

FROM THE FRONT

FISCAL COURT ENTERS AGREEMENT WITH BOYS/GIRLS CLUB

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At the January 8, 2026, Fiscal Court meeting, members unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding with the Boys and Girls Club, allowing the Club to temporarily use the gym and the multi-use Sr. Citizens building at the McCreary County Park from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. According to Director Sharon Privett, some procedural details still need clarification

before opening, and the local Board of Directors is scheduled to meet in February to review membership details. Once activities begin, it is estimated that 40-45 youth can be served temporarily at the park. Organizers have submitted an ARC grant application to fund the construction of a stand-alone building for the program, and the application has advanced to the competitive stage. Although grant awards can take up to a year, Privett hopes to receive positive news about

funding by this fall. In other business, the Court discussed and approved the first step toward discontinuing a county road, Manor Circle, also known as 19th Street on the old Whitley City Map. The resident requesting the road's removal stated that he is the sole property owner (with three properties) on the road. Judge Greene said two neutral parties will inspect the road and post notices (signs) within 1 mile of each other to inform the public of a

hearing scheduled for the next Fiscal Court meeting regarding the potential closure. The hearing is intended to gather public concerns about potential inconveniences arising from the closure. In other business, the Court approved the purchase of a 2016 police sedan for Jail Transport, approved a new lease agreement for the ABC/Tourism vehicle, and approved payment on the County credit card for a floor scrubber and supplies for the County

Park. The Court also approved the reappointments of Skip Jones and Chris Nevels as Board of Commissioners for the North McCreary Fire Department and Michele Wilson-Jones and Mehg Marshall to new 3-year terms on the McCreary County Tourism Commission. Finally, the Board approved adding a subdivision on E. Williamsburg Street to the County Road Inventory, and County Attorney Austin Price

urged citizens who sell automobiles to take vehicle titles to the County Court Clerk's office to transfer. He urged that title transfers must not be left to buyers. If title transfers are not completed, sellers may end up with unexpected tax bills or face consequences if accidents occur after vehicles are sold. Fiscal Court will meet again on February 12, 2026 (2nd Thursday) at 6:00 p.m. at the McCreary County Courthouse.

NOSEY THE NEWS BEAR RETURNS



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Nosey the News Bear is glad to have his favorite bench back home, where he can relax and catch up on all the latest news as he reads the McCreary Journal!

Nosey's bench was away for a bit, in the wood-carving shop, for its name change from The McCreary County Voice to the McCreary Journal. Thanks to Kingdom Carvers for the wonderful work! Nosey and all

of us at the office love the new look! To our readers, be sure to come by and take a photo of yourself with Nosey! He's one of many chain-saw-carved bears that you'll find at businesses throughout McCreary County!

INDICTMENTS

from Al

Jessica L. Trammell, Parkers Lake, was indicted for Flagrant Non-Support.

Mark R. Wilson, Winfield, TN, was indicted for Flagrant Non-Support.

The Commonwealth's Attorney returned indictments by information against:

Caleb Dople, Strunk, KY, for (1) Wanton Endangerment, First Degree and (2) Fleeing or Evading Police in First Degree (Motor Vehicle).

Brittany Ridner, Parkers Lake, for (1) Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, First Offense (Methamphetamine).

Ronald Rollins,

Parkers Lake, for (1) Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree/First Offense (Methamphetamine).

SCHOOL

from Al

The board members, collectively and individually, complimented the three elementary school principals who presented the reports. Board members, especially, expressed appreciation for the three schools' teamwork and commended them on their state test results.

In other business, the Board discussed accepting bids for the athletic field house. Superintendent Clint Taylor stated that the bids "well exceeded" the budget and noted

that he had spoken with the architect. Taylor said that because the renovation does not involve any weight-bearing walls, district maintenance workers can do much, if not all, of the work, thereby saving much of the cost. Taylor recommended tabling the matter to allow time to explore options. The Board unanimously agreed.

Finally, the Board unanimously accepted the SFCC (KY Department of Education) offer of assistance in the amount of \$11,743. KDE offers this money every other year to help cover part of the cost of major building projects.

The McCreary County Board of Education meets again on January 27, 2026, at 5:30 at the Central Office.

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