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Special meeting held on Murray data center ordinance

Public hearing draws community feedback

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MURRAY — The Murray City Council held a special-called meeting with a public hearing on data centers. This meeting came after several city planning commission sessions to review a draft ordinance, which was then forwarded to the council.

The council reviewed the planning commission’s proposed ordinance and heard public feedback on amendments. The amended ordinance will return for a second reading on Aug. 13.

Community members actively participated in the meetings and public hearings, using these opportunities to share feedback and suggestions on the draft ordinance.

Most of the recommended modifications to the ordinance’s wording are intended to ensure it doesn’t invite a data center but rather regulates a potential center. It also focuses on annual reports, permit renewals and increasing distance from wetlands.

“Adopt these recommendations, and Murray will have one of the most comprehensive and protective data center ordinances in the commonwealth,” Tara Lynn Kallaher, a concerned community member, said. In addition to testifying during the public hearing, she submitted additional recommendations in an 18-page document.

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LifeWise supporters, critics address McCracken board



Supporters of LifeWise Academy packed the McCracken Board of Education meeting on July 16, encouraging its expansion across the district.

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District says no expansion currently under consideration

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MCCRACKEN COUNTY — Supporters of LifeWise Academy, as well as opponents, voiced their opinions on the program that offers off-campus Bible education during school hours during public comment at a McCracken County Board of Education meeting Thursday.

Josh Hunt, superintendent of McCracken County Schools, told The

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Kentucky Dam opens doors for America250 tours



Visitors explored the dam’s history and purpose

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GRAND RIVERS — The Tennessee Valley Authority invited locals and tourists to get a behind-the-scenes look at some of its sites — including the Kentucky Dam — for America250, highlighting the dam’s history and importance to the area and region.

The TVA began construction on the Kentucky Dam in

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Lucky locals and tourists toured TVA’s Kentucky Dam on Thursday, July 16, for America250.

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PCM receives microgrant to create recipe cards for local pantries



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The Kentucky Rural-Urban Exchange announced its 2026 Intercultural Micro-grant recipients Monday; of the 28 Kentuckians awarded,

On July 16, PCM Executive Director Lacy Boling and fellow Kentucky Rural-Urban Exchange member Liz Hammonds announced plans to create recipe cards for local food pantries, aiming to further assist those that PCM serves.

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Liz Hammonds and Lacy Boling were among those who received funding for their plan to create recipe cards for local food pantries — starting with the Paducah Cooperative Ministry.

In a release, RUX stated that — since 2023 — it has awarded over \$104,750 to 81 Kentuckians whose projects “make our forests and waterways healthier, our main streets more vibrant and our communities more connected.” Boling — who also serves as the executive director of PCM — and Hammonds spoke Thursday about the grant they acquired

and how they expect it to benefit both PCM and other local food pantries.

“A big part of what the Rural-Urban Exchange is all about is meeting people that are in your place — meeting people that you may not know, and supporting those people — and using your resources, and people as a resource too, and getting people together with everybody’s strengths,” Boling said.

Even though they are both from the same community, Hammonds reaffirmed

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