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Fire Destroys Four Apartments

A fast-moving blaze ripped through four units of the Booneville Homes Apartment complex early Sunday morning. The fire, smoke, and water caused extensive damage to one half of the structure and forced six families from their homes as firefighters from eight departments worked to extinguish the conflagration. According to reports, dispatchers for Post 7 in Richmond received reports of a working structure fire at apartments located on the edge of Booneville off Reynolds Road shortly after 2:20 a.m. Callers reported that an apartment building with eight apartments was on fire and residents were evacuating the building. Residents said the fire started in Apartment 108 on the second floor, at the back of the building.



They credit the renter in Apartment 108 with helping "everyone make it out alive." According to neighbors, the renter, identified as Charlie N. Johnson, saw the fire in her apartment on her security video and came to the scene to warn others. "I woke up with her beating on my door," a resident of one of the downstairs apartments said as she sat and watched firefighters work. "She probably saved us." Firefighters from the Booneville-Owsley County Fire Department arrived on scene within minutes. They requested mutual aid for manpower and equipment from several fire departments in Owsley, Lee, and Breathitt County. At the same time, two separate wrecks were reported in Owsley County, requiring Boonevilleto split its responding unit between the calls. Quick and decisive action by the members of the Booneville Fire Department isolated the fire to one side of the building. They were able to contain and slow the fire until reinforcements and additional manpower arrived from other departments.

Firefighters and engines from Booneville-Owsley, Lee County, Vincent, Beattyville, Bear Track, Primrose, and Tri-Community Fire Departments arrived on the scene to aid in the effort. An Aerial ladder truck and seven firefighters from Jackson arrived on scene 35 minutes after the request for the specialized equipment was sent. Crews battled the blaze in Building I from the ground with several handlines and from above with the aerial ladder for just over seven hours before the blaze was declared out at about 9:30 a.m. Officials with the City of Booneville and the Booneville-Owsley County Fire Department estimated that more than 120,000 gallons of water were used to knock out the flames. The building, owned and operated by Booneville Homes, LLC, with P B Land Management, LLC, of Paintsville, was home to six families with two open units. Representatives of the American Red Cross were notified and arrived to assist renters in finding shelter for the evening and obtaining essential items over the next few days. Crews remained on scene to ensure that no hotspots remained and that no flare-ups endangered the building. No injuries were reported, and no cause has been announced as the investigation continues.

OC Election Results

Judge-Executive
REP Zeke Little Jr 72.28%
DEM Cale Turner 27.72%

OC Attorney
Henley McIntosh 100%

OC Court Clerk
Austin Bowling 100%

OC Sheriff
REP Brent Lynch 69.77%
DEM James Paul McIntosh 30.23%

OC Coroner
REP Cassie Smith Morgan 100%

Magistrate District 1
REP Jerry Lee Sandlin 1--%

Constable District 1
REP Wade Burns 100%

Magistrate District 2
REP Jason Reed 100%

Constable District 2
REP Steven Addison 100%

Magistrate District 3
REP Jeff Dooly

Constable District 3
REP Daymond Byrd 100%

District Judge
William "Bo" Leach 100%

Owsley County Board of Education District 1
Andre DeBord 100%

Owsley County Board of Education District 3
Kimberly Campbell 100%

City of Booneville Mayor
Nelson Bobrowski 70.59%
Gerald "Joe" Havicus 29.41%

City of Booneville City Commissioners (4)
Joan Campbell 14.71%
Wendy Darling 5.23%
Darrin Gay 18.30%
Michael Paul Harvey 11.11%
Kyle Bobrowski 15.03%
Sandra Lewis 2.29%
Cody Griffin 5.88%
Deatra Havicus 5.56%
Ray Baker 6.21%
Tyra Dearborn 4.58%
Eric Hill 11.11%

Booneville Community Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday November 17th, Booneville Life Center
Starting 5pm, potluck dinner, music by Deidra and Rob Morgan, Message from Rob Morgan.
Sponsor; OC Ministerial Assoc.

City of Booneville News

By Lisa Robinson

The Booneville Board of Commissioners (City Council) met in regular session on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson Bobrowski. "The first thing on our agenda," said the mayor, "today is Mayor Charles Long Day. He was the Mayor of a Lifetime. They have been remembering a life well lived and his legacy of service is on and on and on for over 60 years as mayor. He meant a lot to this city, county and all the people in it. He was the first one to get the water and sewer systems going here as well. That was very important to the city. I just wanted to remember Charles Long Day, the fine human he was and how he gave his life and legacy to the people and to the community."

Chad Mashburn, Vice President of Engineering, with Jackson Energy was present to talk about the electrical system upgrades intended to help reduce the length of power outages in Booneville. "I know in the last major ice storm, we had an outage that was pretty long and it affected the gas stations, the grocery store and other businesses. When these places are down it is crippling, not only to the people but to the businesses as well. In Booneville, we have Feeder 1 and Feeder 2 (F1 & F2). Feeder 1 goes out toward Lerose. Feeder 2 comes to Booneville and out towards Scoville. It dead ends out there. Where both Feeders come off the hill is a point of contingency for us. A lot of times a tree will fall and will knock both Feeders out.

We tied Feeder 1 and 2 together across the parking lot at Shopwise. We can back feed from White Oak in two different places now and then back feed the city. We have switches at the foot of the hill behind the presbyterian church. In the event that a tree falls on that double circuit, we can open the switches up and then go out and then we can go out and close some of the switches and heat the lines back up. We have opening points too where we can try to isolate the city. A lot of times when both Feeders are out, that is where the problem is. We can open the normal switches and back feed. Everything has already been implemented. Right now, we have to manually close the switches. We hope to get automatic switches but those are expensive. We have several back feeders in Booneville and these will help get the power restored to the city and county offices as well as both schools, the grocery store and other businesses. This will help shorten the outages that do occur."

Paul Nesbitt from Nesbitt Engineering gave an update of the projects that Nesbitt is working on for the city. "We will start out with the Bates Block Design – this is an ARC for $600,000 for the left-hand side where the Mexican restaurant is supposed to go. We are looking at a few months, then bidding and then construction. The Water Plant Rehab – we have applied for tons of grants and we are showing it as in the funding phase because we don't know when that will end. It will end when we get the money. The Telemetry Expansion – is going to go to construction. I do have a contract and a Notice to Proceed for Billy Ball on that. The mayor needs to sign and Billy says he will start tomorrow. The Sag Hollow Subdivision – something we designed for smaller housing and we are still waiting for funding on that. The Cabins at Sag – AMLER gave the city about $1.64 million more to do the last three cabins.

We ended up with five (5). We need to get that going and get it under construction. I would like to think that we could get the bidding soon. The Brewer Road Water Line – you went through the procurement on that. The Water Line Phase 3 – this was a line item in the state for $1.933 million for Lerose. They are supposed to start construction on the 19th of this month. FEMA is ongoing. It seems like we always have some kind of emergency. It takes two or three years to work things out with them. The Saul Water Line – we are just waiting to bid it as soon as Perry County and the mayor meet try to figure out how to serve the two houses on top of the hill. As soon as they agree on something, we will go ahead and put that out to bid. The Sewer Redirect – is funded by CDBG-DR at $1.298 million. The KRADD District is working on the Release of Funds. The Fish Creek Kayak Launch – KRADD is supposed to be doing the Environmental (according to Tammy). It is $150,200 with $75,100 being put up by the city."

David Hall, CBWS Superintendent, gave his monthly update. "Rural Water came down today and apparently it is time to recertify our Emergency Response Plan and our Risk and Resiliency Assessment. This is a good document that has all of our contacts for any kind of emergency. I will be getting that done in the next little bit. I think this Lerose Project will be a game changer on some of the water loss. The Raw Water Pumps have not been installed yet. We are still waiting on the other High Service Pump that we said we would get. We got our Division of Water Inspection a couple of months ago. We have received the report back. We have 15-20 things that are just recurring paperwork – things they want done differently. I will be working on getting that response to her. The PAA Disinfectant at the WasteWater Plant – the trial that we have been doing – the permit was supposed to be submitted today by Mike Johnson. We have some that are going to their classes and trainings. They seem to enjoy it. Last but not least, I was asked if the city could open a fire hydrant to make a little river of water so they can race the ducks (a BETA Club Project).

This is a fundraiser for them." The members of the council agreed to do this as long as they do it in a safe place. Booneville City Police Chief Claude Hudson gave a report of the things he has done in the last month. These include but are not limited to: execute an eviction notice, grand jury testimony, inside and outside school patrol, criminal trespassing complaints, illegal parking warnings, drug paraphernalia disposal, several alarm calls, multitude of traffic stops, motorist assists, vehicle unlocks, security detail at Farmers Market on Tuesday and Saturday (just ended last week), removal of dead animals from roadways and parking lots, welfare checks on folks, several

