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## For sewer grant Bentz breaks tie; approval given for first steps, 4-3

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The City of Carlisle has taken a first step. Carlisle Mayor Lee Bentz met a tie-breaking vote to allow Jane Stephens of Bluegrass Community Action Agency (AD) to begin filing paper work for the \$734,000 Community Development (HUD) Block Grant awarded the city earlier this month.

The performance schedule of the grant must be in Frankfort by July 1.

There is disagreement among Carlisle City Council members as to the acceptance or rejection of the grant.

Members Jeff Dyer, Bobby Barnett and Betty Barton are for acceptance. Cartmill Lester, Clarence Cook, and Tommy Yunglin want to reject the grant.

Both camps feel strongly about their decision, and voiced their opinions at a called meeting of council Monday night.

Stephens was on hand to await council's decision on the grant, and a decision on the resolution to exercise an agreement with the AD for grant administration services at a cost of \$31,000, which is part of the total grant money.

Discussion of grant acceptance lasted for an hour and a half before the vote was taken.

Stephens urged members to allow the AD to go ahead with the performance schedule for the July 1 deadline even if a decision had not been reached concerning the acceptance of the grant.

She said, "I would hate to see this (non)acceptance of the grant happen to the good citizens of this community, regardless of whether you have Bluegrass AD or not."

She added, "The decision to accept the grant is ultimately yours. We do not want to do anything you don't want done."

Bob Smallwood of CBE Engineers, the firm that will oversee the sewer project was also present to answer questions.

Representative Adrian Arnold was present because he is "interested in what Carlisle is doing."

The three council members voting against accepting the grant did so because they said they do not think the citizens of Carlisle can stand another sewer rate increase, plus the expense of the water project, which will hit at the same time. The rate was raised 18 percent last year. The gas utility had been carrying the sewer utility for years, according to council members.

If the grant is accepted, there may be another 81 percent raise in the sewer rate, made necessary in order to meet the city's obligation on the project.

Cord said, "It's as broad as it is long," concerning the gas carrying the sewer.

Funding for the project breaks down this amount of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requested, \$730,000 (actually received \$734,700); Carlisle Sewer Fund cash on hand, \$1,000.00; Kentucky Area Development Fund, \$20,000.00 (the county and city split \$40,000.00 from this agency); In kind labor by the city on the proposed sewer project, \$50,000.00; Kentucky Pollution Abatement and Water Resources money the city would have to borrow through a bond issue, \$64,950.00.

The total amount the City of Carlisle is responsible for is \$1,144,000. Combined with the \$750,000 grant, the total cost of the sewer project is \$1,894,000.

Smallwood explained the average city customer usage is 4,500 gallons of water. The sewer rate is now \$8. With the increase, the rate would be \$15. "That's the answer for the average citizen in Carlisle," he said.

He added, "There are an infinite number of ways to fix rates."

He informed council members of what would happen if they reject the grant money.

"The first thing is a tap on the head will be enforced. That means no new homes, industry or business will be allowed to tap onto the present system."

Also, state Environmental Protection Agency inspectors (acting for the federal EPA), who have heretofore allowed some deficiencies at the sewer plant, knowing the city was in the process of applying for a grant, will no longer do so.

These deficiencies will be written up upon inspection, and fines will be levied, according to Smallwood.

An agreed order was signed last year by the city allowing the sewer plant to operate at a deficit level until July 1, 1988. The city cannot meet the deadline, even if the grant is accepted, and work began. Therefore the EPA will have to sue the City of Carlisle. The city will ask for another extension from a federal judge.

The proposed completion of the project, if a normal timetable is met, is September, 1988.

Lester said to Stephens and Smallwood, "I know why you're pushing this," which may have meant their agencies would benefit if the city accepts the grant.

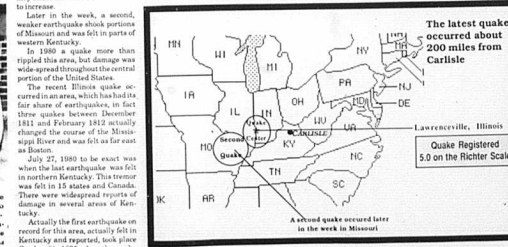


## Air transport from NC Hospital

A SkyCare Helicopter operated by St. Louis Helicopter Airways, Inc. for Jewish Hospital in Louisville, was called in to transfer a patient from Nicholas County Hospital to Louisville, last Friday night. Emergency workers landed Victor Watkins, 44, Mayville Road, Carlisle, onto the helicopter. According to a KSP report, the victim said he and some friends were walking along a creek bank when they saw a flash and the victim was shot. The blast, according to the report, took a part of his left hand off and injured his wrist. There was no vehicle description. Watkins was transported to Nicholas County Hospital by private car. Investigating officers are KSP Detective Jeff Jett and KSP Trooper Chris Turley. Above right, Robert Robinson, pilot, prepared the aircraft for take-off. The flight in Louisville takes about 30 to 35 minutes from Carlisle. (Below right) is an inside view of the helicopter's control panels. The helicopter is one of two available to the Louisville Hospital. The service makes an average of 2.5 calls per day. Jewish Hospital has become famous for its specialization in limb reattachment. In a report Tuesday it was disclosed Watkins underwent 24 straight hours of surgery, however his exact condition was not known at press time. (Back Page Photos.)

## Earthquake raises attention level

was felt from Canada to Louisiana. Not since 1980 has the Nicholas County area felt the shaking and experienced the absolute fear an earthquake can produce. That may not continue to be the case. Last Wednesday, about 200 miles west of Nicholas County in Lawrenceville, Illinois an earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale shook the area. Damage was relatively light compared to west coast earthquakes, however the knowledge one may strike this area has continued to increase. Later in the week, a second, weaker earthquake shook portions of Missouri and was felt in parts of western Kentucky. In 1980 a quake more than rippled this area, but damage was widespread throughout the central portion of the United States. The recent Illinois quake occurred in an area, which has had the fair share of earthquakes, in fact three quakes between December 1981 and February 1982 actually changed the course of the Mississippi River and was felt as far east as Boston. July 27, 1980 to be exact was when the last earthquake was felt in northern Kentucky. The tremor was felt in 15 states and Canada. There were widespread reports of damage in several areas of Kentucky. Actually the first earthquake recorded for this area, actually felt in Kentucky and reported, took place in 1811. It was a 7.5 on the Richter Scale. It isn't even scheduled until sometime in 1990. Kentucky, according to seismologists, can expect a major earthquake sometime before the year 2000. This quake will fall some where in the region (see map) and cause considerable damage. The latest mini-quake caused alerts at some nuclear plants but caused no shutdowns. Normally in the central Kentucky area the largest, most feared, forms of natural disasters include tornadoes and flooding. However, with the increasing risk of earthquakes being discussed, homeowners should be prepared. "There isn't a many insured as you would think," Custer Blair of



The latest quake occurred about 200 miles from Carlisle. Quake Registered 5.0 on the Richter Scale. A second quake occurred later in the week in Missouri.



Warren Shonert, left, and Mrs. Shonert were guests of the Nicholas County Historical Society last Friday. Shonert, who owned and published the *Falmouth Outlook* until his retirement in 1985, gave the address for the society's annual banquet meeting. At right is Henry Young, who presided over the gathering, which attracted nearly 100, at the Depot. (Back Page Photos.)

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