

Filter Remediation Scheduled At Webster County Water Plant

The Webster County Water District board learned at their last meeting that the filter rehabilitation project at the water plant could begin as early as next week.

According to water superintendent Trevor Baldwin, National Water Service was awarded the bid for the filter replacement project. He added that it will take about six days to complete the work which will include replacement of three filters. Each filter will be replaced one at a time. The \$119,879 project

involves the replacement of filters that are approximately 27 years old.

An issue with the filters arose in February when the WCWD experienced a water outage due to the extremely cold temperatures. Employees worked around the clock for several days to restore water to district water customers. When an inspection took place following that water crisis, the board learned that a full replacement of the filters was necessary. Since that time, employees have been

diligent in making periodic checks to insure the present filters continue to do their job until replacements are installed. Once the new filters are installed, they will be checked periodically to insure the equipment remains in good shape, Baldwin said.

In other business, the board reviewed the March operations report which reflects 29,680,039 gallons of water produced in March with sales totaling 19,463,230 gallons, down about 2.7 million gallons from the same

period in 2025. Baldwin attributed the 13.39 percent water loss on backwashing every day to support the integrity of the old filters, noting it takes about 60,000 gallons of water per filter to complete the backwash.

During Thursday's meeting the board also approved the minutes of the previous meeting and the payment vouch-

ers. At 10:13 a.m. the board entered a closed session per KRS 61.819(1)(f) for a personnel discussion. When they returned to open session at 10:29, a motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to increase the salary of water superintendent Baldwin. Board members noted that they

had done an analysis on neighboring water district salaries and found that Webster County's salary for that position is below average. Baldwin's salary was adjusted to remain competitive with surrounding areas, according to the board.

The next meeting of the Webster County Water District Board is May 14, at 10:00 a.m.

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now a year old, and many residents are benefitting from the assistance of the Webster County liaison Katelynn Hargrove. Bumpus asked the court to continue supporting the program with money from the county's abatement fund.

Attorney Clint Prow spoke in support of the program noting that Hargrove has been "helping those in need of help get the services they need." He added that Henderson District Court has begun participating in the program as well. In response to Bumpus' request for funding assistance, Henry said the court will add this to the requests when they begin working on the county budget. He added that he sees the program as a "great investment."

Donnie Cato, a representative for the Deaconess Ambulance service, was present at the meeting to provide the court with the quarterly ambulance service report. During the first quarter of the year, the ambulance service has offered com-

munity CPR programs, and held monthly medical director led education classes open to all Webster County first responders. The agency has also increased ambulance coverage in the tri-county area which is decreasing response delays, and they have provided blood draws for local law enforcement.

According to Cato, the ambulance service responded to 206 calls in the first quarter of 2026, 199 9-1-1 calls, and five blood draw requests. Cato told the court that deployment time remain consistent and the average response time for the county is at 16.78 minutes. The agency has 10 percent stroke compliance protocol and 100 percent cardiac arrest protocol compliance, Cato said. Crew competency is rated at 97.5 percent. Cato also shared outlier data regarding response times. In concluding his remarks Cato reported that the service has received a \$10,000 grant and has also applied for a grant through the Deaconess to put venti-

lators on units used locally.

Following Bumpus and Cato's remarks, the court moved to new business which included approval of transfers, purchase orders and claims. Personnel hires approved by the court include the following: Sheriff's department—Ben Simpson, court security and Lori Watkins, officer deputy; Dispatch—Makaya Holmes and Abby Coomes; Road department—Standwell, one year anniversary raise; Solid waste, Keith Cummings, part-time; Jail—Donnie Dishman, part-time to full time and Deean Effman, part-time; and Senior Center—Donna Blackwell, part-time.

In other business, the court approved Norman's attendance at the SWACK conference April 23 and 24.

Magistrates also approved the surplus of a 1990 F-350, 2008 F-350 and a 2016 backhoe. Those pieces of equipment will be sold on gov bid.

The court also approved a request from Henry to advertise for bids for the construction of restrooms at Canaan Ridge Park. That project calls for the construction of a frame building on a concrete slab and will be located near the boat ramp.

Before going into closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(c), Henry cautioned the public that "a lot of work is going on along the KY 120 area due to the construction of a solar field. He noted that he has received many complaints about road conditions. The judge/executive stressed that the county has a contract with the company that will require the contractors to pay for any culvert, ditch or blacktop damage to the road. He told the court that a bridge in the area of Whitelick Road was inspected by the state last week and the state has ordered the bridge closed due to two failing pylons on the north side of the structure. The bridge crosses Highland Creek. Those pylons are scheduled for repair, but the bridge could have to be replaced.

At 10:01, the court went into closed session to discuss pending/potential litigation. When they returned to open session, they had nothing to report.

The next Webster County Fiscal Court meeting is Monday, April 27, at 9:00 a.m.

Dixon City Commission Makes Appointment; Discusses Property

The Dixon City Commission met in regular session on Monday night with Mayor Terry Webb presiding and all commission members in attendance. City Clerk Barb Goff and City Attorney Bobby Murray were also present.

In a session that lasted 18 minutes, the commission accepted the resignation of the city's code enforcement officer, made an appointment to that position, heard reports, and discussed a property that is currently in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance.

Following approval of the minutes from the March meeting and the bills and claims, Mayor Webb presented the monthly report for the Dixon Volunteer Fire Department. Members of the department responded to 15 incidents in March.

Commissioner Randy Norman reported the city purchased 2,610,800 gallons of water from the Webster County Water District in March. The city sold 1,393,620 gallons of water over that same period. The monthly water loss was 37%. That is a decline from the February numbers. Mayor Webb noted, "All of the known leaks have been repaired." He also noted that personnel from Kentucky Rural Water will be in Dixon in the next few days with equipment that can locate leaks which might be under paved roads or parking areas.

Commissioner Mande O'Leary reported there was an excellent turnout for the Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Parks, Playground, and Recreation board.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris O'Leary

Benefits Of Physical Activity

Regular physical activity is often associated with immediate effects, and rightfully so. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, physical activity can improve cognition and thinking, reduce short-term feelings of anxiety, and make it easier for people to manage their weight. But physical activity also boasts some notable long-term benefits, particularly in regard to disease prevention. The CDC notes that regular exercise can reduce risk for cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and metabolic syndrome, infectious diseases like COVID-19 and pneumonia, and various forms of cancer, including cancers of the breast, colon, kidneys, and lungs.

submitted a letter of resignation to the commission, and Monday night that resignation was accepted. The commission also approved the recommendation of the code enforcement board and appointed Kim Turner as the city's code enforcement officer. Her monthly stipend will be \$200 per month.

Commissioners also approved paying for Ms. Turner, code enforcement board member Sondra Norman, and the city attorney to attend a code enforcement training session at Calvert City on Tuesday, May 12. The cost

of that training is \$100 per person.

Commissioners also discussed a property located at 118 North Stegal Street. The city has liens placed against the property. The city attorney will contract the property owner to negotiate a settlement concerning the property and the payment of those liens.

No further business came before the commission, and the meeting adjourned at 6:18 P.M.

The next regular meeting of Dixon City Commission will be Monday, May 11, 6:00 P.M.

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The Webster County Fiscal Court is soliciting bids for the construction of a new Restroom Building at the Canaan Ridge Park, located at 1600 State Route 132-West, Dixon, KY 42409. The project includes a new 272 sq ft. slab on grade stick framed building with a 461 sq. ft. front porch. In addition, sidewalks and an ADA parking spot will be constructed.

All bids shall be received no later than 9:00 A.M., local time, May 11, 20216. Bids shall be in a sealed envelope clearly marked: "Canaan Ridge Restrooms" in the bottom left corner of the envelope and delivered to:

Judge/Executive Steve Henry
Webster County Fiscal Court
P.O. Box 155
25 U.S. 41-A, North
Dixon, KY 42409

Bid packets may be obtained online at: [Maco/Evansville Blue, www.macoplanroom.com](http://Maco/EvansvilleBlue.com).

Questions or requests for additional information shall be directed in writing or via e-mail to the project engineer:

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(270) 821-6392, Ext. 205
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Ronald Johnson & Associates
2740 N. Main Street
Madisonville, KY 42431

BIDDER may not withdraw his/her bid within 60 days after the actual date of the bid opening. A 5% bid bond is required to submit a bid. The OWNER reserves the right to waive any information or reject any or all bids. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of equal employment opportunity. Minority bidders are encouraged to bid. 4/29c

Superintendent Search

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member may be added to the committee if the district has eight percent minority students and there is not a minority member elected among the first six committee seats. Putting together a screening committee will take two to four weeks according to Sutton.

The time lapse between the first and second meeting will be about 30 days Sutton said as the district allows time for applications to be filed at KSBA. Once that time lapses, the screening committee will meet. In that second meeting the board of education and the screening committee will meet together to find out the number of applications and for the board to give the committee its directive. At this time in the process the only board member to know who has applied is the one on the screening committee. Committee members are typically asked to sign confidentially agreements which would prohibit them from sharing information related to applicants.

The third meeting, which is a closed meeting allows the screening committee to review the applications.

The fourth meeting, also a closed meeting, is used to narrow down the field of applicants to three.

At the fifth meeting, the committee presents the names of three applicants whom they recommend be considered for the position of superintendent and the committee is dismissed. At that point in the process, the board reviews the applications submitted for consideration, but they also have the opportunity to review all applications at that point. The board can choose one of the three names submitted, by the committee, choose someone from the entire pool of applicants or reject all applicants. In which case they would be allowed to go outside the present applicant pool to find a superintendent or hire an interim. The ultimate decision of who is hired belongs to the board of education, Sutton said.

In Webster County, the selection of the committee members is expected to start very soon with nominations for teacher representatives and a parent representative. The classified employees will also begin nominating an individual to serve and voting dates will be established. Board chair Tim McCormick can appoint himself or any other board member to the committee.

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