

CARES reports 143 treated

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INEZ — Martin County reported a range of treatment, recovery and prevention outcomes through its CARES program during the period covered by the county’s fiscal year 2025 opioid settlement filing. The report indicates it was filed Aug. 28 by former Martin County Treasurer Melissa Patrick, who resigned in June. CARES — Community Action for Recovery Enhancement and Support — works with people affected by substance use, alcohol dependency and mental

health issues and connects participants with treatment and other services, according to the county. The county reported the following outcomes:

- 143 unique individuals treated
- 90 people receiving wraparound services
- 82 receiving warm hand-off assistance
- 70 receiving employment assistance
- 67 referred to treatment programs
- 65 receiving housing assistance
- 62 children under age 18 served
- 54 receiving transportation assistance
- 52 incarcerated people

receiving treatment

- 47 receiving utility assistance
- 40 referred to medication-assisted treatment programs
- 38 recently released people receiving treatment
- 35 receiving education or job-skills training
- 12 pregnant or parenting individuals referred to treatment

The program also reported distributing 100 naloxone kits. CARES listed five youth programs with 20 participants and seven adult programs with 53 participants. It reported seven training sessions involving 20 health care or med-

ical professionals, four peer-support specialists, six first responders and 81 community members. Another 14 people received other harm-reduction interventions. The filing says CARES worked with the court system to connect justice-involved people with treatment, recovery support, transportation, housing and employment or edu-

cational opportunities. Referrals came from sources including District Court, Drug Court, child protective services, law enforcement, residents, family members and churches. The program also reported establishing an opioid response team involving law enforcement, first responders and peer workers. CARES said the team developed leave-be-

hind packets containing naloxone, pill-disposal materials and information about available resources. Other activities included recovery-awareness events, Mental Health First Aid training, wellness groups, Families Anonymous meetings, sober-parenting classes, and work toward Recovery Ready Community certification.

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cents in 2026. Chairman Maurice Mills said the levy is projected to generate \$317,078. The personal property rate will also be 10.5 cents per \$100, down from 10.7 cents last year. Mills estimated it will generate \$75,847. The board left the motor vehicle tax rate unchanged at 4.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. That levy is projected to bring in \$52,279. Combined, the three taxes are expected to generate \$445,204. Although the real and personal property rates are lower, increases in assessed property values are expected to allow the library to collect about the same amount of revenue as in 2026.

Financial reports

The library also reviewed financial reports for July and August, the first two months of its 2026-27 fiscal year. Through Aug. 31, the library had recorded \$121,666.02 in revenue and \$128,275.34 in expenditures, leaving expenses \$6,609.32 above revenue. The two months differed sharply. In July, the library took in \$45,050.21 and spent \$86,219.29, producing a one-month deficit of \$41,169.08. July library financials Several large expenses fell in July, including \$27,615.54 listed as utilities, \$18,699.99 under workers’ compensation insurance and \$11,229.67 in cinema film fees. July library financials August reversed most of that deficit. Revenue climbed to \$76,615.81 while expenditures fell to \$42,056.05, leaving August with \$34,559.76 more in revenue than expenses. That reduced the year-to-date shortfall to \$6,609.32. August library financials Local taxes accounted for \$61,321.44, or about half of all revenue through August. That included \$57,254.43 in franchise taxes and \$4,067.01 in motor vehicle taxes. August library financials The remaining \$60,344.58 came from other revenue and support. Collier Center-related income accounted for a large share, including \$32,109.69 in ticket and concession sales, \$11,120.98 in sublease income, \$8,759.88 in rentals, \$377.36 in cinema rental income and \$50 in program income. Together, those categories generated \$52,417.91 through August. August library financials Personnel costs totaled \$51,221.94 for the two months, while general operating expenses totaled \$71,700.90. The library also recorded \$510 in computer software expenses and \$4,842.50 in leasehold building improvements. August library financials The library’s cash position improved substantially during August. As of July 31, its regular checking account carried a negative \$9,120.40 general ledger balance after account-

ing for outstanding checks. The bank statement showed \$41,892.58 on deposit, with \$51,012.98 in outstanding checks. July library financials By Aug. 31, the regular checking account’s general ledger balance had risen to \$25,891.53. The bank statement showed \$68,355.83, less \$42,464.30 in outstanding checks. The reconciliation showed no unreconciled difference. August library financials The Aug. 31 balance sheet listed \$26,952.15 in current assets and \$5,269.75 in current liabilities, with no long-term liabilities reported. August library financials

Director’s report

Library Director McKenzie Pemberton reported that she has been organizing records for the library’s upcoming annual financial audit. She also developed an invoice-tracking system to improve financial recordkeeping and continues working on the 2025-26 financial report. The library continues its work with the 21st Century afterschool program, welcoming students to Movies on Main each Thursday for a movie and popcorn. Following Dolly Parton’s death in August, Pemberton and Movies on Main Director Justin Maynard used a showing of “Steel Magnolias” to promote Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. Proceeds from the showing benefited the literacy program. Parton died Aug. 25 at age 80. Pemberton is also working to restore the Story Time room in preparation for children’s programming and plans to begin recruiting a Story Time teacher. Board member Sheila Maynard asked about the position. Pemberton and the board discussed seeking volunteers, preferably a retired preschool teacher. The volunteer would conduct one hour of Story Time at the Inez library and another hour at the Rufus Reed Branch in Lovely each week. Pemberton continues to coordinate with the Martin County Extension Office, which leases the Collier Center gymnasium, on gym use and upcoming community events. She has also been identifying facility needs, including work on the roof and heating and cooling system. “That was with state and local officials that visited Martin County,” Pemberton said. She is working with State Farm on repairs to the tennis court after a recent accident caused damage. Board member Barry Webb reported that the Martin County Water District’s leased space now has LED lighting. He said the library plans to continue replacing lights throughout the facility in stages. “We have four more to change in the weight room,” Webb said. “[Pemberton] has ordered an-

other 24. We’re going to get those to Rufus Reed [Branch] and change them out over there. If there are any left, we’re going to start down this hallway on the third floor. Then we’ll order 24 more and do it a little at a time without putting all the money out front.” Webb said he and Pemberton also consulted with a solar installer about reducing the building’s electricity costs. “He is supposed to stay in contact with her,” Webb said. “He hasn’t sent her any updates yet, but we’re looking at what we need to do to get solar on the building to help with the lighting, the electricity cost.” Wendy O’Connor, Regional Library Consultant for the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, said she would return next week to help Pemberton with the annual financial statement. Board members and O’Connor closed the discussion by praising Pemberton’s work. Martin County Public Library board meets the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.



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