



# Metcalfe County Fair Floral Hall Winners

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# Groundbreaking News



▲PHOTO | PJ MARTIN  
It's finally here, the groundbreaking for the stage construction in the historic courthouse yard. Pictured are chamber board members, Edmonton Mayor, and business representatives.

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It's been talked about for years, but in October 2022, the Edmonton Metcalfe

Chamber of Commerce announced the plans for a stage to be built in the courthouse yard, and a committee had been formed earlier that year.

Brochures with the design concept to match the historic courthouse were printed, and soon the donations began rolling in.

From gold level down to friendship level, little by little the total grew.

At long last, the day has arrived.

Last Friday, the groundbreaking occurred, although due to rain immediately after this photo was taken, the celebration moved to the Chamber

of Commerce office.

It will be great to watch the construction of a stage that will be used for many years to come!

## UTV Ordinance Passed

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The Edmonton City Council met in a special called meeting on Thursday, June 26th at the Edmonton City Hall. Those absent were Councilmember Tommy England and Edmonton Fire Chief Jerry Clemmons.

Mayor Doug Smith began with, "I would like to remind Council, this is considered our July meeting, and because of the date change, it is considered a special call meeting, and only the items on the agenda can be

discussed."

The minutes from both the June 2, 2025, meeting and the June 6, 2025, meeting were approved as written.

First on the agenda was a discussion of the UTV Ordinance. Mayor Smith stated, "We had the first reading of Ordinance #2024-25-12, for the use of UTV on city streets, following state guidelines, and first reading to repeal Ordinance #2018-19-2 operations of golf carts, all train vehicles, and mini trucks

**UTV,**  
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### Ribbon Cutting

The Edmonton Metcalfe Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting for Shockley Services LLC on Thursday, July 17th at 10 30 am with light refreshments and some giveaways. The business is located at 4705 Glasgow Road, Edmonton, and the phone number is 270-670-3772.

## A Clean Audit

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The Ambulance Service Corporation, Inc. Board of Directors met on Wednesday, June 26th, at the Community Center at the TJ Health Pavilion.

The meeting was called to order, and a roll call was performed with the following individuals present

Judge/Executive Jamie Byrd, Garland Gilliam, Ervin Sorrell, Dr. Neil Thornbury, and Phillip Gerald. Also, in attendance were Attorney Brian Pack, Executive Director Joe Middleton, Executive Secretary/Treasurer Shawn Estes, and from The Herald-News, PJ Martin.

A quorum was present.

The minutes from

the April 23, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

**Audit**  
Taylor, Polson, & Company PSC representative Jeff Carter presented the audit report for FY 2023-2024 as an unmodified or clean opinion.

Carter added, "Your total liabilities

decreased from 13.9 to 9.5 and your deferred inflows, which is income related to the pensions, increased from 2.8 to 5.3 what that really is showing us is that the pension, which again comes with the state, is actually doing better performance now than what it has done over the last few years."

**AUDIT,**  
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## Legalizing Special Purpose Vehicles

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The Metcalfe County fiscal court held its regular meeting on Thursday, June 26th, with all magistrates in attendance.

The agenda was adopted and the minutes from the June 12th meeting were approved after motions by Magistrates Ronnie Miller and Harvey Hawkins.

The John Hurt Road has been looked at, and the Welsh property

section can be gated and removed from the county road as was requested. Magistrate Daniel Bragg has spoken to her, "So, she's good with giving us an easement to turn around past her gate." County Attorney Sharon Howard is to prepare the necessary document. The closure at the gate was approved after motions by Magistrates Bragg and Miller.

After receiving correspondence from

**VEHICLES,**  
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Small Business Administration for Disaster & Recovery representative Carly Cook spoke to the court.

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