

# Calvert City Council approves \$700K to repave Shar-Cal Road

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Immediately after convening Monday night's Calvert City Council meeting, Mayor Gene Colburn called a recess. The purpose: to receive comments from the public regarding resurfacing and repairs to Shar-Cal Road in the industrial complex.

The resurfacing will run west to within an estimated a half mile or less of the city limits. The city proposes to use state mutual aid money for the project. "Anytime the city expends municipal road funds that we receive from the state we have to have a public hearing before spending those funds," said City Administrator John Ward.

"My facility operates on Shar-Cal Road; I started out there in 2001," said Dan Sills, chairman of the city utilities board and a manager at Waste Path Sanitary Landfill. "To my knowledge that road has not been paved in that period ... and it is deteriorating heavily." He added that the landfill has been required to pay a host fee to the county. ... At first the rate was 2% and raised in 2019 to 5% for in-county waste, and

6.25% for out-of-county waste, Sills said. In that period Waste Path has paid \$1,709,106 to the county but has seen no repair of roads from that money, Sills said. He noted his firm runs heavy trucks over the road as does Clean Earth, a nearby firm. Shar Cal road is also used by other plant workers in the industrial complex. There is no alternative route.

Despite paying a county host fee, the council agreed the road belongs to the city.

Following the public hearing, Colburn reconvened the council, and the council passed a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign required documents pertaining to the \$700,000 project. The project will be funded by \$500,000 left from other projects plus an additional \$200,000 in state monies.

On another issue, Councilwoman Denae Shelton reported findings of a committee formed to study how to spend the city's part of opioid settlement money. On May 1, the committee met with a representative of the Kentucky Association of Counties, she said. The KACo representative "had a lot of good infor-

mation and resources for us," Shelton said. "We thought it was important to educate the public on how Calvert City can strengthen our response to the ongoing opioid epidemic," she said.

Shelton distributed an information sheet from KACo, illustrating how a community can distribute Narcan, a lifesaving substance for use on anyone who has overdosed on another drug. "It's just basic instructions on what to do," she said. "She also pointed out how we really need to get out the information about a certain website for the state, which is FindNaloxoneNow@KY.org."

She cited Loyd Ford who had publicized critical information about the issue in The Lake News.

"Some time ago... I got it approved through our church to put in a box," Ford said. "They look like newspaper boxes; they are painted bright purple," he said. "So, we put one up and filled it with all these boxes of this Narcan stuff. I kind of kept track of it, and I know it was emptied at least three times." The box was removed because the program leaders (Turning Point

in Paducah) thought it was needed worse elsewhere. Ford said his church would be "glad to host it again."

Ford said he didn't think it would get much attention, but it did. "I was kind of shocked when (Turning Point) came and got it," he added.

Last month, it was reported the city has \$9,780.64 in settlement funds on deposit.

Shelton said there is also an overdose problem among older people who take too much medication because "they don't realize they have already taken (their prescribed dose)." Ford added that the containers have two little boxes of Narcan. "But what police officers have told me, there are times when they have to administer two or three doses to get people back."

Colburn said that has been part of his training as well.

In other business:

- The council heard the second reading and adopted three ordinances repealing ordinances that are addressed by zoning regulations, state law or another agency. "We are in the process of getting our coding cleaned up so it

won't have conflicting language," said City Administrator John Ward at the April meeting. "They have not been codified in the 25 years I have been here." The ordinances repeal chapters related to amusements, criminal offenses, and land use.

- The council heard the first reading and introduced an ordinance to comply with new state regulations of manufactures homes, and changing the language in certain sections from mobile homes to manufactured homes. The changes were recommended by the planning commission. Following a second reading and adoption by the council, the new ordinances will be available for public inspection on the city's website.

- Aviation consultant Tim Haskell reported that the Kentucky Dam Airport layout plan is in its final phase. That includes the property map, and the entire document will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration on June 1. Also, the hangar site design has been approved by the Department of Aviation, and it will go out for bid next week. It will be advertised and the bids will be opened June 2.

That project is important because "we want to make sure the (federal) money has been committed to a project," Haskell said. "Our fear has always been that with changes in the federal government the last couple of years, those funds could be in jeopardy. So, we now have an argument to make that those funds are already committed. That's good news. The final item is that in reviewing the capital investment plan with the Department of Aviation, it has been determined that the most prudent way to do the rest of the projects is as they are listed. ... The tree mitigation must be done in the slough, and there are more trees that have penetrated the approach." The last two projects are going to be pushed to the 26-27 federal fiscal year, which starts Oct.1.

- Mayor Colburn paid tribute to the late Thomas "Sprout" Davis who died April 19 at age 101. "Sprout Davis, what a guy," Colburn said, as if words could not describe the elderly man who had become an icon in this community for remaining active despite his advanced years. "We lost him — one of a kind."



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Kent Hall speaks in favor of the county removing the final portion of Holmes Lane from county maintenance.

## Fiscal Court hears concerns for future of Holmes Lane

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Property owners raised concerns about plans for a portion of Holmes Lane at a public hearing held during the May 7 meeting of the Marshall County Fiscal Court.

During the April 21 meeting, Judge/Executive Kevin Spraggs appointed Deputy Judge/Executive Andrew Pagel, Road Department Superintendent Roy Wadkins, and GIS IT Chair Andrew Lepisto to review the road. The road reviewers returned with the recommendation to discontinue county maintenance of the final stretch of the road, which is gravel.

The portion being discussed for discontinuance is not paved and has never been paved, according to both adjoining property owners and Wadkins. Kent Hall and John and Karen Hlinka each own property adjoining the northern end of Holmes Lane. Hall spoke in favor of the court's position to discontinue the final portion of the road, while the Hlinkas spoke in opposition to the discontinuance of the final portion of the road.

Hall said that he purchased the property in 1996, but that he had determined that the gravel portion of the road had been taken from the tract that is now his property. Hall also stated that, should the court keep the portion of the road in county maintenance then elect to pave the remaining portion, he would ensure other roads received the same treatment. He believes this would cause a burden to tax payers.

"If you do that, if you were inclined to pave it, you're going to open yourself up to many additional potential extensions of roads throughout the

county, and I'll find them" Hall said. "But you're going to extend your potential impact cost if you go ahead and decide that you do want to black-top this. We'll find some additional roads that need to be paved."

In addition to supporting the county's intent to discontinue maintenance of the final portion of the road, Hall shared that he intended to file a quick claim deed to have that portion of property returned to his tract. County Attorney Jason Darnell informed Hall that state statute and a Kentucky Supreme Court ruling — *Bailey v. Preserve Rural Roads of Madison County Inc.* — would require all parties to agree to that. Without that agreement the portion would remain a public road despite not being under county maintenance.

"The [KRS] 116 does provide that that has to be a joint petition," Darnell said. "Either all the landowners have to agree on one scenario or another. If the landowners don't agree [and] the county discontinues, then it remains a public road until the land owners decide to agree on something."

The Hlinkas spoke in opposition to the discontinuance, saying they could not access a portion of their property without that portion of Holmes Lane. Stating that they had purchased the property in 1988, the family has two gates allowing access to their property from Holmes Lane. The original gate, which they dubbed the North gate, had been their primary access point for the property prior to Hall's purchase of the adjoining property.

As tensions rose between the neighbors, the Hlinkas claimed that Hall

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