cadiz-Trigg County Planning Commission may be revisiting efforts to annex the Cadiz RV Park into the city of Cadiz after Attorney Stephen Underwood advised the commission to cancel a planned public hearing.

The commission had sched-

uled the hearing on Tuesday at the Cadiz Renaissance Center to hear public comments about a proposed annexation to bring 10 acres of land into the city.

The annexation would authorize an extension of the adjoining Cadiz RV Park and zone the property as B2, a commercial zoning district.

Commission Secre-

tary-Treasurer Jim Mullen noted earlier that the RV park's owners want to annex the 10 acres and expand the park.

That 10 acres is currently county property.

But commissioners voted in favor of canceling the public hearing, and it did not go forward.

Underwood, the commission's attorney, cited KRS 100.209 and explained that, under the statute, the municipality is the entity that trig-

gers annexation, deciding whether a property is contiguous to a city boundary, appropriate for municipal use and whether the city is interested in annexation of the property.

He noted that there are two types of annexation, non-consensual and consensual, the latter a situation where the property owner wants to be annexed.

The RV Park matter is a potential consensual annexation, the attorney said, but added that does not change

the statute and the role of a planning commission in the situation.

"You don't see typically planning commissions initiate annexation," Underwood said, noting the commission if it did so would be outside its jurisdiction or statutory power at that point.

"You have a role," he continued. "In any annexation, consensual or non-consensual, you have a role in

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## Clerk's office marks 'second-best year' with \$6 million in receipts

### Sheriff's budget reflects 4.4% increase

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Trigg County Clerk Carmen Finley told county magistrates recently that 2024 has been the second-best year so far for her office.

Speaking during the Trigg County Fiscal Court's Feb. 18 meeting, Finley presented her quarterly report and annual settlement for 2024.

Magistrates accepted her report.

The clerk told magistrates that receipts for this past year totaled \$6,020,542, down by almost \$30,000 from 2023, the best year that the county clerk's office has enjoyed to date.

"We experienced a challenging year because we had new statewide motor vehicle software, but we still came out looking really good," said Finley of 2024, noting 2025 is also looking great.

The clerk further noted that disbursements for last year totaled \$5,823,834, down by \$6,400.

Finley presented the court with a check for \$196,708.14 in excess fees from her office.

The clerk said there were receipts of \$2.2 million for motor vehicle property taxes in 2024, 874 deed transfers reflecting \$1.01 million in deed transfers and \$264,000 collected in delinquent tax income last year in the county.

Trigg County issued 114 marriage licenses and 54 notaries and changed credit card companies to save residents some money, the clerk said.



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Trigg County Clerk Carmen Finley speaks to magistrates during the Feb. 18 meeting of the Trigg County Fiscal Court.

Finley also noted that her office received four grants for the year that are being used for election equipment and to place records online.

The online records will go back to the county's establishment in 1820, according to the clerk.

Finley noted that her office used some of its storage fee

money to purchase a new flat cabinet to allow more space for books.

As of this year, the office has purchased another flat cabinet for books as well as new shelves for license plates, the clerk said.

The fiscal court also heard last week from Trigg County Sheriff

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## Vendors sought for ham festival

### Organizers planning for 49th annual event

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The city of Cadiz is continuing to accept applications from prospective vendors for the 49th annual Trigg County Country Ham Festival.

"Right now, we have over 100 vendor applications online," said Shannon Booth, the city's assistant city clerk and On Main director, of the current interest in the ham festival.

The 2025 event will kick off with the Trigg County Country Ham Breakfast on Oct. 9 and will continue Oct. 10-11 in downtown Cadiz.

The local festival traditionally takes place each year on the second weekend in October.

Organizers are accepting vendor applications through March 15; Booth said the applications can be completed online at the Cadiz On Main Facebook page, although paper copies of the applications are available at Cadiz City Hall.

She noted that officials prefer for vendor applicants to complete the documents online, although they will accept the paper applications or sign individuals up by phone if needed.

The online documentation is more efficient, Booth pointed out, noting that it will ensure no

one is missed in the vendor process.

The On Main director said vendors for the 49th annual festival will be selected on April 1, and the vendors who are selected will be notified.

She wants to see a variety of interests reflected in the vendors so that the offerings will appeal to all audiences attending the festival.

"We definitely want to do that," Booth said.

She noted that there's an advantage in selecting the vendors early because if one vendor is unable to come, organizers can then pick a replacement vendor from a waiting list.

Booth said the top priority is giving everyone an opportunity to be a part of the ham festival.

"We just really want to look at everything that people are selling or making and go from there, get a variety (of vendor products)," she noted.

Booth said the Locals Lane, featuring vendors from the Cadiz community, will be a part of the festival again, although organizers are considering a different area for those sellers.

Details on that change will be available later.

The On Main director noted that there is no

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