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presented.

Wilson said staff at the Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KPDII) inquired about the IDA's plans regarding the next round of grants. Wilson told the board he has the majority of the paperwork done for next Wednesday's submission deadline. Neathery said things seemed good for a positive result in the coming consideration.

Wilson indicated agreement, saying he had already submitted the letter of intent for the KPDII Grant.

Board member Greg Wells suggested that their previous decision to change the next phase of the project, to completion of a professional entrance and utility tie-in for the CRIP, could make the county's grant proposal more attractive than that of other counties by both leveraging the work completed in phase one

and presenting a low-cost completion for a move-in-ready site.

Board member and treasurer, Brian Scott, gave the financial report. He said the IDA currently has \$86,386 on hand and has made the August mortgage payment for the CRIP property.

He added that the revolving fund account currently has \$39,834 in it. That account is money the IDA can use to find a local business expansion or new businesses in the area.

On the subject of completion for Phase One construction at the CRIP, Premier Engineering's Tucker England said that the contractor still has some work to be done, including moving materials dumped on school property, and they were working to get that company to complete their job.

Wilson stressed to

England that the contractor must contact him and Premiere with solid dates for exactly when they would be on site from this point forward. Neathery pointed out that he had been on site previously when a supplier was looking for the contractor, though neither of the men ever saw them that day.

The meeting wound down with a suggestion that the regular meeting of the board be moved to the last Wednesday of the month, rather than Thursday, as that day conflicts with one of the board members' job duties and also prevents members of the board from attending a state meeting held monthly at the same time as currently scheduled.

The board approved, moving the meeting to the last Wednesday of the month, if that is convenient for the other board members who couldn't be in attendance.

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thousand dollars of value.

The board opted not to add a tax on aircraft and documented watercraft not registered in the state.

After that, Casada pointed out that the "Big Beautiful Bill," passed earlier this year, ended the education grant

previously provided to the county, which terminated a position for one of the staff at the office.

Dianne Hawyard was reportedly considering retirement anyway. Casada said the federal funding would end on Sept. 30, affecting 70 counties across the

state.

The board was told that recent repairs and improvements to the building were good, but a growing sinkhole on the property was becoming a concern.

It was suggested that the office contact the office of Karst Studies for advice if possible.

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Splash-pad,
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be deposited in a separate account to defray any maintenance costs incurred, before either would need to spend money on maintenance.

The protracted discussion followed a suggestion that the splash pad be constructed inside of the walking track, but that proposal was rejected in favor of locating it between the pavilion and the walking track behind the restroom facilities in Veterans Memorial Park.

Burkesville Mayor Laurel Irby had to recall a council member, who had been called away to a parent-teacher meeting, in order to reestablish a quorum before they voted to approve the proposal.

County Judge-Executive Luke King had strenuously requested the proposal be settled at the meeting, suggesting that delays and protracted discussion of minutiae around a proposal was not acceptable.

"As of the September 8 meeting, we've got to have the bid packet approved by then to send out," King said. "But the should'a, could'a, would-have, maybe... no, I'm a hard no on that."

District 2 Magistrate Lane Cope agreed with King regarding needing a hard answer as well as the issue of locating the new attraction at the city's park, saying, "I definitely think we have to talk to the River Festivus folks about this first."

Both men had been opposed to the location inside the walking track as it would have seriously impacted that major yearly event.

District 4 Magistrate, Jeff Cyphers, was also

in agreement with them on the need for a decision by the city or the county should move ahead with construction at the county's site on N. Main St.

Councilman Glen Murphy said repeatedly that he wanted the city to participate in this project. Councilman Sean Riddle voiced the same as well. In the end, it was a unanimous vote for the proposition by the members of the council.

An earlier sticking point had been a suggestion that the city handle the water bill for the park since the county was paying to build it, but the mayor had said she wasn't sure about the legality of that. When the project was moved from county property to city property, she said it negated any legal concerns.

Earlier in the meeting, King had given a brief history of the project. He said that they had previously taken bids for installation of a Splash-pad, but received only one bid. That bid included a completion date late in the year, meaning the completed project would stand unused until the coming spring, which was not something the magistrates were comfortable with.

The proposal then came that they not take that bid and delay advertising for bids again until late summer or early fall so construction could take place with an eye to completion in the spring. This is the course of action the court is pursuing at this point.

King added that in the interim others have expressed interest in bidding on the project.

Earlier in that meeting last week, the fiscal court was first to open their meeting, and old business was discussed. Among that old business was the auction of a truck that had not been running well. The high bid at the auction was below the reserve price, so the truck was not sold.

The court decided to move ahead with replacing the truck's engine and putting it back in service.

The court moved to new business and passed an ordinance, required by state government, regarding the lease/purchase of a backhoe and road grader.

King expressed appreciation of the council and the mayor's interest in participating in the Splash-pad project and in their willingness to hold the joint special called meeting.

It was at that point that the city's meeting was called to order, and discussion of the Splash-pad project, a priority moved forward by the Civics Club, began.

Civic Club Judge-Executive Sadie Arterburn expressed her appreciation for both groups coming together to move forward to see the project implemented in the best way possible.

King and Irby both expressed support for the project, with King assuring Arterburn and the club members that the fiscal court was committed to seeing the club's vision made reality.

Next discussion of the project is expected at the September 8 meeting of the fiscal court.


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RE: PUBLIC NOTICE Hearing to Rezone Property

The members of the City of Burkesville Planning Commission Board have been brought a proposal to rezone an area within the city limits located at 35 David L Williams Street.

The public hearing to rezone 35 David L Williams Street from Multi Family Residential(R-2) to Highway Oriented Commercial District(C-2) will be held, September 18th, 2025, at 12:00pm at City Hall (located at 379 Keen St).

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