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Leitchfield votes to pursue health center construction

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The Leitchfield City Council on Monday voted to pass a resolution stating it will pursue the construction of a local health and wellness center.

During the city council's regular meeting Monday night, Pinnacle Indoor Sports presented the results of its feasibility study into the establishment of a health and wellness center in the city of Leitchfield.

According to the study, the community could support a 50,000-square-foot indoor facility with two basketball courts and three volleyball courts (which would be multi-purpose

and could also be used for tennis, pickleball, futsal, and mat sports); a 180' x 180' synthetic turf field, which can accommodate batting cages; an indoor walking track; a food and beverage area with seating; and a flex space for community/meeting rooms.

The facility would cost \$9 million to construct plus \$1 million for equipment.

The study also found that, assuming there is no debt service, the facility would begin earning revenue in its third year of operation, with total projected revenue increasing from \$10,111 in year one due to limited pre-opening activity to \$750,127 by year four, at which

point it would reach stabilization. Year one would see a projected net loss of \$275,000; year two would see a projected net loss of \$171,000; year three would see a projected net gain of \$11,000; and year four would see a projected net gain of \$96,000.

City Councilman Clayton Miller expressed concern that the cost of the facility could put a strain on taxpayers.

Following the presentation, community members voiced their support and concerns about the project. First among them was state Sen. Steve Meredith, R-Leitchfield.

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The Leitchfield City Council holds discussion during its regular meeting Monday night.



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The Grayson County Fiscal Court meets in regular session on Oct. 16.

County appoints Economic Development Board members

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The Grayson County Fiscal Court this month made its appointments to the newly established Leitchfield-Grayson County Economic Development Board.

Local attorneys Darren Embry and Mike Shull, as well as retired Homeland, Inc. President David Zurmehly were selected to serve as the county's appointees to the Economic Development Board.

Grayson County Judge Executive Kevin Henderson said Embry, of EMWN Law, which has offices in Leitchfield and Lexington, Ky., is very familiar with bond issues through his work, and Shull practices law with Frost Brown Todd, out of Louisville, Ky.

Additionally, the fiscal court voted to appoint Owensboro Health Twin Lakes Medical Center (OHTLMC) CEO Ashley Herrington to serve on the board as a half-pick of the county and half-pick of the city of Leitchfield. These four join Henderson and Leitchfield Mayor Harold

Miller, both of whom will serve as ex officio (non-voting) members on the board.

Henderson said the CEO of OHTLMC will always have a seat on this board as the hospital will contribute financially to it.

Leitchfield will appoint three members to the board as well, but these individuals have not yet been selected.

In other business, the fiscal court:
*Accepted the Grayson County Board of Education's 2025 tax rates, which will be 56.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation on real property; 58.6 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation on personal property; and 46.3 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation on motor vehicles. There will also be a 3-cent utility tax. According to Henderson, these rates remain unchanged from 2024.

*Approved the annual option to purchase a piece of Kelley Beekeeping property from the Grayson County Healthcare Foundation for \$1 in order to reserve it for potential industry.

Heavrin honored by PCAK, Ky. Health Depts. Association

BY GRAYSON COUNTY NEWS

State Rep. Samara Heavrin, R-Leitchfield, this week received two awards from state agencies recognizing her legislative policies and advocacy.

On Monday, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCAK) awarded Heavrin with its annual Legislative/Policy Award for her work as chair of the House Families and Children committee and helping to pass House Bill 805.

Each year, PCAK recognizes elected officials who champion the safety, protection, and well-being of Kentucky's children and families through their policy leadership.

"By working hand-in-hand with leaders like Rep. Heavrin, we are advancing policies that protect children, strengthen families, and create safer Kentucky communities," said Jill Seyfred, executive director of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky. "Her dedication shows that real progress is possible when we unite around a shared commitment to support every child in Kentucky."

House Bill 805 passed as part of another measure and implemented sweeping reforms to child welfare in Kentucky. Heavrin's efforts clarified safety planning, expanded protections for children at risk of abuse or neglect, and strengthened accountability in child welfare investigations, advancing the safety and well-being of children and families across the Commonwealth.

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Courtesy photo

State Rep. Samara Heavrin, middle, was recognized by the Kentucky Health Departments Association Tuesday. She is pictured alongside KFDA Executive Director Dana Knickles, Lincoln Trail District Health Department Public Health Director Sara Jo Best, Grayson County Public Health Director Joshua Horton, and Grayson County Health Department Finance Coordinator Marlaina Meier.

Grayson County Board of Education receives tech center construction update

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At its most recent progress update on the addition/renovation of the Grayson County Technology Center,

the Grayson County Board of Education was informed the project is currently about a month behind schedule due to weather.

Joey Clark, an interior designer with ClotfelterSamokar, provided a con-

struction update during the regular October meeting of the Grayson County Board of Education (school board), held last Thursday, Oct. 16.

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