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Rec Board
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senior programs.

Hamilton and Rec Board member Skip Holley said they were initially skeptical about YMCA programming, but both said during the meeting that they are sold on what the YMCA can offer to the community. Hamilton said the Limestone YMCA is finalizing its programs and will meet with Judge/Executive Harry Clark and Mayor Laura White-Brown, and then there will be a “big announcement.” Hamilton said he would also like to commend Chamber of Commerce President Jason Slone for helping pull together this current committee as well as working closely with the Limestone YMCA.

Hamilton also reported that the splash pad was down only two days following a recent break in a 4-inch water line. He also said repairs have been made, the facility’s filters have been replumbed and replaced, and it is working fine now.

He also reported that lighting for the basketball courts at the city park had arrived and would be installed by Thursday.

Skip Holley gave an update on the county park. He said all surfaces had been finished, an elevation study was under way for the amphitheater, and the Chamber of Commerce Leadership class had installed exercise equipment at the park.

Board chairman Chuck Marz asked about updates on bear activity at Rodburn Park. Hamilton said that the most recent bear siting, which included a bear dragging trash across the park, was because the bear had gotten into a dumpster at the park used for clean-up after reserved events. He said Kentucky Fish & Wildlife officers are monitoring the park for more bear activity and will be speaking with Morehead City Council. Hamilton said the dumpster could be eliminated from the site. He said trash cans at the site are lockable and bear proof. There are also surveillance cameras at the park.

The next scheduled meeting for the board is August 11.

School Board
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ing of 2026-2027 approved policies; and approved the FY27 district funding assurances for Federal and State programs.

The board reviewed and approved the 2026-2027 ARC Chairpersons; re-

viewed and approved the 2026-2027 Section 504 Chairpersons; approved the Special Education Procedures manual; approved the 2026-2027 faculty, coaches, and substitute handbooks; and discussed at length and approved to add a working lunch meeting schedule to be set monthly on

a Monday, which can be cancelled as needed.

Before going into closed session, the board approved the Superintendent’s report, which includes the personnel report and school activity funds monthly financial report. Supt. Rowe mentioned that the first day of school is set for Tuesday,

Aug. 11, 2026.

Before adjournment, the board mentioned the hiring of Dr. Jason Bradford as District Consultant for Rowan County Schools to help guide district goals and strategic decisions.

With no closed session the meeting was subsequently adjourned.

EMS director announces resignation

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Members of the Rowan County Fiscal Court, along with Judge-Executive Harry T. Clark, met on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 8:00am, at the Rowan County Courthouse, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which was broadcast live on the Rowan County Fiscal Court Facebook page.

Judge-Exec. Clark called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance; and roll call

with all magistrates present, sans one.

The judge welcomed the special guest that attended the meeting, spoke about staring off a new fiscal year, talked about contributing funding to the staff of the volunteer fire department, spoke about the closing of Trent Ridge for road maintenance, gave some updates regarding the animal shelter, talked about the nearing completion of the Senior Center, gave some updates regarding the community park, and mentioned that Brook-

wood Drive is a private road that the county cannot spend tax dollars on private property.

Under Public Comments, a concerned individual spoke about her concerns regarding data centers that are under-

going construction or currently in the works in the surrounding counties. She asked the court to enact a moratorium

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