

COMMUNITY

Fiscal Court approves bid for janitorial services for new judicial center

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Bath County Fiscal Court members held their regular February meeting last Thursday morning, with all court members in attendance.

Court members opened sealed bids for janitorial services at the new judicial center. The low bid was from Jody Gray Maintenance and Janitorial, from Flemingsburg, with a bid of \$44,032 per year. Two other bids were from Ruely Services of Morehead, \$83,200 a year, and Stone Commercial Cleaning, \$151,000 a year. Judge/Executive McKenzie said the low bid would be sent to the Administrative Office of the Courts in Frankfort to approve the low bid.

Gray was present at the meeting and said his com-

pany also provides janitorial services for the judicial centers in Nicholas and Fleming Counties, and he is charging the same amount per square foot as he does at the other counties.

The projected opening date for the new Bath County Judicial Center is March 30.

County Treasurer Julie Cline delivered the monthly financial report and noted the jail bill was down some in January, with court members approving a budget transfer of \$70,000 from the General Fund to the Jail Fund.

Cline also said the county received \$379,817 in occupational tax receipts for the 4th quarter, which was from \$411,000 this time last year. Court members approved transfers of \$15,398 each to the cities of Sharpsburg and Salt Lick, and \$30,796 to the city of

Owingsville, as part of the occupational tax sharing agreement.

Court members also approved the first reading of a budget amendment to account for \$318,268 in unbudgeted receipts, and they approved the reappointment of Mike Crockett to the Bath County Water District Board for another four-year term.

Court members also met in closed session for about 10 minutes, and upon returning to open session, voted to approve advertising to hire a full-time employee for 911 Dispatch, at \$15 an hour.

They also voted to approve a resolution expressing support House Bill 557, a county jail reform bill currently in the General Assembly.

County Attorney Kim Price also noted that her office had collected \$1324 in jail recoupment fees.

Bath County News Outlook in March.

Clemons said there had been a preconstruction meeting with Walker Construction at their office in Mt. Sterling on January 7 regarding the sidewalk improvement project funded by the federal TAP grant. Work on the project got underway this week and is expected to be completed quickly.

Clemons gave updates on city franchise payments, the R. L. Brown Foundation account, the city sewer account, and the KU franchise payment.

She also noted that she had delivered and signed a proclamation recognizing January as School Board Member Recognition Month at the January Board of Education meeting at the request of the school district.

Clemons also noted she and commissioners had received numerous phone calls during last month's ice storm, and she noted that people "had gotten nasty" about snow and ice removal in the town. She noted that Main Street was a county road and that city had no equipment to clean its streets, nor could it afford to buy such equipment.

She asked if local taxpayers would be willing pay more in taxes to pay for snow and ice removal and if previous mayors had received the same kinds of calls during bad storms.

She said in the past county road workers had cleaned streets as a courtesy, or private individuals had used their own equipment to plow streets.

Clemons also presented a list of city streets to commissioners. These streets include Back Street (0.344 mile); Doyle Drive (0.085);

East Ash Street (0.055); East Mill Street (0.055); East Oak Street (0.054); East Public Street (0.054); East Water Street (0.052); Forest Drive (0.304); Knight Avenue (0.055); Maple Street (0.053); Montgomery Street (0.301); Sarah Way (0.0390); Walnut Street (0.056); West Ash Street (0.056); West Church Street (0.118); West Mill Street (0.057); West Oak Street (0.056); West Public Street (0.093); and West Water Street (0.057).

Commissioner Oney noted that this was an unusually bad storm and there wasn't much that could have been done about it.

Clemons also said the city had received a nuisance complaint regarding dogs not under control from the owner at 299 Back Street. She said the property owner would be receiving a letter asking them to address the nuisance.

Commissioners also met in closed session for about 20 minutes to discuss a city financial matter.

Upon returning to open session, Clemons said the matter would be discussed at the March meeting.

The next Sharpsburg City Commission meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, at noon, at the Community Center.

The Sharpsburg Black History Month Celebration will take place this Saturday, Feb. 21, beginning at noon at the Community Center gymnasium, with a catered meal at noon, followed by speakers Shaniqua Robinson, Director of the Center for Teaching Black History at Berea, and Frontier Housing.



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