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funds unless the city waives the requirement.

The agreement also requires Into Action Behavioral Health to maintain liability insurance naming the City of Corbin as an additional insured.

Following the vote, Razmus welcomed representatives Sarah and Jason Payne of Into Action Behavioral Health and said the city was “really excited to have this opportunity.”

Also Monday, commissioners approved a second reading to Ordinance 2026-6 — annexing a tract of property into the city limits and establishing its zoning classification.

The commission approved the first reading to Ordinance 2026-8, which would accept Frontage Road No. 1, Frontage Road No. 2 and South Stewart Road as city streets. Each road would have a 25 mph speed limit.

Commissioners also accepted the resignation of Corbin Police Officer John Hill.



The Corbin Board of Commissioners convene for a special-called meeting on Monday. | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

FUNDING

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er project for the whole region,” Stivers said.

The Whitley County Fiscal Court received a \$1.5 million check for the local jail renovation and expansion project.

The funding is part of an approximately \$11.5 million jail and communication center project that officials said is more than 80% funded through grants. The project will provide additional space for inmates and help the county operate the jail more efficiently.

Judge White said construction is currently ahead of schedule, with the project approximately 12 days ahead of its original timeline.

Another \$950,000 check was presented to the Whitley County Fiscal Court for development of an innovation hub.

Officials said the facility will focus on entrepreneurship and small-business development, providing a place for new ideas and businesses to grow.

The City of Williamsburg received



Williamsburg Mayor Roddy Harrison and Whitley County Judge Executive Pat White, Jr. were presented with checks for funding to go towards water infrastructure. | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

two checks for water infrastructure projects.

A \$3 million check was presented for downtown water system improvements, while another \$1.5 million check was presented for water tank replacement.

Mayor Harrison said the water funding will allow the city to address aging infrastructure and improve service for Williamsburg and the surrounding water districts that depend on the city’s water system.

“We produce great water. But other places, we’re old, and we have problems, and with the

announcement today, we’re gonna be able to fix most of those things,” Harrison said. “We’ll be able to take care of the citizens of Williamsburg first — and then also all the county districts.”

Harrison said the investment is significant for the city and the region, and paid a special thanks to Stivers, Rogers, and Rep. Nick Wilson.

“I appreciate you guys more than you all will ever know because this is big for us,” Harrison said.

Congressman Rogers praised the region and its leaders for continuing to

pursue projects designed to improve infrastructure and create opportunities for residents.

“Williamsburg is Kentucky’s first impression on drivers who are headed north on I-75, and you’re taking advantage of that more than ever before with new businesses right off the interstate,” said Rogers.

Rogers also highlighted the University of the Cumberlands and its role in the region’s future among the many other projects that continue in Whitley County’s growth.

Stivers emphasized the

importance of cooperation among local, state and federal officials in securing funding for projects — and credited Corbin Mayor Suzie Razmus, Mayor Harrison and Judge White for being great collaborators in that process.

He also pointed to more than \$140 million in improvements along I-75 as an example of what can be accomplished through cooperation between state and federal officials.

The funding presented Tuesday is expected to support infrastructure improvements, public facilities, entrepreneurship and economic development throughout Whitley County and Williamsburg.

Earlier in the day, checks were presented in Knox County, for projects including:

— \$1.25 million for the Southeast Kentucky Industrial Development Authority to support site development within its business park.

— \$750,000 for the City of Barbourville to purchase a countywide emergency warning system.

— \$400,000 for Knox County Fiscal Court to purchase sensory playground equipment.

“These investments reflect a commitment to strengthening Knox County from the ground up,” State Representative Tom O’Dell Smith stated. “...Projects like the industrial park expansions, water and sewer improvements, emergency warning system and new playground equipment will have lasting impact on our communities...”

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The show opened with Dillon Carmichael. | PHOTO BY SUDIE KAY WILSON

TRITT

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the night. Fans responded with steady excitement — filling The Arena with a lively atmosphere as the concert continued. Throughout the event, people stood, clapped, recorded moments on their phones, and shared the

experience with friends and family. The overall environment remained relaxed and upbeat from beginning to end.

Tritt posted his gratitude via social media: “Big fun was had in Corbin, Kentucky, this weekend! Shout out to my talented friend Dillon Carmichael for the fantastic job he did kicking this show off!”