

Fiscal Court takes action regarding Red River Road Bridge

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The day following Christmas, the Clark County Fiscal Court met again for a regularly scheduled meeting.

While the festive holiday mood still hung in the air, business continued to be conducted as usual.

The Fiscal Court voted to move forward with an offer from CSX Transportation, a leading U.S. supplier of rail-based transportation, for action to take place regarding necessary maintenance on the Red River Bridge, hoping to obtain future funding from the Kentucky legislature.

This motion follows months of discussion and debate among multiple parties.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, one Clark County resident mentioned issues that have occurred when the bridge is closed, including a negative impact on local business.

"Our community of thirty-five families [is] trapped...water down there is over the bridge," she said, adding that the closure of the bridge created challenges following the

death of her husband. "Something needs to be done."

Another resident spoke of problems with emergency services accessing the area when the bridge is closed.

"I had an attorney contact me about a class-action lawsuit...I don't want to go that route, but I also think we must have something done," she said. "I know there's rights. I know CSX is hard to get a hold of...[but] there [are] ways to be doing something, and we expect it done."

Later in the meeting, Clark County Judge-Executive Les Yates also spoke and referred to a contractual offer sent from CSX, which Clark County attorney William Elkins and others reviewed.

"[The] interpretation...[is] there is no commitment from CSX in those contracts," he said. "They will give the bridge to the county under the stipulation that the county can then claim it's theirs, and then the county can go after state monies to get the bridge fixed, and then...it will be the county's bridge. They will maintain the bridge then in perpetuity."

Yates also expressed frustration regarding the offer.

"What bothered me is the [bridge]

has to be maintained per their requirements," he said. "Basically, it's not even an offer, in my opinion."

During the discussion, numerous Magistrates - including Ernest Pasley - spoke.

"From where I sit, if we continue to face off [with CSX], we have no future. We have no bridge," he said. "These people are in this situation forever, and the alternative is [that] we consider this and prepare ourselves."

Clark County attorney William Elkins also spoke.

"The contingency alleviates the risk," he said. "That also doesn't prevent you from looking at every other possibility to get it done [such as] free ways, expensive ways, quick ways [and more]."

Magistrate Dan Konstantopoulos also spoke.

"Ultimately...if we don't receive funding from the state, we're not bound by anything in this agreement," he said. "For that, it's better that we go ahead and do this...so we can get into that pocket of money and push our legislature to approve this."

The Fiscal Court voted unanimously to approve the contractual offer provided by CSX.

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Patricia A. Cooper-Jones, 81

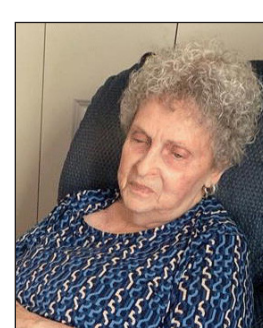
Patricia A. Cooper-Jones, 81, wife of Charles Buck Jones, passed away Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Born in Louisville, KY on February 2, 1943, she was

the daughter of the late Thomas and Rebecca Franklin Cooper. Patricia was an employee of Winchester Clothing for 27 years before retiring in 2001 and was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Cheri Wellner, James (Mary Jo) Jones, Danny (Christine) Jones; grandchildren, Jacob Wellner, Darrin Anderton, Veronica Dray; great grandson, Jacob James Anderton; sister, Shari Cox as well as numerous extended family members.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Linda Sue Berryman.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00PM on Saturday January 4, 2025 at Boonesboro Cemetery.



Patricia Cooper-Jones

East Kentucky Power granted approval for solar facilities

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) recently approved East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) to begin construction on two solar power facilities. Coming to Marion and Fayette counties, respectively, the projects will be instrumental to renewable energy in the state.

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), the PSC granted EKPC CPCN for the projects' development. EKPC

will build a facility that generates 96 megawatts called Northern Bobwhite Solar Project; this will be located to the north of Lebanon, Marion County, east of Highway 55. On the other hand, EKPC will construct another facility, Bluegrass Plains Solar Project, that will generate 40 megawatts. This facility will be located south of Interstate 64, Fayette County, approximately 3.2 miles from Clark County.

In October, the PSC held

an evidentiary hearing following which public testimony was submitted based on which the commission assessed the projects. This public hearing was transparent, and the recorded hearing can be accessed at the PSC YouTube channel.

The PSC reiterated that the projects meet the statutory requirements defined by the Kentucky General Assembly. These facilities are imperative to ensure that Kentucky's electricity rates and services are of-

fered at reasonable prices and are reliable without redundancy. The commission also directed EKPC to incorporate preventative measures during the projects' construction and operation to avoid the projects' possible negative impact on surrounding properties.

An online summary with attachments, documents, and related cases placed in the PSC links available on the PSC website at psc.ky.gov/case/viewcasefilings/2024-00129.

CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS REPORTS

Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded in the Clark County Clerk's office Dec. 14-21, 2024.

Triple A Resources Inc. to WOW Foodmart LLC, 2500 Mt. Sterling Road, \$2,800,000.

C B Homes Inc. to Ethan J. McGinnis, 303 Geronimo Court, \$198,000.

Robert L. Farney to Manfred Ball, 140 Log Lick Road.

DGS Development LTD to Ryan J. Vanderpool and Amanda M. Vanderpool, 7175 Wades Mill Road, \$135,000.

DGS Development LTD to Stan M. McGlone and Jessica M. McGlone, 7075 Wades Mill Road, \$125,000.

John Wilson Properties Inc. to Diana C. Littrell and Linden Masters, 170 Duclair Drive, \$110,000.

Michelle Austin to Cecil G. Caudill, 391 Killarney Drive, \$10,000.

John W. Conaway and Penni L. Conaway to Trevor Allen Huiett and Traci Morgan Huiett, 835 Midway Road, \$190,000.

Sarah Elyzabeth Criswell to Spencer Stewart and Patricia Stewart Hopkins, 433 W. Lexington Ave., \$100,000.

Bluegrass Property Investments Inc. to Kari McGrath, 110 Hood Ave., \$172,000.

Larry Lee Jones estate to Amy Marie Sexton and Quentin Joseph Bolin, 106 Old Ironworks Road, \$291,000.

Cynthia W. Downing and Michael Downing to Norman Todd Daugherty, 140 Lana Lane, \$560,000.

Samarra McBreairty and Derrick Waldrop to Heather Nadine Rannella, 440 Flanagan Station Road, \$503,000.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage license applications were issued by the Clark County Clerk's office Dec. 14-21, 2024.

Tiffany Janel Jones and Billy Paul Stamper, Dec. 18.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

1-2 CRYPTOQUOTE

RCLGCIJ TIBLVY KAD YLPM, WHQ LKHZ UWSZ BGH

XCWDY PGI QDDK CLOUGSN ETSQQ UKHEQS

QBLVDIY VEPM. — YCICNWHETI. — DGJGHQIQ

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THIS IS A NEW YEAR. A NEW BEGINNING. AND THINGS WILL CHANGE — TAYLOR SWIFT

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1-3 CRYPTOQUOTE

JSWRQSV

— AHYH

— AHYH

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: JANUARY BRINGS THE SNOW, MAKES OUR FEET AND FINGERS GLOW. — SARA COLERIDGE

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1-4 CRYPTOQUOTE

MTPPHMM JMV'G QHGHILJVHQ

FD SNO LBVD GJLHM DNT OJV,

FTG FD SNO DNT AYBD GSH

OHHW BUGHI DNT YNMH.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ONE KIND WORD CAN WARM THREE WINTER MONTHS. — JAPANESE PROVERB

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