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New garbage collection rate approved by Fiscal Court

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Green County Fiscal Court, in its regular called meeting Thursday, January 16, approved a request from Waste Connections District Manager Fred Kissack to increase the garbage collection rate of one dollar per month for residential customers in the county.

“As I’ve said before, everything is increasing and garbage collection is no exception. Waste Connections has a contract with a company that transports their waste from transfer stations to their landfill in another county,” said Judge-Executive John Frank. “This transport company has increased their rates tremendously and Waste Connections will have to make up this difference at some point in time. The Court voted to allow a one-dollar increase versus having a huge increase at the end of the contract period, which is the end of 2027. It’s unfortunate to have to raise rates, especially

after the rates were recently raised per the Consumer Price Index. These types of situations have to be dealt with to come up with the best solution. Several counties around Green County have had to deal with this same issue and have also increased rates.”

In other business, magistrates approved:

- (1) The second reading and adoption of Budget Amendment No. 25004 with total amended revenues and appropriations amounting to \$739,879.07;
- (2) To reimburse the Green County Sheriff regarding the deputy clerk salary;
- (3) The annual contract with DC Elevator, Louisville, pertaining to the preventative maintenance of the Green County Judicial Center elevators amounting to \$170.89 per quarter;
- (4) To reappoint Jamie Blakeman to the Park Board for a 2-year term (Jan. 21, 2025-Jan. 20, 2027);
- (5) To appoint Sandi Moran to the Green County Library Board for a 4-year term (Feb.

- 15, 2025 – Feb. 14, 2029);
- (6) To appoint magistrates Andrew Parson and Terry Aaron to the 911 Board/PSAP Advisory Board for a 2-year term (Jan. 20, 2025- Jan. 19, 2027);
- (7) To appoint Josh McCubbin as Deputy Director for Emergency Management effective Jan. 6, 2025;
- (8) To advertise for bids pertaining to the purchase of a Green County Sheriff Department vehicle with cost not to exceed \$55,000;
- (9) Resolution No. 01-16-2025 regarding the prohibiting of any use of marijuana, cannabis, or THC by Green County government employees;
- (10) The first reading of the Amended Administrative Code;
- (11) A Memorandum of Understanding between Green County Fiscal Court and Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency with the county to contribute \$10,000 to the proposed project known as Stacy’s Hope to help combat the opioid crisis in the community;

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Four indicted at January Grand Jury

The Green County Grand Jury returned indictments against four people at its regular session January 8.

Garrett J. Luttrell, 37, 6698 Hodgenville Rd., was indicted on one count each of first-degree domestic violence assault, first-degree strangulation, first-degree unlawful imprisonment, tampering with physical evidence and intimidating participant in legal process. The charges stem from an alleged incident November 2. \$20,000 bond.

Robert Adam McCubbins, 44, 568 Raymond DeSpain Road, was indicted on one count each of first-degree domestic violence assault, first-degree strangulation, tampering with witness, first-degree unlawful imprisonment, first-degree criminal mischief, violation of a protective order and second-degree persistent felony offender. The charges stem from an alleged incident May 5. \$50,000 bond.

See Grand Jury, page 5A

Public meeting set for Industrial Park Road to KY 61 extension project

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will have a public meeting Thursday, January 30 for the proposed extension of Industrial Park Road (KY 3535) from Carlisle Avenue to KY 61 including a new crossing of Green River.

The open house meeting will be held at the Greensburg Community Center, located behind City Hall, from 4:30 to 6:40 p.m. CT and is open to interested individuals.

According to an announcements made by the Transportation Cabinet, the purpose of this meeting is to gather information from the public and answer questions about the KY 3535 project.

KYTC previously held public meetings on this project in November of 2018, before state project funding was exhausted. The project has new federal funding, and KYTC is bringing information back to the public for review. Since the original project presentation, designs have been updated and include additional options for improvements to connecting roadways.

Displays/presentation of the project will be available for viewing. A copy of the design can be found on page 5A in this week’s Record-Herald.

KYTC representatives and consultants will be available for commentary/questions.

Anyone with questions ahead of the meeting can contact the KYTC District 4 Office at 270-766-5066.

BOE to host public forum this Friday

Green County Board of Education will be having their annual public forum at the Green County Board of Education office on January 24 at 1 p.m. to assess the current Local Wellness Policy.

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

Greensburg native founded new scholarship foundation

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Stacy Williams Offner, a native of Green County, recently met with the Greensburg Rotary Club to give information about a foundation that she has started.

She began by explaining that this Rotary Club has played a huge role in her life by allowing her to be part of a cultural exchange program to the Netherlands in 1994.

“A teacher, Linda Montgomery, told me about that opportunity,” Offner said, “but I had never been out of Kentucky and no one in my family had ever flown on a plane.”

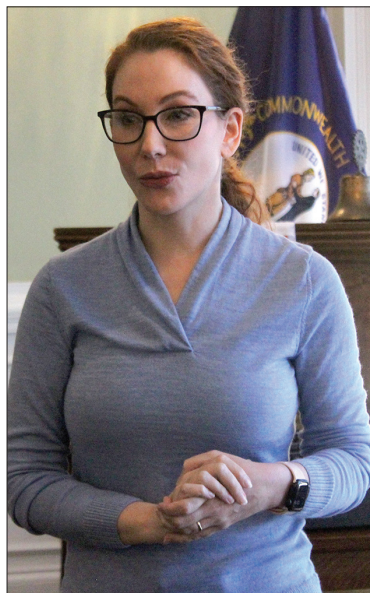
Offner said that Montgomery told her that she should sign up for the program and she decided to give it a try.

“What an adventure!” Offner said.

Rotary has participated in the Youth Exchange Program, which gives older teenagers the opportunity to study abroad. Long-term exchanges last for a full year but short-term exchanges last from a few days up to about three months.

Offner spent a month in the Netherlands and a young woman from that country also came to the United States as part of the program.

“She thought she was coming to some place like New York or Los Angeles,” Offner joked. “She had culture shock



Stacey Williams Offner

when she came to Kentucky.” Offner’s trip transformed her life into ways that she did not see coming at that time.

“From that experience, you planted a seed that let me know the world is a much bigger place,” she said.

Offner said that while in high school, she had no plans to attend college.

“No one in my family had graduated high school,” Offner said. “I was going to graduate high school, but I was also engaged to be married.”

Offner said that two Green County High School teachers, Linda Montgomery and Melissa Bright, encouraged her to attend college but she didn’t get serious about it until she was in her Spring semester of

her senior year. As she was trying to decide where to study after high school, she eventually made the decision to study at Ole Miss in Oxford, Mississippi, even though she wasn’t sure what she wanted to study.

“As I was making decisions about where to go, I asked what the hardest undergrad program is available,” she said. “I was told that is was chemical engineering and I decided that’s what I would study.”

She went on to say that she wasn’t really excited about studying engineering but thought she could drop down if it became too difficult.

“I knew if I started with basket-weaving 101, there was nothing easier for me to go to,” she quipped.

Because of the encouragement she received from Montgomery and Bright while a student at Green County High School, Offner has set up a foundation to help other Green County students.

The foundation, called The Montgomery-Bright Foundation, will assist only Green County students who may be struggling with finding a way to go to college.

“We are putting together the criteria now,” Offner said. “The student can self-nominate, or a teacher may nominate a student.”

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