



Local law firm Clontz and Cox is undergoing some changes in their firm. John Clontz, back row, far right is leaving the firm in March and Bob Amburgey, next to Clontz, has joined the firm. Also on the back row are attorneys, Jerry Fish and Jerry Cox. Shown on the front row, from left: Mattie Carpenter, April Day, Shari Proctor and Tammy Carpenter.

Clontz & Cox

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Brooks, McComb, Fields, Rubie and Mullins in Lexington.

Mr. Amburgey, an experienced trial attorney in all criminal law areas, also has experience in the civil practice of employment, domestic, personal injury and corporate law and will be involved in all aspects of the firm's practice.

Clontz and Cox also announced that John E. Clontz will be leaving the firm effective March 3rd. Mr. Clontz has accepted the position of General Counsel and Senior Vice-President of Legal Services at HealthEssentials Solutions, Inc., in Louisville.

HealthEssentials is a medical services management company with business activities in 13 states.

Mr. Clontz will be responsible for the HealthEssentials' legal representation and managing the company's litigation activities.

Mr. Clontz's responsibilities at Clontz and Cox will be assumed by its remaining members, Jerry J. Cox, Jerome Fish and Bob Amburgey.

Mr. Clontz has been a member of the local firm since his graduation from the University of Kentucky School of Law in 1983.

Jerry Cox has been with Clontz and Cox for the past 34 years and John Clontz's father, Carl, has recently joined as its active member of the firm.



Martin Vinzant, left was elected Vice-Chairman of the Rockcastle County Board of Education and Terry Burton was elected Chairman of the Board before Tuesday night's regular monthly meeting.

Broadhead Council (Continued From Front)

between the two departments for several months. In order to resolve those conflicts, it was suggested that each department conduct their own business and meetings.

The Rural Fire Department, recently purchased a building on Hwy. 70, which is being used as a fire station and those in attendance said the problems between the two departments have escalated since then.

However, in the end, the council and departments agreed to hold separate meetings and to have separate administrations for each department.

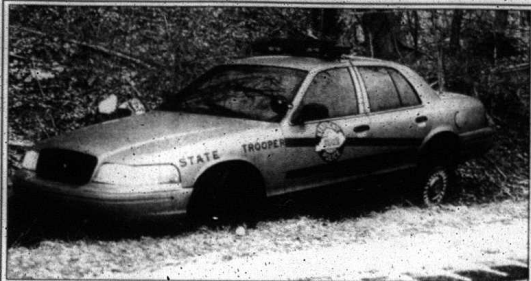
The rural department will be headquartered at Quail and meet there as well. The city department will remain at the current fire station as before.

They also agreed that the Broadhead Rural Department would be responsible for rural fires outside the city limits and that the city department would take care of fire calls inside the city limits.

There had been some question as to whether the city would be allowed to cover a five mile radius around the city limits, but to do so the rural department had to agree in writing. None of the rural members would agree to such a request.

The council's vote came after a suggestion of keeping the rural truck at Broadhead was made by David Ott.

"This will work better for everybody," Ott said.



Kentucky State Trooper Jason McCowan lost control of his cruiser on U.S. 25, just south of Burr as he was attempting to go to the wreck in the bottom photo. Roadways became very slick Tuesday afternoon, causing several wrecks in the area.



Betty Sue Sowder, 68, of Mt. Vernon was critically injured in a single-vehicle wreck on U.S. 25 Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Sowder and her 11-year-old grandson were taken to Rockcastle Hospital and she was later transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center, where she was listed in stable condition on Wednesday. Her grandson was treated and released.



Two Barbourville men were injured in a wreck on Interstate 75 Tuesday afternoon. Both men were treated at the Rockcastle Hospital for minor injuries.

\$48, the library board, \$1,876, the extension board; \$26, the soil conservation district, \$271 and the local fire district \$4.66.

The court also discussed their options concerning the county's five constables.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette said the county must approve the use of blue lights and sirens by all five constables. In each case, a decision by the court would be made on an individual basis.

Currently the court has not approved the use of the lights and sirens by the constables and took no action on the matter on Tuesday, although they discussed the matter at length.

The court also discussed the possibility of requiring each constable to attend 40 hours of training at Eastern Kentucky University before giving their approval for the use of lights and sirens.

The discussion concerning the constables is the result of a request from the city of Livingston to use fifth district constable David Mason to patrol the city in the absence of a city police officer.

The court also heard from Bruce Neely with the Ky. Transportation Department, who said the state wanted to resurface a portion of the Sand Springs Road, Ottawa Road 1650 from 618 to 70 and Hurricane School Road.

The court took the recommendations under advisement and agreed to come up with possible alternatives to the state's plan.

The court also agreed to borrow \$55,000 for the Broadhead Rural Fire Department to be used for various reasons, including the purchase of a new fire house at Quail. The court also agreed to lease the building from the fire department for financial and insurance reasons. Judge Carlotta said that all expenses and loan payments would be made by the fire department and that the county would not be out any money.

The court also approved work on the Copper Creek bridge and County Clerk Norma Houk's budget for the next year. Mrs. Houk anticipates tak-

ing in just over \$2.1 million and having excess fees around \$12,000 to return to the county.

The court also discussed the monthly animal shelter report, which showed that as many as 40 animals had been housed on at least one occasion, during the month of December.

The report also showed that 37 animals had been adopted and 44 had been put to sleep.

During December the shelter took in \$1,528, \$500 of that amount was donated by McDonald's Restaurant.

Jail money

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oners from the county jail because of budget problems and because the department of corrections will only allow Jailer James Miller to keep around 70 prisoners, the cash flow is flowing very slowly.

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court Treasurer Joe Clontz and Miller estimate that the jail is taking about a \$24,000 hit each month.

At one point Miller was keeping between 90 and 100 prisoners in the local detention center and many of those were state prisoners.

Now that number has dropped to around 70, with 34 of them being local prisoners, for which the county receives no money.

"We've got a problem, but the state has our hands tied right now," Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carlotta said.

Carlotta, Miller and Clontz say they have a \$80,000 payment on the detention center due in May and it is going to be very difficult to make the payment with the cut in revenue.

Currently Miller has 19 full and part-time employees, not counting himself.

On Tuesday the court did pass a motion to allow Miller to charge each inmate, coming into the jail, a one time booking fee of \$20 to help offset a portion of what is being lost.

Livingston Council

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slammed the door as he left the meeting.

After it was apparent that the council was going to put McHargue on the council, Griffin asked if there was any other business and attempted to adjourn the meeting.

Mrs. Carpenter asked Griffin if he was going to be upset and leave the meetings when something did not always go his way. Griffin told Carpenter that if there was no other business he was ready to leave.

Before the discussion concerning McHargue, the council also discussed an I.R.S. lien against the city. City Clerk Tina Tyree said that she was working to get the lien released and the interest and penalties reduced.

The City Clerk said that the lien was for about \$8,000 and apparently stemmed from the late 1990s when the city did not file all of their withholding forms and pay the taxes that were withheld from city employees.

The council also discussed the fact that the city of Livingston no longer has a police officer.

Officer William Harris is now a Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff.

Griffin suggested that the council contact with fifth district constable David Mason to patrol in the city limits while the council found a new officer.

The council also discussed the possibility of paying a contract fee to Rockcastle Sheriff Darrell Doan, for the use of one of his deputies.

The council took no action and, on Tuesday, the Rockcastle Fiscal Court tabled the matter concerning Mason and did not give authority for him to use blue lights or a siren in his vehicle.

City employee Rick Cole, who helps with the city's water and sewer department, asked to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter involving himself, but the council took no action on his request.



Members of the Broadhead City Council held their first meeting of the year on Monday night. Shown above from left: councilman Johnny Wilcox, councilman Curt Brown, Mayor Walter Cash, councilman Larry Taylor and councilman Everett Albright.

Burdette will not run for AG

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette reiterated yesterday comments he made last week, that he does not plan to be a candidate for Kentucky Attorney General.

"As I have said before, this is where I am happy, and I look forward to continuing working with citizens of this community," Burdette said. "I intend to support the Republican nominee for Attorney General and I expect that to be Tim Feeley of Oldham County," he added.

Local man sentenced

Woodrow Lamb, 25, of Mt. Vernon was sentenced to 200 months in prison, which will be followed by three years of supervised release, and fined \$400 in federal court last week.

Lamb entered guilty pleas to using a firearm during and in relation to drug trafficking and being a felon in possession of a firearm, as well as to possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute it.

Lamb fired shots at Mt. Vernon Police Chief Bill Mink and Officer Barry Adams in July of 2001, as the two pursued him along U.S. 25.

Lamb was also ordered to forfeit some assets, including firearms.

City council meeting rescheduled

The regular City of Mt. Vernon council meeting, scheduled for January 20, 2003, has been cancelled due to a holiday.

The meeting will be held Monday, January 27, 2003 at city hall at 7 p.m.

The court will pay the insurance on the vehicles and the vehicles will be in the county's name.

Doan will be responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles and the gasoline.

The court also voted to return all equipment, including vehicles, which had been purchased by former Rockcastle Sheriff Shirley Smith to him.

The court also accepted Smith's settlement for taxes received by his office for the 2002 assessment.

Former Deputy Sheriff and secretary Sonya Parker presented the tax settlement to the court for each tax district.

Smith's office reported overpaying the county \$158, the school board, \$600; the health department,

Feeley, 46, a State Representative who was elected to a third term, announced his candidacy for Attorney General at a press conference yesterday in Frankfort.

"The Republican party is actively seeking candidates for statewide offices, unlike 1999, and Feeley is a great candidate for Attorney General. We were expecting him to file," Burdette said.

Three democrats, Greg Stumbo, Ed Hatcher and Chris Gorman have filed for the office as well.

AAU Tryouts

There will be tryouts for girls' AAU basketball on Monday, January 20th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Rockcastle Middle School.

Corrections!

In last week's Signal we printed that Gary Hanel was only the second fire chief to serve Mt. Vernon. That was incorrect. At least three men, Willis McKenzie, Bill Cox and Claude McHargue all served before John Cox and now Hanel.

We also reported that the Lady Rockets had lost 15 out of 16 games to Clay County, when they have actually lost seven of the last eight to Clay and eight of the last eight to Jackson County.