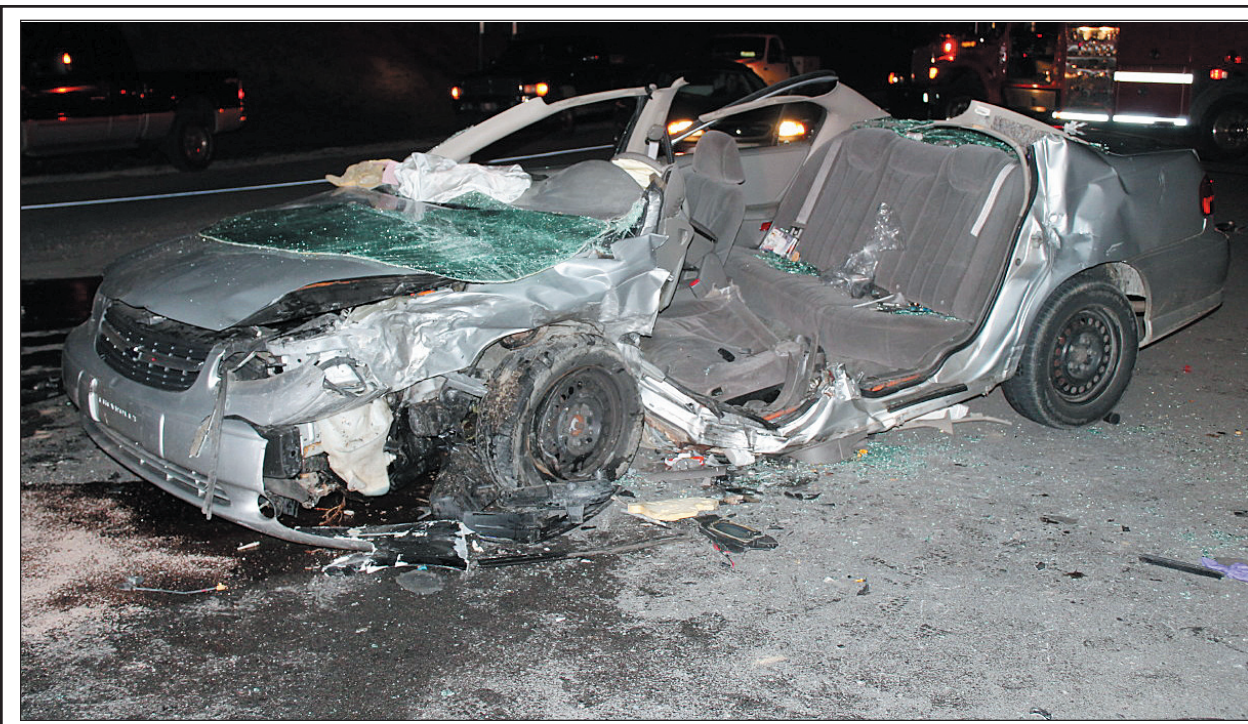


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School Board approves the elimination of thirteen positions

By: Doug Ponder
The Rockcastle County School Board officially approved the elimination of thirteen total positions during their monthly meeting Tuesday night.
Superintendent David Pensol proposed the finalized plan for district-wide cutbacks and eliminations to the board, which were based upon the enrollment figures at each school and the cut-back of SEEK (Student Excellence in Education in Kentucky) funding by the state.
Pensol said that after crunching some numbers they were fortunate to discover that they would only have to cut eight positions

due to SEEK budget cuts instead of ten. He also said they were able to reduce the proposed 22:1 student/teacher ratio to 21:1.
"We have worked individually with every principal at every school and discussed each situation to try and make the best decisions possible," Pensol said. "After working together with everyone we have come to the conclusion that this proposal would be best for our students and teachers."
The new proposal called for three positions at the high school, two positions at Mt. Vernon Elementary and one each at the middle

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RCIDA will sell White House land in park for \$75,000

At Monday's meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, the board decided to sell land, needed by the White House Clinic in Rockcastle Industrial Park South, for \$75,000. The decision reverses one made earlier that White House would have to pay \$87,825 for the 3.513 acre site, located on the right just inside the entrance to the park of 150.
The board agreed to a \$25,000 acre price for White House, down from the \$35,000 an acre they normally charge, and White

House agreed to pay that price for three acres. However, after a survey showed there was actually 3.513 acres in the site, the board decided the price would have to be \$87,825 and gave White House the option of purchasing the property paying \$75,000 up front and paying the \$12,825 difference over a five year period at the rate of \$2,565 per year.
But, since approximately 1/2 acre of the site is unusable because of easements and land topography, White

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County Attorney asks for, gets additional program support

Acknowledging it was an "unprecedented" action, County Attorney Billy Reynolds told the fiscal court Tuesday that he needed more financial assistance from the county due to the increase in operating expenses for his office.

Reynolds said he recently had to borrow \$2,500 in order to avoid a layoff in his office (although the lay-off eventually occurred) and that his budget from the state child support office was cut. According to Reynolds, the cut occurred because "I ran my office efficiently and only used

\$162,000 of the \$187,000 I received so the state cut their allocation to me this year to the \$162,000." Reynolds said he called the state office and complained and finally got the allocation back up to \$169,000.

The county attorney also said that he had been lobbying to make assistant county attorney Jeremy Rowe position full time and had finally accomplished that goal. However, there was no allocation made by the state for additional salary for Rowe.

"I have been spending my own money to keep employees and I keep thinking the state will kick in with more child support funds or for Jeremy full time but I don't think that is going to happen for some time," Reynolds told the magistrates.

Magistrate Bill McKinney agreed that the county attorney's office had not had an increase in what it receives for representing the county in legal matters for many years.

Reynolds' request was for an additional \$1,350 a month or \$16,200 a year. This breaks down to an additional \$600 for rent support for his office on West Main Street (currently set at \$120 a month), \$500 a month in additional payroll for Rowe and an increase of \$250 a month for Kathy Robinson, whom Reynolds called "invaluable" to his office, a sentiment echoed by the magistrates and County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis.

On a motion by Carloftis, seconded by

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Brodhead residents complain about raw sewage at meeting

By: Doug Ponder

Several items of interest were discussed at the monthly Brodhead city council meeting on Monday night, including city residents complaints about raw sewage floating in the front yard of their rental home on Chestnut Grove Road.

Cecil and Judy King attended the meeting to discuss the settlement agreement which called for the

City of Brodhead to install a lift station to service their rental home.

The settlement agreement states that the rental home's sewer line backs up during heavy rains causing a nuisance to the Kings. The King's allege the sewer backup is due to the city's sewer infiltration system and the city alleges the

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Wacky Raft Race, Triathlon highlight Founder's Day Festival

Participants are needed for the Wacky Raft Race which will be part of Livingston's Founder's Day Festival set for May 10 and 11.

That event will just be one of many scheduled for the event which will also include a Wildcat Mountain Triathlon, a Bluegrass Concert, a car show, parade, beauty pageant, inflatables for the children, a lumberjack competition, duck race, vendors and much more.

The Triathlon will be held May 11th and will be made up of a Mountain Bike segment (5.3 miles), canoe

race (4.1 miles) and a 4.6 mile run. The cost is \$25 and each participant will receive a free t-shirt. For entry forms, call 606-453-2061.

The Wacky Raft Race, Saturday, May 11th at 3 p.m., will feature homemade rafts, to be floated on the Rockcastle River. Rafts must be carried to the water by participants and there will be an award for best design. No motors will be allowed. Rafts must be self-powered. No canoes or kayaks will be permitted.

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A Mt. Vernon man was arrested for DUI last Saturday after losing control of his vehicle and driving into Lake Linville on Rose Hill Road. Mt. Vernon Police say Aaron R. McGuire appeared intoxicated while performing field sobriety tests and he also told officers that he had smoked marijuana prior to running off the road and into the lake. McGuire was charged with DUI and was later released from the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$2,000 surety bond. A 14-year-old juvenile, who was with McGuire at the time of the accident, was released to his parents at the scene. Shown above is local diver Carl Swanagin hooking up the wrecked vehicle that was originally submerged in 12 feet of water. CSEPP Director Hal Holbrook also dispatched crews to clean up oil and debris left in the lake by the car.

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