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### **Skid Steer** Rampage

A civil dispute turned criminal



▲ PHOTO | SCREENSHOT

Roy Spiker was arrested after wreaking havoc at Treasure Trove Park in Cave City on Saturday in a skid steer. In this still photo from a video of the incident, Spiker is seen driving the equipment shortly before he runs it into a parked vehicle.

#### Staff Report

Many call it 'Wow Town,' but on Saturday, August 23rd, Treasure Trove Park turned into shock town after a man in a skid steer rampaged through the grounds, leading someone to open fire and shoot at the driver.

Authorities say that 76-year-old Roy Spiker was arrested and charged with eight counts of first-degree wanton endangerment and three counts of



**Roy Spiker** 

first-degree criminal mischief following the incident.

Cave City Police Chief Paul Reynolds said Spiker was the only one who walked away with injuries after a gunshot busted the

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### **Feasibility** Study

**Bv PJ Martin** Editor The Herald-News

The Edmonton -Metcalfe Industrial Development Authority (IDA) held its August meeting on Wednesday, August 27. The original date of the meeting was Monday, August 18th, and a quorum was not present, leaving the meeting to be rescheduled to the

The following members were present: Chairperson Lisa Boswell, Terry

27th.

Garrett, Donna Caffee, and Matt Gallagher. Others in attendance were Secretary/ Treasurer Alley Bragg, Judge/Executive Larry Wilson, and PJ Martin from The Herald-

Chairperson Boswell brought the meeting to order and declared a quorum was present. The minutes from the special-called meeting held on July 28th were approved with the motions made by Gallagher and

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## **Microgrant Recipients**



**County Progress, Jobe** Publishing, Inc.

By Rachel Molenda Reporting on Addiction

We're excited to announce today the recipients of this year's microgrants! Over the last several years, Reporting on Addiction has worked to support journalists investigating opioid settlement funds, and these microgrants will further support that work in Kentucky,

Maine, and New Jersey.

This year's recipients are Allyson Dix of the Barren County Progress in Kentucky, Emily Bader of The Maine Monitor, and New Jersey independent multimedia journalist Taylor Jung, who will be working with New Jersey Urban News. All three will be working to track opioid settlement spending in their communities, holding public officials accountable for the decisions they're making to use these critical funds.

At Reporting on Addiction, we are committed to supporting journalists in the exploration of

addiction, treatment, and recovery through reporting that reduces stigma in their communities. We are excited to support these journalists through these microgrants and are grateful to people like you who believe in Reporting on Addiction's mission.

Funding for these grants is provided in part by Open Society Foundations.

Allyson began her journalism career in 2018 as a freelance reporter, driven by a passion for community storytelling and accountability reporting. Her dedication and eye for impactful stories eventually led her to

her current role as managing editor of the Barren County Progress, where she oversees editorial content and continues to report on key local issues.

Over the past two years, Allyson has earned multiple awards from the Kentucky Press Association (KPA), including a secondplace honor for investigative reporting. That story traced the roots of a local county government's noncompliance with FEMA regulations an in-depth piece that highlighted her ability to connect complex

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details and deep dive



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Above, Superintendent Hurt greeting the students as they get off the bus.

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