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within the city. The firm did not find any concerns or errors of attention and reported \$400,000 decrease in debt for the period audited.

A Kentucky State Highway Department review of the parking area in the 100 East Main Street area revealed a spot citizens could assume is a parking space but is not available due to traffic approaching the four-way stop. Consensus was the application of curb side yellow paint and altering of the painting of the adjoining parking space should alert citizens of the area for non parking.

Council members approved Transit Resolution 123-25 authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, for a grant under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act seeking funds for Scottsville Transit.

Council members also approved Resolution 124-25 to submit Community Development Block Grant application up to \$1,000,000 for installing a dedicated gas line to J.M.Smucker Company, 1070 Smiths Grove Road and surrounding area.

Chief of Police Darren Tabor reported the department received 953 calls for service during December including 30 alarm calls, 166 traffic stops, 25 non-injury accidents, seven juvenile complaints, two alcohol calls and 259 extra patrols. Chief Tabor reported a yearly decrease of 12.8 percent calls for service during 2024 amounting to 10,879 as compared 12,467 in 2023. The total includes 83 alcohol calls, 256 non-injury accidents, 64 injury accidents, 105 theft reports, 123 domestic

calls, 121 juvenile complaints and 2,701 extra patrols during the year.

Allen County-Scottsville Crime Task Force reported 198 cases opened with \$919,525 street value of drugs confiscated, 49 felony arrests and 51 citations issued in 2024.

Scottsville Transit Director Kerry Harwood announced a total of 9,327 transit rides for 2024 calendar year including 818 for December along with 38 wheelchair assists for 2,274 miles and 19 days of service. Director Harwood congratulated Chelsay Hammonds as the Christmas gift bag winner as she had been one completing the transit passenger survey to qualify. While Monday is the most popular day to ride transit, Friday is the least passenger day of the week.

City Superintendent Greg Cook reported five water leaks was repaired in December. Superintendent Cook reviewed the Council of a survey accounting on 400 water and gas meters inactive for an extending time period due to properties non use or other circumstances. The updating of information produced some were already recapped with no meters or were able to dismantle for service and relocating in needed areas.

Water Treatment Plant report included no violations in December and treatment of 28,920,000 gallons of water.

Scottsville-Allen County Emergency Communications Center Director, Marie Wolfe, reported 23,187 total calls for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). In December 2003, the FCC began collecting data to build a registry of public safety

answering points (PSAPs). A primary PSAP is defined as a PSAP to which 9-1-1 calls are routed directly from the 9-1-1 Control Office, such as, a selective router or 9-1-1 tandem. A secondary PSAP is defined as a PSAP to which 9-1-1 calls are transferred from a primary PSAP. The PSAP database serves as a tool to aid the Commission in evaluating the state of PSAP readiness and E9-1-1 deployment. Locally 1974 calls for service in December were received including 953 Scottsville Police Department, 607 Allen County Sheriff Office, 375 Allen County Emergency Medical Service and 39 Fire Departments. In comparison to 2023, one extra total call was received in 2024.

Waste-Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, Collin Keen, reported 28,359,000 gallons of treatment being preformed during December with 76 analytical test collected and sent to certified laboratory. The annual inspection at J.M. Smucker plant was preformed and receipt of the permit application for the year was received.

Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department answered 29 calls for service during December.

Cemetery Supervisor Ed Williams reported a total of 75 burials for Crescent Hill Cemetery occurred in 2024.

Mayor Birch reported an effort to curtail through semi traffic on East Locust Street with signage and increased officer presence due to load limits and safety for the area.

The council convened an executive session to review transfer City of Scottsville ownership of property located at 818 East Main Street to Allen County Historical Society, Inc.

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A call for a moment of silent meditation in memory of former jailer Larry Piper and family began the meeting.

The December 23, 2024 minutes were approved with no corrections or additions noted.

The bills lists were presented and approved including a transfer of \$80,000 to the Jail and \$10,000 to Transfer Station Fund.

Scottsville-Allen County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) Director John Hobby reviewed Fiscal Court of Project Panama involving the former General Electric/A.O. Smith 200,000 square foot complex located on Holt Drive. While the 42 acres are owned privately, the IDA promotes its role as economic development within the area. The IDA asked for a .05 percent occupational tax forgiveness for a 10-year period for any new employment in relation to a potential acquisition by new owners and occupation of the current facilities. The application of acquisition stated an investment of \$7.95 million cost for the project and would begin with 10 employees earning \$60 to \$80 per hour payroll. A new company has been interested in the site for the last few months, even though other sites are being considered within the state. The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) is responsible for awarding most of the financial incentives offered by the Kentucky State Cabinet, including job growth and retention tax credit programs, loans, bonds, grants and tax increment financing. The new company will meet January 30, 2025 with FEDFA for a review of an application and state incentives, announcing the selection of location after that meeting. Hobby related the occupational tax forgiveness has been given for other industries locating in Allen County in the past and the IDA has received approval of Scottsville City Council to also offer the .05 percent occupational tax forgiveness for the company, if locating in Allen County. Magistrates voted to offer the occupation tax forgiveness as a local incentive.

Forty-four state inmates were housed and \$48,486.48 has been billed to the state. The 2024 synopsis highlighted collectively housing of 1,174 inmates with January the highest population of 113 inmates and December the lowest population of 81 inmates. Community services performance accumulated 58,154 pounds of trash during 48 weeks. Chief Deputy Jailer Josh Anderson presented the need of replacement of fax machine at \$168.39 monthly. The updated fax would be able to replace two phone lines and preform additional procedures currently needed within the department, thus saving some overall expense. Magistrates approved the purchase and installation agreement.

Sheriff Brandon Ford reported the approval of a U.S. Department of Justice 50 percent matching grant toward acquisition of 20 body cameras for the Allen County Sheriff Department. The Axeon Cameras cost is \$81,475 and can extend over a five-year period with \$40,000 grant match toward cost. The archival cloud resource will be an additional \$6,500 per year. Additional grants can be acquired for some of the costs, as long as they are not Federal grants. Sheriff Ford express his appreciation for an opportunity to enhance the department with an additional aid for protection of officers, as well as the general public during operational procedures. It was one of his goals in campaign obligations for added safety of officers with body camera coverage. Magistrates approved Judge-Executive Harper to sign needed documents for the grant and camera contract.

Sheriff Ford reported 607 calls of service during December 2024, including 35 accidents, 13 domestic violence calls, 111 traffic stops, 23 welfare checks, eight alcohol calls and 10-911 calls. During 2024 the department received 9007 calls for service including 89 alcohol, 436 accidents, 189 alarm calls, 141 domestic violence, 1588 traffic stops, 262 welfare checks, 160 motorist assists and 585 warrants.

Jailer Tim Meador reviewed the magistrates with a December Jail Census of 83 inmates booked in and 11 home incarceration and ankle monitors.

equipment to the next meeting. A declaration of surplus equipment involving an inactive New Holland Skid Steer at the Transfer Station was approved and will be sent to Harper Auction in the near future. Animal Shelter Director Johnathan Carter reported for the month of December 2024 daily housing of dogs at 24 and cats four with five cats euthanized. Twelve dogs were released to Warren County Humane Society. The shelter conducted 26 city runs and 59 county runs. Director Carter related some animals are now being placed with registered rescue groups, which generally does not euthanize within their facilities. A presence on Facebook currently is assisting in awareness of the Animal Shelter and availability of adoptions.

The new Allen County Park is currently having utility installation in place as weather allows. The Scottsville-Allen County Planning and Zoning Commission is interviewing for a professional director with a \$74,500 total salary package. One half (\$47,500) cost will be incurred for the county amounting to \$23,750 for the remaining budget year. Magistrates approved the commission's request. The Glasgow Water Company (GWC) is addressing the expansion of the water treatment facility. The GWC also provides wholesale water service to five surrounding utilities including the Allen County Water District, On average GWC operations distribute over 3.1 billion gallons of water and treats over 1.1 billion gallons of waste water annually. A request of Allen County Fiscal Court to fund \$500 lobbyist fee for funding in the expansion process was approved by the magistrates. Judge-Executive Harper related the Fiscal Court is sponsor of the Allen County-Scottsville Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2024.

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a valid permit or driver's license and a smartphone. Parental consent is required for drivers under 18. To join, teens simply:

1. Visit kentuckyhighway.com/safe-teen-driving-challenge/ to register between Tuesday, Jan. 14, and Friday, Jan. 24, 2025 (cut-off is 11:59 p.m.).
2. Download the DriveWellGo™ app, create a new account, and enter the contest token code.
3. Drive safe, track your performance, and compete for the chance to win a prize.

"We're excited to merge a meaningful challenge, cool tech and cash prizes to encourage teens to be lifelong safe drivers," said the Office of Highway Safety Executive Director Bill Bell. "Safer highways are a win-win for all Kentuckians and this challenge will help reveal areas of strength and areas of improvement while they are still early in

their driving careers."

How it Works

The app, powered by Cambridge Mobile Telematics (CMT), uses smartphone sensor data to identify risky behaviors like speeding, hard braking, harsh acceleration, cornering and phone use. Teens can track their progress and see how they rank on the app's leader board, updated every two weeks, to provide valuable data to help young drivers become more aware of their habits behind the wheel.

Driving performance will be measured from January 25 to March 31, 2025, giving participants plenty of time to compete for the top spots.

The app uses machine learning to identify driving behaviors from sensor data and transform them into insights. The platform automatically determines if a person is in a vehicle and calculates if they're the driver or passenger

with 97 percent accuracy.

"Kentucky's Safe Teen Driving Challenge has the potential to reduce risky driving behaviors like distracted driving — a leading cause of crashes, especially among teens," said Ryan McMahan, SVP of Strategy at Cambridge Mobile Telematics. "By leveraging advanced technology and making safe driving fun with prizes, we're equipping young drivers with the tools and awareness to build lifelong safe driving habits."

For more information and to register, visit <https://kentuckyhighwaysafety.com/safe-teen-driving-challenge/>

City of Scottsville, Kentucky Fiscal Year Ending June 30th, 2024

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