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USDA Rural Development State Director Travis Burton also presented a check to the Wood Creek Water District in the amount of $4,390,000 for water system improvements. | GREG THOMAS/USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

USDA announces $4.6 million in water infrastructure investments for Laurel County



USDA Rural Development State Director Travis Burton officially signs the check for the London-Laurel County Economic Development Authority. | MACEE SWAFFORD

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LONDON — Laurel County is receiving more than $4.6 million in federal investments aimed at strengthening local water infrastructure and supporting future economic development.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development State Director Travis Burton visited Laurel County last Wednesday to announce two water projects totaling $4.6 million.

The first announcement was made at the Lily Industrial Park, where Burton presented at $304,360 water grant to the London-Laurel County Economic Development Authority (LLCEDA). The funding will help extend water, sewer and natural gas services to a speculative building site within the industrial park.

LLCEDA Director Paula Thompson said the grant will help further develop the property and make it more attractive to prospective businesses.

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USDA Rural Development State Director Travis Burton presents a check in the amount of $304,360 for the London-Laurel Economic Development Authority for the Lily Industrial Park. | MACEE SWAFFORD

Circuit judge denies Weddle's request to move campaign finance case

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LONDON — Former London Mayor Randall Weddle will face his campaign finance case in Laurel County after a circuit judge denied his request to move the proceedings to Franklin County.



RANDALL WEDDLE

In an order entered Oct. 15, Laurel Circuit Court Judge Michael O. Caperton denied Weddle's motion for a change of venue, ruling the case should remain in Laurel Circuit Court.

The motion was filed April 8, with the Commonwealth filing its response April 14. Weddle subsequently filed a reply July 1, and the court held a hearing on the matter July 15.

The case stems from a four-count indictment returned by a Laurel County grand jury on March 31 following an investigation by the Kentucky Regis-

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London City Council meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum

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LONDON — With a lack of council members, the City of London's regularly scheduled City Council meeting was unable to proceed after a failure to achieve quorum.

Absent from the meeting were council members Donna House, Kelly Smith and Judd Weaver. Without half the council, the meeting could not officially be called to order, and no city business could be conducted.

"Apparently we are without a quorum tonight. Without a quorum, we can't call it to order or do any business, so we will just publish dates for a special-called [meeting]," said Mayor Tracie Handley.

The meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday at 10 a.m.

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