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board and the program.

The board reviewed a proposal from Endris Engineering for surveying work associated with the next phase of improvements at Lincoln County High School. The proposal includes a \$2,700 topographic survey and a \$1,500 private utility location survey to support installation of a new electrical service, emergency generator, expanded loading docks and parking improvements as part of the district's previously funded \$7 million facilities project.

The board also received the district's annual Early Childhood report and discussed several items that will return for action, including training plans for the Early Childhood program, a memorandum of understanding with Maxim Healthcare Services to provide medical support for Early Head Start students, and a contract with retired school psychologist Nancy Orr to assist with preschool evaluations and special

education eligibility determinations. The proposed contract would cover up to 65 days of work at a daily rate of \$259.87 and would be funded through IDEA.

Additional discussion items included agreements with the Commonwealth's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to continue the Community Work Transition Program, Central Kentucky Interpreter Register for interpreter services, Eastern Kentucky University's Upward Bound program to provide an additional opportunity for students to earn high school Spanish credit, and UNITE Service Corps to provide student support services in elementary schools.

The board postponed the first reading of the Kentucky School Boards Association's 2026 policy updates after members experienced technical issues accessing the revised documents. Updated PDF versions were provided, and the first reading will take place at a future meeting.

Board members also

discussed declaring the district's former FFA trailer as surplus after determining it had been damaged by flooding beyond repair.

The board reviewed plans to declare Highland Elementary School and unusable contents as surplus following the school's closure.

Superintendent Bruce Smith said the district has received reports of a break-in and a false fire alarm since the school year ended. An appraisal will be required before the property can be sold.

Additional items discussed included approval of the district's 2026-27 Emergency Operations Plan, an increase in pay for full-time substitute bus drivers, a \$6,000 Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer implementation grant, updates to the 2026-27 student handbook and declaring outdated athletic weights and racks as surplus for sale, with proceeds returning to the athletic program.

Board members also discussed whether to maintain or abolish the assistant

superintendent position, which is currently vacant.

During the discussion, board members considered potential cost savings, administrative workload and the district's organizational structure.

Superintendent Smith said eliminating the position would require additional responsibilities to be assigned to other district administrators and noted that only a limited number of employees possess the certifications needed for some duties.

Rather than taking action, the board agreed to table the discussion until its next meeting after Smith agreed not to fill the position before the board makes a decision.

The board also discussed developing a long-term facilities improvement plan that could combine multiple renovation projects into a larger bond-funded package. Board members said they plan to continue that discussion after receiving additional information from district facilities and finance staff.

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at the historic site, located at 6726 Ky. 300 near Stanford. Organizers invite the public to attend and encourage visitors to bring lawn chairs for the outdoor patriotic program.

The ceremony will honor Isaac Shelby, who served as Kentucky's first governor when the Commonwealth entered the Union in 1792 and later returned to office as the state's fifth governor during the War of 1812.

Born in 1750, Shelby earned the nickname "Old King's Mountain" for his leadership during the Revolutionary War Battle of King's Mountain. During the battle, he instructed his men to use the wooded terrain to their advantage by advancing from tree to tree while taking cover from British forces. The tactics helped secure a key American victory despite the two sides being similar in size.

Following the Revolutionary War, Shelby returned to Kentucky, then part of Virginia. On April 19, 1783, he married Susannah Hart at Boonesborough. The couple's first son, James, was named in honor of Shelby's brother, who was killed by Native Americans at Crab Orchard Springs.

from Virginia, and on June 1, 1792, Kentucky became the nation's 15th state. Three days later, Shelby was inaugurated as Kentucky's first governor at the age of 41.

After completing his first term in 1796, Shelby returned to Traveler's Rest, where he focused on managing his land and family affairs.

When the War of 1812 broke out, Shelby answered the call to public service, saying he would only return to office during a national emergency. He was elected Kentucky's fifth governor in 1812 and later led approximately 3,500 mounted Kentucky volunteers into Canada during the campaign against British and Native American forces.

Shelby's troops fought at the Battle of the Thames, where Shawnee leader Tecumseh was killed and British forces surrendered. Among those killed in the battle was fellow Lincoln Countian William Whitley.

After the war, Shelby welcomed visits from President James Monroe and future President Andrew Jackson. Soon afterward, he suffered a stroke but partially recovered and spent his remaining years with his family at Traveler's Rest.

Shelby died peacefully on July 18, 1826, after spending the day with his family. He was buried in the family cemetery at Traveler's Rest, in accordance with his wishes. In 1952, the Commonwealth designated the burial grounds as the Isaac Shelby State Historic Site.

In 1786, Shelby completed his limestone home, Traveler's Rest, in what was then Lincoln County, Va. The home remained in the Shelby family for four generations before it was accidentally destroyed by fire in 1905.

As Kentucky settlers sought independence from Virginia, Shelby became involved in the movement that led to statehood. Delegates met in Danville beginning in 1784 to discuss separating

assistance from law enforcement and utility and public works agencies.

No information on injuries or the cause of the fire was immediately available.

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treatment for heat-related emergencies and emergency evacuation techniques.

The training emphasized providing immediate care to stabilize injured K-9s until they can be transported to a veterinarian.

Participants also learned how to conduct routine physical examinations to recognize signs of illness or injury that working dogs cannot communicate.

Each handler completed eight hours of documented training and received a fully stocked K-9 first-aid kit to carry while on duty.

Lincoln County Chief Deputy Michael Mullins said the training provided deputies with practical skills that could make a critical difference during an emergency.

"The course taught us how to keep our dogs alive and stable until we can get

them to a veterinarian if they suffer a medical emergency," Mullins said.

He said handlers also learned how to perform physical assessments to identify abnormalities before they become serious problems.

"Dogs can't tell you when something hurts," Mullins said. "We learned how to examine them and recognize when something isn't normal."

Mullins said the training and equipment will better prepare deputies to respond when a police K-9 is injured in the line of duty.

"Our team learned valuable skills to help keep our dogs safe," he said. "We also left with K-9 first-aid kits that will allow us to provide emergency care when every second counts."

Police service dogs represent a significant investment for law enforcement agencies, but Mullins said the training is ultimately about protecting the animals that serve alongside deputies.



LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT

Handlers practice life-saving emergency medical techniques on a realistic K-9 training mannequin during Spike's School at Lincoln County Fire Station 1, learning wound packing, hemorrhage control and stabilization skills for injured police dogs.

"If we can stabilize a dog that's been injured until it reaches veterinary

care, that's what matters most," he said.

Gov. Beshear announces administration changes

News release

FRANKFORT - Gov. Andy Beshear announced that Rocky Adkins, the Governor's senior advisor, served his last day with the administration Friday, July 10. The Governor thanked Adkins for his commitment to serving the people of Kentucky through challenges like the pandemic and multiple natural disasters while also helping deliver historic economic investment and new jobs.

"Rocky has been an invaluable part of Team Kentucky and our success, and I am grateful to him for his leadership and his

friendship," said Gov. Beshear. "Every day, Rocky shows up ready to serve the people of our commonwealth, and I know his commitment to public service will continue to drive him in this next chapter. I wish him, Leah and their family all the best."

"It's been a tremendous honor working with Gov. Beshear and his team through unprecedented challenges, while also celebrating historic economic investments and record-breaking new jobs at the highest wages in Kentucky history," Adkins said. "I've committed my career to public service.

From working at different levels in the legislature to now the executive branch, these experiences have helped me support families across our commonwealth, and I couldn't be more proud of what we've accomplished."

Adkins was appointed to the role of senior advisor in 2019 by then-Governor-elect Beshear. In the seven years since, Adkins helped lead the Beshear administration to secure more than 1,300 private-sector new-location and expansion projects totaling over \$50 billion in announced investments, creating more than 70,000 jobs.

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firefighters arrived. Mutual aid was provided to the East Casey County Volunteer Fire Department, with additional

assistance from law enforcement and utility and public works agencies.

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