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## Facing the backlash

Tourism addresses public concerns

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

The Grayson Tourism Commission addressed a number of public concerns at their regularly scheduled April meeting last week. A number of those concerns voiced by various members of the Grayson community centered around vendors at the Grayson Sports Park; specifically, how it appeared as though some vendors had been ousted from the sports park and how others appeared to have been given preferential treatment.

Tourism Commission President Daniel White addressed those concerns at the beginning of the meeting, and allowed time for public comments about the issue. "I'd like to address the Facebook post and do my best to explain it," White said to those in attendance. "For the past several years tournament hosts have been permitted to bring in vendors to sell small craft items and 3D printed items. And they would also provide onsite screen printing of tournament specific t-shirts. That was the nature of those businesses." "In recent months sports park personnel became uncomfortable with some of the vendors," he continued.

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(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

## Council responds to tourism controversy

Passes resolution holding tourism to established rules

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

In a special April meeting the Grayson City Council voted to pass a budget memorandum. The memorandum would require the Grayson Tourism Commission to follow guidelines already in place, but formalized those requests.

"The tourism commission will

submit to us what is known as a Request for Funding," Grayson Mayor Troy Combs explained to the council. "They have to pass an annual budget, but they have not passed their annual budget yet," Combs continued. "The city council budget you passed expires on July 1, so if they do not pass a budget before then, we cannot pass our budget. And if we go past the time we normally approve a budget, we are in a continuation budget. There are no strict deadline times. But we can set deadlines for them." Combs said the memorandum he prepared and provided to council members was designed

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Mayor Troy Combs (file photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

## Fiscal court discusses grant for fire department

Olive Hill reportedly out of compliance with DLG over audits

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

The Carter County Fiscal Court opened their regular monthly meeting on Monday night with public comments. These included comments from Lashawna Miller, the Associate Director of Community & Economic Development Planner and Project Administrator for FIVCO, who spoke to the court about CBDG (Civic Development Block Grants) for the City

of Olive Hill and Hitchens fire departments.

"The CDBG Development Block Grant window is open from April 1 and will run until September," Miller told the court. "For a CDBG the government entities can apply. We have had two fire departments in the county request remodeling through the public facilities or community projects with CDBG. That's Hitchens and Olive Hill." "Normally, where Olive Hill is an incorporated city, they could apply," Miller continued. "But they are out of compliance with the Department of Local Government right now, so the city isn't eligible."

Miller said she believed the city was out of compliance due to being several years behind on

audits.

The last audit publicly available for the City of Olive Hill is for their fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. This audit was completed by the accounting firm of Kelley, Galloway, Smith, Goolsby, PSC (KGSG) and returned in December of 2025. Though KGSG stated in their report, "We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions," they go on to note that the City of Olive Hill did not provide all the supplemental information and documentation required by statute. For instance, the report notes, "Management has omitted the Management's Discussion

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## Weekly arrests report

The following individuals were arrested and booked into the Carter County Detention Center over the past week. This list includes local arrests only. It does not include federal inmates being housed at or transported through the detention center.

- Joseph Jordan, 33, of Ashland, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), arrested and booked April 7.
- Robert Griffith, 73, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 7.
- Stephen Middleton, 51, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a hold for court, arrested and booked April 7.
- Billy Jordan, 44, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a proba-

tion violation (for a technical violation), arrested and booked April 8.

- Nathan Campbell, 28, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, fugitive – warrant not required, arrested and booked April 8.
- Parish Hamm, 31, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a hold for drug court, arrested and booked April 8.
- Terry Sublett, 60, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of violating a Kentucky emergency protection order/domestic violence order, arrested and booked April 9.
- Jesse Wilson, 43, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 9.
- Willis Underwood, 34, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested

- and booked April 9.
- Bruce Barnett, 55, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 10.
- Jonathan Hamm, 38, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of careless driving, driving on a DUI suspended license, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked April 10.

All of the charges listed are arrest charges only, and do not indicate an indictment or a conviction for the charges in question. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Information is compiled from publicly available sources, but may not be comprehensive.



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