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to make the tourism commission aware of the council's objectives. One objective was the desire to see a four-year plan from the commission to be provided within six months. Another objective was that the commission submit budget records that reflect all debts and revenue generated.

Combs said the memorandum is designed to facilitate the flow of information in a more timely manner so that the city council can effectively vote on whether or not to approve the tourism commission's budget. Council member Jennifer McGlone said in the meeting that more transparency is need-

ed to protect all parties involved. Council member Dustin Burchett said that information, including answering questions and clarifying what was presented, would help the council to not be "working in the dark." The council voted unanimously to approve the memorandum, and

Combs said that he would make sure each member of the tourism commission was presented with a copy of the memorandum before the commission's next scheduled meeting. *Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com*

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and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements." It goes on to note that while not a part of the basic financial statement, it is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, and considered "an essential part of financial reporting," for proper context. The city also omitted or failed to provide "the Schedule of City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension and OPEB Liability and the Schedule of Pension and OPEB Contributions." Because of this, the accounting firm noted, "We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance."

the grant. But that means the county has to make a decision, Miller explained. "So, if the fiscal court would like to apply for one of the fire departments, there is a decision to make. They both want to remodel. The CDBG amount this year is \$850,000," Miller told the court. "There is \$46,750 of that which goes for administration cost and there is a match required, and that would be \$85,000. That amount is usually between the applicant and the subrecipient."

"I just wanted to let the court know that they are both requesting," she continued, "and FIVCO doesn't care to do either one. We just have to do whatever the will of the county is."

Miller explained to the court that if they chose one of the departments and applied for the CDBG grant they could apply for the other fire department after the first project was completed 85 percent.

"So, on the next application cycle you could apply for a grant for the other

one," she said. "But it is up to you how you would like to handle it."

Miller told the court that given that they would be the ones applying in the situation, they could choose to fund one or neither.

No representatives from either of the fire departments were in attendance at the fiscal court meeting and were not available to present their individual needs for which they desired the grants. Miller told the court that a decision would not need to be reached immediately because the grant cycle closing was in September, though if the county decided to move forward FIVCO would like to be made aware within the next two months. The environmental review process would have to be gone through, she said, which would take 30 days.

In other business, the court voted to set their regularly scheduled meeting in the month of May to the third Monday (May 18) at 6 pm rather than the nor-

mal second Monday of the month. A Public Hearing was also scheduled for the same date for the removal of WC Gilbert Road.

Interim County Clerk Debbie Johnston presented the court with the 2025 excess fees in the amount of \$184,711.47. Zachary Tackett from Creek Don't Rise Coalition addressed the court about adopting a resolution against raising electric rates in addition to a letter already sent by the fiscal court. The fiscal court recommended that the county attorney look over any potential resolution before making a decision.

The fiscal court also voted to purchase a mobile command post for Carter County EMS from William Waddell in the amount of \$13,500, and the purchase of a trailer for the county road department from Red Dog Trailers in the amount of \$11,200.

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CALENDAR

- **4/16: Grayson Book Club @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson Branch
- **4/16: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce @ 6 p.m.** | Commercial Bank of Grayson - Olive Hill
- **4/17: Sit & Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For more info or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **4/18: Friends of the Library @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill Branch
- **4/20: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **4/20: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **4/20: Carter County EMS Board @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County EMS Station
- **4/20: Carter County Board of Education @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Board of Education office
- **4/21-4/22: Grazing School** | Morehead State University Farm | Call 474-6686 for more info.
- **4/21: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **4/21: Olive Hill City Council @ 6 p.m.** | Olive Hill Senior/Community Center
- **4/22: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **4/24: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **4/27: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **4/27: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center

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Special Olympics area 3&9 track and field meet returned to Paintsville

Paintsville— The Special Olympics Kentucky Area 3&9 Track and Field Meet returned to Johnson Central High School in Paintsville on Saturday, April 11. The Area 3&9 Meet includes more than 150 athletes from Boyd,

Breathitt, Carter, Fleming, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Perry, and Rowan Counties. The event got underway with Opening Ceremonies at 9:45 a.m. Competition begins at 10:00.

This was the first of three weekends of the Special Olympics Area Track and Field season, which concludes May 9 in Louisville.

The Area 3&9 Track and Field Meet is one of eight regional meets held

statewide this year. In all, more than 1,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities throughout the state are expected to participate in area track and field competitions this year.

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Pet of the Week

Tammy is a senior dog, still looking for her forever home. She's very friendly, good with other dogs, and walks on a leash. Tammy also has a free adoption to an approved home. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her or call 475-9771 for more information. Shelter hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday by appointment.

Soil from A-2

But beyond that, rotation diversity, tillage method and drainage didn't produce clear, consistent shifts in the indicators used — at least not when the results from all those different locations were combined.

One surprising result was that no-till was associated with more acidic soil (lower pH) than conventional tillage in the trials included in the dataset. Poffenbarger said that the trend aligns with a known challenge in some systems: Surface-applied fertilizers can concentrate acidity near the soil surface over time.

"That pH pattern can show up when inputs are staying near the surface," Poffenbarger said. "It's a reminder that conservation practices can come with tradeoffs that need management, like tracking pH and addressing lime needs."

Poffenbarger also said the national scope of the project helps explain why some practices did not "pop" as strongly as many farmers might expect. No-till, for example, is widely

promoted for protecting soil, but it does not behave the same way in every region.

"With a dataset this broad, you're seeing a lot of soil types and climates," Poffenbarger said. "No-till isn't necessarily going to look the same everywhere. If some locations benefit and others don't, that can wash out when you're looking at the combined results."

Poffenbarger's own group contributed samples from a long-term rotation trial at UK — with treatments dating back to 1986. Field crews across participating institutions followed a shared sampling plan to make results comparable, which meant collecting standard soil cores alongside shovel-dug samples designed to keep soil aggregates intact for stability testing.

It's worth noting what the study didn't do. The researchers tracked soil-health indicators, not yield or profit. They couldn't say directly whether the improvements they measured translate into better

harvests or fatter bottom lines, though Poffenbarger pointed out that a growing body of parallel research is making that connection.

"This study helps tighten up the evidence on which practices are showing up in the soil tests across a lot of real, long-term systems," Poffenbarger said. "Then the next step is pairing that with work that connects soil improvements to outcomes farmers care about day to day."

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- Upcoming Events:**
- Grazing School – April 21-22 @ Morehead State University Farm
 - Fencing School – April 28 in Mason County
 - Understanding Seed Packets & Beginning Gardening – April 29 @ Noon



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Throughout the months of March and April the Grayson Police Department will be conducting safety check points throughout roadways within the city limits, at pre-approved locations.

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Securely destroy old documents and paper files. Hard drive destruction available this year on-site.

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Commercial Bank of Grayson

