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City of Booneville Breaks Ground on Phase 3 Waterline Replacement Project



The City of Booneville is pleased to announce the groundbreaking of the Booneville Waterline Replacement Project, Phase 3, marking another important investment in the community's water infrastructure and the continued delivery of reliable water service to local residents.

The project will replace approximately 36,000 feet of existing waterline, improving the water distribution system and benefiting 106 homes throughout the project area.

In addition to replacing existing infrastructure, the project includes the installation of five in-line flow meters designed to help identify potential leaks and improve the City's ability to monitor the water system and address future maintenance needs. Mayor Nelson Bobrowski expressed his enthusiasm for the project and emphasized the sustained effort required to bring it to fruition.

"We are very happy to see this project moving forward. We have been working for more than five years to secure the funding package necessary to make this project a reality," said Mayor Bobrowski. "The City of Booneville works continuously with state and federal funding partners to secure the resources needed to construct essential system upgrades and maintain our water infrastructure. I want to thank Senator Robert Stivers and Representative Chris Fugate for their work in securing the funding for this project. These investments are critical to ensuring that our community has reliable water service and the infrastructure needed for the future."

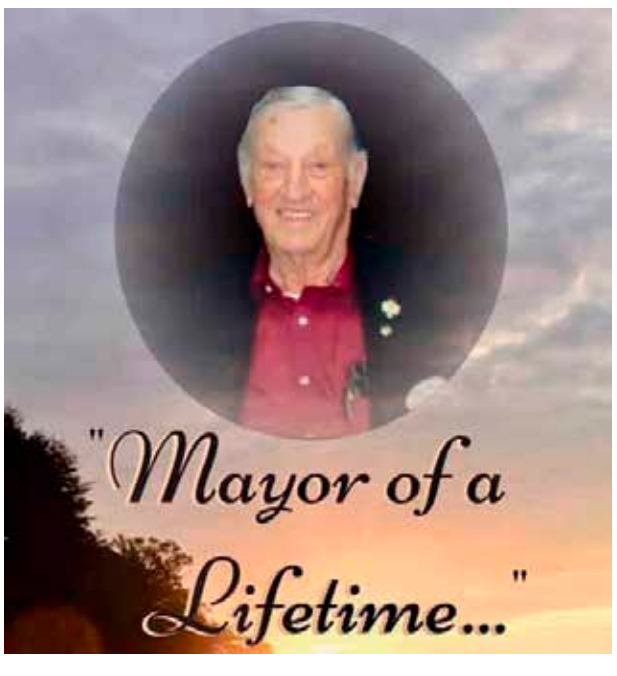
The construction contract has been awarded to Clay Pipeline in the amount of $1,493,489.

The project is supported by a $1,933,000 grant through General Funds Grant 24HB001, providing the funding necessary to advance these critical water system improvements.

The Phase 3 project represents the City's continued commitment to maintaining and improving essential public infrastructure, protecting water resources, and supporting the long-term needs of Booneville residents.

Replacing waterlines and incorporating improved monitoring technology will help the City better manage its water system, identify potential problems, and respond more effectively to leaks.

The City of Booneville recognizes that infrastructure improvements require long-term planning, collaboration, and the strategic use of available funding. Continued coordination with state and federal partners helps the City address infrastructure needs while investing in the reliability and sustainability of essential public services. As construction moves forward, the City looks forward to the successful completion of this next phase of waterline improvements and the lasting benefits it will provide to the community.



The city of Booneville and OC Senior Center celebrated the memory of former Booneville Mayor Charles E Long last week, on what would have been his 107th birthday. Mayor Long loved spending time at the Owsley County Senior Citizens Center, and the late Mrs. Ann Marshall always made sure his birthday was celebrated with a cake. Owsley County Schools FFA Officers and Gifted students spent part of their Day of Service visiting with and serving the seniors.

Owsley County Board of Education News for October

By Lisa Robinson; Booneville Sentinel

The Owsley County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joyce Campbell. Roll Call was done by Board Secretary Betty Jo Neeley. A motion was made and carried to Review/Approve the Agenda as presented. A motion was made and carried to Review/Approve the Board Minutes from the September 1, 2026 meeting.

Autumn Herald, Finance Director/Treasurer, gave the Financial Report including Payrolls, Claims, Monthly Finance Report, Head Start/Early Head Start Financial Report and the Food Service Financial Report. A motion was made and carried to approve the Financial Report.

A motion was made and carried to approve donation/establish a High Yield Savings Account for Education and Health Care Scholarships. It will be awarded to 10 students per year that are going into the education or medical field. Each scholarship will be for $3,000. We want to put this money in a savings account. We probably will not have 10 at a time so that money will just roll back in. Students can get it as a one-time scholarship.

A motion was made and carried to table the RossTarrant Architects Conceptual Design Study for the OCHS & Community Auditorium addition until the next meeting. "We are one of 66 schools in Kentucky that can join the Social Media Class Action Lawsuit. The firm that is doing this got in touch with Perry County and they got in touch with us and Leslie County. It is of no cost to us if they file. If they win, they get 33% of whatever we get. Our board attorney recommends we do it. We have nothing to lose. It is a law firm out of Louisville that is doing this," said Superintendent Gary Cornett. A motion was made and carried to join the lawsuit on the recommendation of the board attorney.

A motion was made and carried to approve the Superintendent's Travel for September & October, 2026. Charlie Davidson was not at the meeting so Superintendent Cornett said that the attendance is running around 94%. Enrollment was 590 and 3 left today. That leaves our enrollment at 587. "We have a student with an IEP that needs a shortened day/week," said Sup. Cornett. A motion was made and carried to approve shortening the days/week for the student.

OCES Principal Brad Mullins gave an overview of the OCES Fall Academic Report. OCMHS Principal Lincoln Spence gave an overview of the OCMHS Fall Academic Report. A motion was made and carried to approve the following Consent Items: review the SBDM reports (OCES & OCHS); approve/appoint a board member to serve on the Local Planning Committee (Board member Fannie Couch was appointed last time to serve – Fannie was nominated to serve again); approve/recognize Local Planning Committee Members (was attached to board members packets); approve/schedule LPC Committee Advertised Public Meeting Date (Monday, October 26th at 3:00 pm.

The meeting will be in the Owsley County Board of Education Central Office Board Room.); approve to Increase VISA Credit Card Limit for OCHS; approve Emergency 24 Monitoring Service Agreement 2026; approve Purchase of two Pure Water Technology PW90's (Water Fountains) for OCES & OCHS Food Service for 1 time payment of $1,680.00; approve KETS FY 2026-2027 Technology Activity Report; approve 2026-2031 MOU EKU TRIO Appalachian Heartlands Talent Search Program; approve 2026-2028 MOU Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Division of Driver Licensing, administered by Kentucky Safe Driver; approve RFP-050-0739b to Commonwealth Food Service Equipment for all items included in the RFP; approve Family Medical Leave (Julia Bishop 10/20/2026 – 11/30/2026; Payton Lynch 11/3/2026 – 12/18/2026 Maternity); approve Head Start Supplemental One-Time Funding (Strengthen Nutrition and Healthy Eating); approve Head Start Supplemental One Time Funding (Laptops for Teachers & Playground Equipment); approve Early Head Start Supplemental One-Time Funding (Strengthen Nutrition & Healthy Eating); approve Early Head Start Supplemental One-Time Funding (Laptops for Teachers & New Bus Purchase with any and all documents included; approve/modify RFP's listed (Copier Machines to include closing date of October 23, 2026; Website Service to include closing date of October 23, 2026; Schedule Special Board Meeting to accept RFP's for the above – in person on October 26th at 2:30 pm); approve/surplus items (Antiquated Technology Equipment & Devices; Old Food Service Equipment; Flood Damaged Agricultural Resources; Diesel Pressure Washer; Excess Locker, Chairs, Desk, etc.; Old Doors; LED Lights); approve Over Night/Out of State Trips (Boys Golf Team/Randy Osborne – Regional Tournament September 20, 2026 in Whitesburg, Ky – tentative approval by text from board members on September 18, 2026; Boys Basketball Team/Tyson Gross – Gatlinburg, Tennessee December 28-30, 2026); approve 09.2 Updated Wellness Policy 2nd Reading and the reports from each department.

A motion was made and carried to acknowledge the Personnel Action Report by the Superintendent. We employed Chelsi Barrett (Itinerant Health/P.E. Teacher .5 OCES/.5 OCHS); Shawnda Mason (Certified Substitute Teacher) and Markayla Helen Green (Classified Substitute). Letters were sent – private Reprimand (OCES Teacher & OCHS Teacher). We had one Resignation – Jeremy Brewer (Varsity Softball Coach – effective 9/8/2026) and one Retirement Charlene Mosley (effective 10/31/2026).