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BGADD lends hand

City looks at financing renovation of gas lines

Three projects vital to the City of Carlisle were addressed by City Council members Monday night by Don R. Hansall, Director of Community and Economic Development of Bluegrass Area Development Authority.

The first and most vital was the avenue open for financing the renovation and restoration of the City's natural gas system. Hansall outlined three sources to which the City should apply. All are necessary to finance the projected \$700,000 renovation.

1) Special state loan interest (five and one-eighth percent) EDAA/BAE (Economic Development Administration/ Appalachian Regional Commission) loan of \$100,000 for the 1.7 million dollars state revolving loan first originally allocated, \$200,000 is left.

2) FED/CRD (Community Development Block Grant), \$200,000. There are two categories under this program according to Hansall: one is "Urgent Needs," which Hansall suggested should be tried first as the City is losing in excess of 10 percent of the gas purchased from Columbia Gas due to leaks at an estimated \$100,000 loss per year. The second category is "Public Facilities." Hansall explained

that the competition from other cities requesting these funds, is stiff. He stated that recently, out of seven cities applying, only one was accepted. HEID grants are not to be repaid. The maximum amount for which a city can apply is \$60,000.

3) Public (Farmers Home Administration) community facilities loan of \$200,000. The interest, good till the end of March 11 and three-eighths percent. After that the rate will probably go to 12 percent. Selling bonds would be involved in this program, with Public financing a guaranteed bid.

Hansall stressed that such programs require that there be the only one for which monies are being applied.

The last request, according to Hansall, would be the Municipal Loan Market at 4 percent. He stated that Revenue Bonds are not selling well now, and he doubted that enough could be sold to finance the project.

Shelton Wood reported to Council that after a few changes in the Gas Renovation contract, it is acceptable, and that the Commonwealth has been given the okay to consult with engineers and begin preliminary surveying and study on the proposed system. The second City system to be the

victim of time in the sewer plant. It needs to be expanded and upgraded, as it does not meet present standards. Our present sewer system was installed in 1963. In 1976 or 1977 Howard K. Bell, consulting engineers, conducted and completed a detailed survey of the local plant suggesting the improvements that would have to be made for the future. The state estimates that the project will cost 2.3 million dollars, with the federal government furnishing 75 percent of the cost, and the City furnishing 25 percent. However, Council recently decreed that as of Sept. 30, 1984, the percentage change to 50 percent federal, and 50 percent local.

Hansall stated that whether it be two years or 10, improving the sewer plant is definitely in the future picture for Carlisle. He suggested that a letter be sent to the Division of Water in Frankfort expressing the City's desire to be moved from its present 80th position on the list of need to the state, to a higher ranking, which could make funds available at an earlier date.

Deadlines for applications are nearing for all the above mentioned loans and grants, as they must be in time to be considered for the 1983 fiscal year.

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Fiscal court forced to pay two years' back taxes

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court was forced to fork over two years' back taxes on county timberland to the U.S. Forestry Department at last Wednesday's regularly scheduled court meeting.

The taxes totaled \$218,000 and were paid from the county's general fund.

The dispute over the taxes stemmed from a discrepancy between the county's tax records and those of the forestry service. The county's records listed only 2,120 acres of timberland in the county as being subject to the two-cent per acre tax. The forestry service records showed some 21,266 acres.

County Clerk Rose Scott said that the forestry service had accepted payment on the lesser acreage in the past. But

for the past two years, they demanded the county pay on the timberland included in their records.

To pay the taxes, the court transferred \$1,000 from an account for the army to a miscellaneous account in the general fund.

Bruce Harris, of the forestry service, told the court that his organization provides several services to the county for the tax. Among those services, Harris said, the forestry service provided the local fire department with an extra fire truck, and surveys the county's timberland daily during the service records showed some 21,266 acres.

Also at the regular session meeting last Wednesday morning, Property Valuation Administrator Rose Brady appeared before the court to report

that parking spaces behind the courthouse be reserved for employees who work at the courthouse and for courthouse customers.

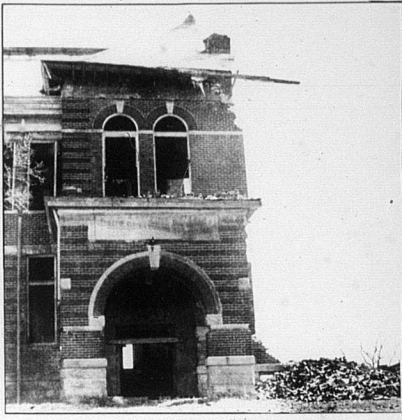
The court did not take any action on Brady's request.

On other action last week, the court: — Approved a budgeted payment of \$1,000 to the local senior citizens' program.

— Authorized the purchase of some new beds at the county jail.

— Transferred \$600 from an interest code to the general fund for an account for child support reimbursement.

— Transferred \$1,000 within the road and bridge fund. The money was moved from an account earmarked for labor, to the road maintenance and operating supplies account.



Half a memory

Little more than half of the old Carlisle city school remained standing Monday morning, as demolition of the old structure has knocked

School board gives FFA one acre of tobacco

The Nicholas County Board of Education decided to give the NICHES FFA Chapter one acre of tobacco from the board's allotment at Monday night's regularly scheduled meeting.

The board chose one acre because they felt the students could better handle that amount than two or three acres.

The decision came after the board had been discussing what to do with the

school property for the past few months. The agreement finally reached will allow the FFA to grow up to around 1,000 pounds of tobacco if the acre will produce it.

Board members do not feel that the school's land can produce the full allotment.

Board member Chester Mattox also raised the problem of possible conflicts in sharing the barn space with a reefer, considering the number of students involved with the FFA project.

In other action at Monday night's meeting, the board:

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Nicholas out of tournament Harrison squeaks out narrow win; no regional spot for Jackets

It was the best of games. It was the worst of games.

It was an exciting and a hard-fought as any game of the season. But in the end, it was the toughest loss of the year as the Jackets fell 31-49 to Harrison County in district tournament action at Bourbon County last week.

"Yes it was the toughest," Jacket coach Mike Kenney said after the loss. "The game meant a lot to the kids, but it wasn't more to me."

With the loss, the Jackets failed to deliver on what Kenney called the best chance for a regional tournament appearance in years. A win over Harrison would have guaranteed that spot at Mason County.

Nicholas County has not made it out of the district tournament in basketball since 1969. And with a record like that, going to the region around here is like going to the state," Kenney said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing."

It was an exciting, action-packed game that saw the opportunity for further post-season play slip away. But down the stretch, Harrison County's size and their ability to hit the crucial free throws overcame a scrappy performance by the BlueJackets.

Harrison built a five-point halftime lead primarily on the strength of the inside play of 6'7" center Brad Muniz. The Jackets went to Muniz again and again in the game's opening minutes. He responded by putting the ball in the hole.

The Jackets tried to counter the attack by placing a defender behind

Muniz and another in front of him. But Harrison "just threw the ball over our kids' heads," Kenney said.

Still, some strong offensive play kept the Jackets within reach throughout the first half. And when they came out of the locker room at the beginning of the second half, they were a team affair.

Head Coach Mike Kenney said after the game, "We couldn't let them control the tempo. And speed the game up they did."

Jackets wiped out the Harrison lead and left a narrow 17-point deficit at the short side of a 35-23 third quarter score.

But the momentum changed again in the fourth quarter. Following two close Jacket fouls and an over-and-back call, the Jackets broke into a one-point lead on an inside move by Muniz. Muniz had been silent in the third quarter. Harrison couldn't get the ball to him, there Muniz let it off. Dale Lenson took over. Lenson hit eight of eight free throws. A surprising 17-point performance by Franklin also helped the Jackets effort.

"Our kids weren't stupid in fouling him," Kenney said of Lenson. "Harrison knew he was a good foul shooter too, and their game plan was for him to handle the ball." So when the Jackets fouled, they fouled Lenson. And Lenson answered with two points every time.

Both series Mike Webb and David McDuffey fouled out in the closing

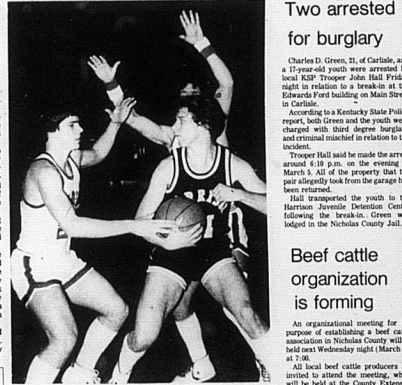
minutes, and Lenson led the game with a pair of free throws that put the Jackets up by four with only nine seconds remaining.

"It was their size and their ability to hit the free throws that did it," Kenney said. "Our kids played well, and they played outstandingly hard. But Harrison hit 12 free throws in our time, and they made six or seven buckets off of offensive rebounds. That was the difference."

"There's a lot of second-guessing now, but we did what we thought we had to do to win," he said, "and we fell two points short."

"This is the best bunch of kids I've ever had," he said. "I think they would be the first to admit that they don't have that much talent or depth. But they came and worked. And they beat Clark County and Pendleton County, and they went and played Henry Clay and Tates Creek and won. I never heard any of them saying they didn't want to go."

"At the beginning of the year I thought we'd probably win five games. We won nine. The kids worked very hard."



Pressure

Steve Anderson (left) and Mike Wooley applied heavy defensive pressure to a trapped Harrison County player last Wednesday night in the beginning of a second half rally that brought the Jackets back from a five-point halftime deficit. The Jackets lost the game 31-49. — Mercury photo.

Two arrested for burglary

Charles D. Green, 21, of Carlisle, and a 17-year-old youth were arrested by local KSP Trooper John Hall Friday night in relation to a break-in at the Edwards Ford building on Main Street in Carlisle.

According to a Kentucky State Police report, both Green and the youth were charged with third degree burglary and criminal mischief in relation to the incident.

Trooper Hall said he made the arrest around 4:10 p.m. on the evening of March 5. All of the property that the pair allegedly took from the garage has been returned.

Hall transported the youth to the Harrison Juvenile Detention Center following the break-in. Green was lodged in the Nicholas County Jail.

Beef cattle organization is forming

An organizational meeting for the purpose of establishing a beef cattle association in Nicholas County will be held next Wednesday night (March 17) at 7:00.

All local beef cattle producers are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held at the County Extension Office in the courthouse.

Extension Agent Mike Frantz said that the association could develop a "breedall" program.

The first purpose could be educational in nature, exploring "better production techniques and increased efficiency."

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