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### GENERAL NEWS

## Plans delayed for construction of doctors

By Josh Shepard  
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Plans for the construction of doctors' offices across from the Johnson Mathers Nursing Home and Nicholas County Health Department have run into a snag.

According to a presentation to Nicholas County Fiscal Court, Tuesday, as it has discovered one acre of the land doctors had made plans to purchase from Fiscal Court overlapped land leased by the Kentucky National Guard Army.

Dr. Allen Hamon came

### Utility checks mailed within next two weeks

FRANKFORT (AP) - Checks to pay utility companies and other energy suppliers for up to \$5.2 million in outstanding home heating bills will be mailed to 83,000 low-income Kentucky households within two weeks, the Cabinet for Human Resources said last Friday.

The payments are being made under the federally funded Home Energy Assistance Program, a cabinet news release said.

All payments are by two-party checks, made out to the utility or fuel supplier, and cannot be cashed by the individual, the release said.

### National guard will receive defense grant

FRANKFORT (AP) - The Kentucky National Guard will receive \$2.75 million from the Defense Department to help pay for drug interdiction, U.S. Rep. Larry Hopkins announced last Friday.

The money will enable the guard to step up eradication efforts, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson said.

Hopkins, a Republican from central Kentucky's 6th District, notified Wilkinson of the federal funding Friday afternoon, the governor's office announced.

The money is to be marked for aircraft and motor vehicle operation and maintenance, as well as personnel costs associated with combined anti-drug operations.

Guardmen and Kentucky State Police annually wage a "Green-Grey Sweep" of rural marijuana fields.

The award of these funds by the Department of Defense to our Kentucky National Guard is tremendous recognition of our efforts to eradicate marijuana," Wilkinson said in a statement. "It means we will be able to do even more in the future."

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before court Tuesday to ask for a price reduction on the land slated for office construction.

According to the original lease, Doctors Owsa Villafra and Hamon arranged for the purchase of just under two acres of land neighboring the army. Represented by Real Estate Agent Mark Matton, Hamon and Villafra wanted the fair market value of \$10,000.

However, Hamon returned to the fiscal court and reported that one acre of the land proposed as the site of the office building was leased from the fiscal court to the National Guard several years earlier.

Rob Hester (Nicholas County Hospital Administration) negotiating with the army for the section," Hamon said.

Hat, Hamon requested the court lower its price to represent the market value of land the court had to sell.

Hamon said the reason construction of the offices has not commenced is because they are awaiting confirmation of two new doctors to come to the Nicholas County area, a general physician and dentist.

"We want to build a four person office and we will need to put in parking space, in order to do this, we need to work out something with the army," Hamon said.

With four doctors in the area, Hamon said costs to build the offices would be reduced because of additional support the new doctors can bring to construction.

Hamon's plan is to go ahead with the purchase of the remaining county land and work out an agreement between the hospital and the army for the additional acre.

The court adjusted the value to \$5,000 without the acre of land under negotiation and Hamon accepted the offer.

Nicholas County will be the first to have a bridge bond under the new state Bridge Replacement Program.

A bridge on Garrett Road crossing Creaked Creek qualifies for replacement because its capacity is under three tons.

According to the stipulations of the replacement program, the fiscal court will open bids for bridge repair and is responsible for 20 percent of the cost to install a new one. Another bridge, located in East Lee Plank's district, also qualifies for the state program, but it will be a while before the state will be able to get to it, Judge Executive Russ Smoot said.

Preliminary steps to the program require the county enter into a contract with the State Department of Transportation before bids can be made.

Problems continue with the Cantrell Roofing Company and the fiscal court concerning the repair of a faulty roof at the Nicholas County Community Center.

The center of the center very concerns interior damage to the community center, Cantrell contends damage to the walls existed before the company ever started work on the roof.

Walter Applegate, Secretary Treasurer of the Ministerial Association and Pastor of the Carlisle United Methodist Church, came before the court asking for a donation to the ministerial association in order to help pay for money and Christmas box yet.

"We are running out of money and Christmas box yet," Applegate said.

Magistrate Floyd Busby said if the budget could handle it, he suggested the court donate \$1,000. All members voted to pass the motion.

The court approved a request from Marjorie Wilson of the County Extension office for \$1,700 plus \$300 all ready allocated to the extension office to finish refurbishing the old army.

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Melvin Fryman asked a donation to help the May-brier family, whose home was destroyed by fire. Smoot said to include the donation with one arranged for July Busell who also had lost her home due to fire.

The court approved the purchase of a used wood stove for a Mearfield woman, Cindy Smith, who, with three children, are facing a winter with no heat and unable to pay for utilities.

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