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Members of the Russell County Fiscal Court, ENGIE North America officials, and people associated with the Mt. Olive Creek Solar Project posed with a symbolic check to represent a \$20,000 donation made to the county’s recent Bicentennial Celebration.

expressed his company’s desire to be a good, corporate neighbor.

“I’m the development director with the company,” he told the court last Monday. “I’ve been before you all, and engaged with you all for over six years. I know some of you have known me all that time.”

“We’re here specifically to talk to you all, let you know about the measures we’ve taken to address some of the recent traffic concerns over in the project area as the construction is going on,” Van Meter said.

“Over seven years ago...our first leases on this project were signed,” he said. “Ever since that time, we have been engaged with the county and with our neighbors. That engagement has taken various forms. I’ve been before you all numerous times.”

Van Meter said his company has attempted to be receptive to any issues which may have arisen as the construction process has evolved.

One concern led to a proposed substation connected to the project being moved, Van Meter said, and in another situation the placement of some solar panels was changed.

“Along the way, we have spoken with other neighboring landowners,” he said. “The list

is pretty lengthy of the neighbors that we’ve tried to engage with along with addressing the concerns this body (fiscal court) has had along the way.”

Van Meter said a public meeting about the project was held in August of 2020, “which was prior to filing our application with the Kentucky Siting Board.”

“Right around that same time we had a significant informational forum,” he told the court. “We had experts of all different kinds come in and answer questions from people in the community.”

“All this time, we were taking in information (and) trying to respond to concerns that our neighbors have had,” Van Meter said.

Van Meter specifically addressed “the traffic issue” at and near the construction site.

“I know that the sheriff has been dealing with it,” he said. “We’re trying to address that. Safety is the most important thing on our list every day, every meeting we have, everything in our company is about safety. And then on top of that, we just obviously want to keep you from having to deal with calls all the time.”

Russell County Judge Executive Randy Marcum and Sheriff Derek Polston said both of their offices have received calls about

traffic (especially large trucks) in and around the construction area.

“We appreciate you cooperating with us, and helping us try to figure out what the solutions to that are,” Van Meter said. “The main thing we’ve done...and this was there previously...is there’s been some signs posted, I believe Magistrate (Steve) Richardson has had some signs posted out there...and we’ve also had some flaggers deployed where there’s construction traffic coming up.”

Other officials involved in the construction spoke to the court, and explained measures being taken to address any concerns.

Magistrates mentioned concerns about construction traffic, and a report about a damage fence-which has apparently been repaired.

Judge Marcum said calls about construction site issues “have kind of gone away” after improved communication efforts were initiated.

Sheriff Polston said he his office has fielded complaints, and actually has deputies conduct extra patrols in the area.

An estimated 300 workers are on the site every day, and ENGIE officials said they have made everyone on the site aware of concerns.

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Super Crossword

TITLEHOLDERS

ACROSS

1 Perp's excuse
6 Bee-related
11 Lipids
15 In addition
19 "Cheers!" in Spain
20 Cousin of largo
21 Concept
22 Geometry, e.g.
23 Photo-sharing app, casually
24 Be finished by
25 "Shakespeare in Love" Oscar winner
27 "A Pocket Full of Rye" novelist
30 Device connecting to a computer port
31 "Alley —!"
32 High mountain peaks, in Italy
33 "J to — L-O!" (2002 album)
34 Put on
35 Portrayer of Emma Peel on "The Avengers"
40 Longtime editor-in-chief of Vogue
44 Purported psychic gift
45 Reebok rival

46 One-celled swimmer
47 — 500 (auto race)
48 Ren or Stimp, e.g.
50 "Peanuts" blanket toter
52 Cherry-hued
53 "Dr." of rap
55 Gazes at creepily
57 "Rebecca" novelist
63 Fee-free, as a mutual fund
65 Come — halt
66 Succotash ingredient
67 Kung — chicken
68 12-month period, in Rio
69 Longtime Royal Ballet luminary
74 Sick-dog link
75 Levy
76 Colonial-bore woodwind
77 Wed.-Fri. link
78 Kind of gas that's banned for autos
80 Best Actress winner for "Butterfield 8"
86 Large-eyed primate
87 — jiffy
88 Cattle call
89 Presley called "The King"
91 Morning TV's Kelly
92 Trotsky of Russia
95 Copier clogs
97 Free-for- (melees)
99 Eggy drink
100 "The Good Apprentice" novelist
103 1986 Grammy winner for Best Jazz Vocal Performance
105 La Paz's country: Abbr.
106 Tee preceder
107 See 53-Down
109 Cut the lawn
110 Old Jewish ascetic
112 With
119-Across, "South Pacific" song ... or a declaration about the nine women featured in this puzzle?
119 See
112-Across
121 Mann of pop
122 Apple drink
123 Pernicious
124 British trolley
125 Atlantic, e.g.
126 Siri's cousin?
127 Bears' lairs

DOWN

1 China's home
2 Singer k.d. —
3 "Casablanca" woman
4 Part of a blouse or a mouse
5 Boise native
6 A Baldwin brother
7 Phnom —, Cambodia
8 How RuPaul performs
9 "Garfield: — of Two Kitties" (2006 film)
10 "Move to inbox" email phrase
11 Pacific island nation
12 In unison, in music
13 TV coach Lasso
14 Voiced a quick greeting
15 "That's for sure!"
16 "Arnie" actress Sue Ane —
17 City NW of Minneapolis
18 Classic chocolate candy bar

26 — about-face (flip-flop)
28 May preceder
29 Unrefined source of element #50
33 Pan Am rival
35 Explode, as a bomb
36 Having equal angles
37 Moon-landing mission
38 "Just jokin' with you"
39 Actress Rowlands
41 Must-have
42 Carry off illegally
43 Arena level
46 Take — at (try)
49 Prefix with colonial
51 As many as
53 With
107-Across, he had many hit songs with John Oates
54 Small stream brand
56 Apia native
58 Three-nation pact of '94
59 Skier Tommy
60 Small tablet from Apple
61 De-intensify
62 Driver's fit of anger
64 "Yabba — doo!"

70 Fish eggs
71 Become irate
72 "That's for sure!"
73 — and void
79 — Lingus
81 California wines, in brief
82 — sapiens
83 "Ooh, good comeback!"
84 Circle relative
85 Irritate
90 Replay mode, for short
92 Delamed in print
93 Causing to wear down
94 Raincoat fabric
95 Srs., last year
96 Ancient Egyptian king
98 Toy racer
101 Actress Suvari
102 In the habit of
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112 IRS guy, e.g.
113 Half: Prefix
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