

Fiscal Court Approves Transfers; Okays Energy Contract Bond

The Webster County Fiscal Court met about 30 minutes Monday with magistrates okaying two transfers and approving an energy contract bond.

Following the approval of the minutes from the court's previous meeting, magistrates heard a report from deputy judge/executive Ryan Hammack.

Hammack told the court he has had a busy two weeks meeting with IDA representatives Zara Toal and Kim Humphrey and completing site visits to various businesses. He noted that he also attended Older American's Day at Canaan Ridge Park in May and met with an NCTC focus funding group. Hammack's work also included continuing his work with the extension service on the farmers' market pavilion and talking with Fish and Wildlife about the park. Other work included overseeing several county projects.

In personnel matters, court members approved the hiring of Brian Omer and Shane Cornelius as fulltime employees at the county road department and hiring Kelsey Herst at the 9-1-1 center.

Judge/Executive

Steve Henry presented an energy contract bond for the court's approval. That bond relates to the county's energy efficiency project for the court house. The \$1.9 million bond will be funded through coal severance dollars. Henry reminded the court that the county has been guaranteed energy costs savings and if money is not saved through the project, the county will receive a check from the company working on the project. Magistrates approved both the bond contract and first reading of an ordinance related to the project. The ordinance pertains to an agreement with KACO.

In other business two transfers were approved. The first transfer relates to moving \$26,000 from the general fund to sanitation for payment of waste water treatment bills to the city of providence. The second transfer will allow the treasurer to move \$50,000 from the general fund to the jail fund to meet payroll and pay claims for that agency. Other action taken on Monday included approval for payment of standing orders in a timely manner. Those payments include payroll, recur-

ring expenses, grants, contracts and specific equipment and other supplies.

Other matters to come before the court include the approval of Bob Palmer to serve on the board of assessments and approval of the court facilities local government reimbursement form that will allow the county to file for the reimbursement of \$191,047.40 from the Office of the Court for building rental.

Magistrates also okayed advertising for bids for two Dodge Durangos for the Webster County Sheriff's Department.

Before the meeting adjourned, animal control officer Aaron Richmond provided officials with information related to the animal shelter. That report shows that local shelter presently has 49 animals in the system with 18 of those in foster home and 31 currently housed at the county facility. IN total the county has taken in 119 animals, 42 of which were owner surrender and 72 that were stray pick-ups. Since January 55 animals have been adopted, eight have had unassisted death; 14 have been returned to their owners and 37 have

transferred out of the facility.

Richmond also told the court that on July 16, the county will host Jordan's Way, an fundraising tour that trav-

els across the country help underfunded rescues and animal shelters. The event provides games, pieing, and meet and greets with adoptable dogs. The event is

slated for 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Webster County Animal Shelter.

The next meeting of Webster County Fiscal Court is scheduled for June 29, at 9:00 a.m.

Full List Of Candidates For November General Election

A number of Webster County residents have filed for city council seats, mayoral seats and school board. Their names will appear on the November general election ballots. Following is a list of candidates by position and community.

Mayor
Clay:
Clint Knepper
Scott Stone

Dixon:
Robert Terry Webb
Providence:
Thomas P. Glover
Sebree:
Billy Smith
David Allen Wilson, Jr
Slaughters:
Chris Winstead

City Council
Clay:
Rocky Williams
Kelly Hanor Ware
Mike Grigg
Kylie Floyd
Jamie Edens Daniel
Dixon:
Mandee O'Leary

Randy Norman
Robert E. Brown
Providence:
Mark Turner
Shannon Cole Layton
Scott Frederick
James "Jim" Crowell
Sebree:
Jim Allen Williams
Terry Wallace
Randy Durbin
Perry McClellan
Culberson
Korderro "Kord" Cooper

Board of Education
District 3
Dr. Karen Hobgood
Mackey
Amanda Dale
Coomes
District 4
Timothy R. McCormick

Soil and Water
Conservation Board
Sarah Scott
Mark Mitchell
David Asher
Webster County voters will also cast ballots in November for the

election of county officials. Those races include

Judge/Executive
Steve Henry (R)
Jeremy Brown (D)
Jailer
Nathan Stinchcomb (R)
Benjamin Chandler (D)

County Attorney
Clint Prow (R)*

Coroner
Darin Townsend*

Magistrate
Chad Townsend*
Taran Bailey Zaretzke*
Darrin Buchanan*

PVA
Jeffrey Kelley*

Sheriff
William Braden*

County Clerk
Valerie Newll*
An asterisk indicates unopposed in the November election.

Sentences Handed Down In Webster County Circuit Court

Webster County Circuit Court convene on June 4, with the honorable Judge Daniel Heady hearing pleas and entering judgments in a number of cases.

In the case of Ryan L. Isaacs, the defendant withdrew his not guilty plea and entered a plea of guilty to five charges: third degree assault of a police/probation officer, three counts; first degree criminal mischief and resisting arrest. Isaacs was adjudged guilty of the charges and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1407.26; this court cost was waived per KRS 453.190(2). He was sentenced to five years' incarceration each on counts one, two and three of the indictment, five years on count four and 12 months on count five with the sentences to run concurrently but probated with an alternative sentence of probation for a period of five years.

Steffany L. Teague, who is charged with flagrant non-support, withdrew her not guilty plea and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. She was ordered to pay court costs in the

amount of \$165 and sentenced to five years' incarceration with the sentence probated for a period of five years.

Timothy J. Neace, who originally entered a not guilty plea to his charges, withdrew that plea and entered a plea of guilty to alcohol intoxication in a public place first and second offense; resisting arrest; third degree terroristic threatening; first degree wanton endangerment, two counts. He was adjudged guilty and ordered to pay court costs in the amount of \$165 and was sentenced to 12 months on count two, 12 months on count three and five years each on counts four and five to run concurrently. The sentences were probated for a period of five years.

In the case of Janie Jones, the defendant saw her probation revoked and she was re-sentenced after she violated terms of her probation. Jones admitted to being discharged from treatment and does not want to return to treatment and complete the treatment program. She requested to serve her sentence of three years. Jones

was originally sentenced and granted probation in January 2026 on charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second offense, methamphetamine, a Class D felony with a three-year sentence; drug paraphernalia buy/possess, 365 days; and possession of marijuana.

In his court appearance Joseph K. Belt withdrew his not guilty plea and entered a plea of guilty to first degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess. Court costs were waived per KRS 453.190(2) and Belt was sentenced to one-year incarceration on count one; 12 months on count two with the sentences to run concurrent for a total sentence of one year.

Michael Moore appeared before Judge Heady who revoked Moore's probation and resented him to serve five years' incarceration on a charge of flagrant non-support stemming from a December 2023 case. Belt's probation was revoked after he failed to report to probation and

parole over two years. Belt admitted to the allegations and consented to revocation of his probation.

Peggy Jo Jones was granted pre-trial probation for a period of five years. Jones is charged with first degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense methamphetamine and tampering with physical evidence. She must abide by the conditions set forth in her order of probation including home visits by probation and parole, obey all rules imposed, and not use alcohol or drugs or possess firearms. She is ordered to attend drug court if accepted and complete drug and alcohol assessment and complete all treatment recommendations.

Shawn E. Thorp withdrew a not guilty plea and entered a plea of guilty to a charge of second-degree escape. Thorp was ordered to pay \$165 court costs and ordered to serve two years' incarceration consecutive to any other sentence previously imposed.

Matthew C. Moore appeared before Judge Heady and withdrew a not guilty plea and en-

tered a plea of guilty to a charge of first-degree wanton endangerment. He was sentenced to serve one-year incarceration with the sentence to run consecutively with another Webster County case for a total sentence of three years to serve. Court cost were waived per KRS 453.190(2).

In a second case in which Moore is charged with convicted felon in possession of a firearm, the defendant withdrew a not guilty plea and entered a plea of guilty to the charge. He was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary with the sentence to run consecutively with the previous case.

In his appearance before Judge Heady, Corey G. Stone withdrew a not guilty plea and entered a plea of guilty to theft by unlawful taking or disposition (auto) \$1000 but less than \$10,000. Stone was sentenced to two years incarceration on county one and fined \$250 on count two. The sentence runs concurrently with his previous case.

tion with the sentence to run concurrently with any other sentence handed down by Webster or any other court. His court cost was waived per KRS 453.190(2).

In a second case, Stone entered a guilty plea to a charge of theft by unlawful taking or disposition (auto) \$1000 but less than \$10,000 and third-degree criminal trespassing. He had originally entered a not guilty plea but changed that plea in court on June 4. Stone was adjudged guilty and ordered to pay a \$250 fine. Court costs and fines were waived per KRS 453.190(2). Stone was sentenced to two years incarceration on county one and fined \$250 on count two. The sentence runs concurrently with his previous case.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant To Application Number 917-0034, RN #8

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Hopkins County Coal, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street Suite 350 Lexington, KY 40515, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 1,123.1 acres located 0.7 miles north of Providence in Webster County.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 1.4 miles northwest from KY Route 670's junction with KY Route 293 and located 1.6 miles south of Slover Creek.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the Providence and Nebo U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use auger and area methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Dr. James Salmon c/o James L. Salmon Jr., Thomas & Frank Skinner, and Providence Coal Reserves, LLC.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's, Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601. 6/17c

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant To Application Number 917-5013, Major Revision 32

1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Webster County Coal, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street Suite 350 Lexington, KY 40513 has applied for a major revision of permit 917-5013 for an underground coal mining operation, slurry injection and a coal processing facility located 2.3 miles southwest of Lisman in Webster County. The proposed revision will disturb no new area. This revision is being submitted to change the post mining land use of 19.20 acres to industrial/commercial.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 2.9 miles southeast from KY Route 270's junction with KY Route 132 and located 0.6 miles north of Slover Creek.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the Providence, Nebo, Slaughters, Bordley, Dixon, and Sebree U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Webster County Coal, LLC.

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NOTICE TO BID

The Webster County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for the following:

2026 Dodge Durango AWD PPV

- 5.7L V8 HEMI Engine
- 8 Speed Automatic Transmission
- DB Black Clear Coat
- Parkview Rear Back Up Camera
- Cloth Front Bucket Seats/Vinyl Rear Seat
- HD 220 AMP Alternator/HD 800 AMP Battery
- Tri-Zone HVAC
- BR9 Pursuit Rated Braking Package
- Keyless Entry w/Push Button Start
- Column Shifter
- 255/60R18 BSW V Rated Tires
- Vinyl Floor
- LED Left Spotlight
- Uconnect 5 w/10.1 Inch Display/ AM/FM/Bluetooth
- 4 Key FOBS
- Black Steel Wheels with Chrome Center Caps
- Heavy Duty Cooling System
- Secure Parking
- Front and Rear Dome Lights
- Trailer Hitch with 4 & 7 Pin Connection

All bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the Webster County Judge Executive's office by 9am Central, 10am Eastern on June 22, 2026. The bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court on June 22, 2026.

The Webster County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Stephen R Henry
Webster County Judge Executive