

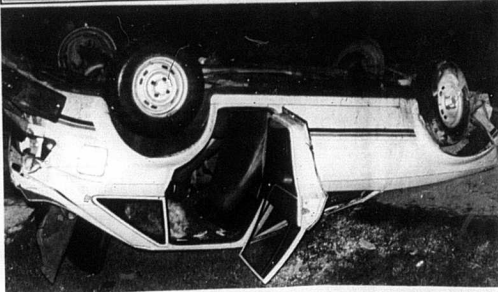
Countdown to Kickoff — Special Section This Week

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The Carlisle Mercury-Hark Bond Photo
No one was around when Kentucky State Police, Nicholas County Ambulance and Nicholas County Firemen arrived at the scene of this accident, August 10. The 1984 Ford operated by William Blakeman of Mt. Sterling apparently flipped over after rounding a curve in a west bound direction. The accident occurred near the Bath - Nicholas line on KY 36. The accident was investigated by Trooper Tim Layne.

Sam Finch is named Carlisle police chief; Carlisle Council approves tax increase, 5-1

By Kim Head
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Sam Finch is the new Police Chief of Carlisle. After meeting in executive session, Carlisle City Council voted unanimously to install Finch as Chief of Police, effective August 13, 1990. Finch was sergeant at the time of his appointment. He has served on the Carlisle Police Force for 21 years.

Mayor Frankie Hughes had been acting Police Chief after the death of former Chief Allen Earlywine.

Earlywine, who had served as chief for over 23 years, died July 30.

In other action, the council approved a property tax increase by a vote of five to one.

Council member Tommy Vaughn voted against the measure.

The tax was raised from 17 cents to 18 cents for every \$100 of assessed property value.

Mary Tapp, Carlisle City Clerk, explained that the rate could be raised as high as 19 cents. She recommended that it be raised to 18 cents.

Council member Doug Garrett said he wanted to raise the taxes now so later raises would not seem as drastic.

A motion was passed to give a \$4,000 permit to GRW Engineering Co., of Lexington, to remove sludge from the city's sewage plant.

The motion passed by a vote of five to one. Sharon Faulconer, councilwoman, voted against it.

Two representatives from Simmons Cable TV were at the meeting to discuss cable tv. problems with the council.

He also said that federal regulations can keep cable companies from having access to local area channels, such as Cincinnati.

Mayor Hughes complained that there was a fuzziness in the picture on his television, saying that many people had complained about the same thing.

Right said some problems are neighborhood related, but any problems should be reported to the company at the toll free number (606) 284-5152. Right said it is a 24 hour number.

Council followed up on business regarding putting city funds, such as certificates of deposit, up for bid to the two local banks, Delpat Bank and First National Bank.

Councilman Ronnie Clark said if money can be saved, the council should consider the idea.

Lanny Hutchison, President of First National Bank, suggested a period of two years for such transactions.

Faulconer asked about the possibility of the city needing to borrow money during the years that it may be in the bank.

Hutchison said such terms would be a part of the bid that the bank puts out forward.

Mayor Hughes said he has the final word on any such action.

A motion was presented to consider allowing bids for certificates of deposit and bank balances. Council members Doug Garrett and Faulconer voted against the motion while council members Clark, Betty Barton, Charlie Fay and Tommy Vaughn voted in favor.

Mayor Hughes said, "We'll think about it."

It was announced Jo Lynn Garrett had resigned her post with the Main St. Program. The future of the program is in question.

Garrett was not at the meeting but will be at the next meeting of the City Council to discuss the project.

Libby Earlywine, widow of former Police Chief Allen Earlywine, was present to ask for pay from sick days not used by her late husband.

Mayor Hughes said he did not want to take any action until the city's lawyer was available.

Fay suggested that the city should have life insurance policies for employees.

Vaughn called for a special meeting when the attorney returns.

Ordinance No. 8, 1990, a trash ordinance, was updated with the only change being for Jeckey.

Mayor Hughes said he wasn't going to sign a check to send money out of town for Carlisle's participation in the "Kentucky League of Cities Investment Pool Plus", Ordinance No. 7, 1990.

Clark said he didn't think the investment was needed.

Members Garrett and Barton voted in favor of a motion to participate.

Clark, Faulconer and Vaughn voted against. Fay abstained and will have 10 days to decide before he passes on his vote.

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Fiscal officer chosen for new bus garage

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CARLISLE, August 13 — The Nicholas County Board of Education approved several motions Monday night, chief among them the retention of a fiscal officer for the construction of the bus garage.

Ralph Nail addressed the school board as a representative of First Kentucky Securities of Frankfort, Kentucky.

Nail came to the board with the recommendation of Nicholas County Superintendent Cobert Gilbert. Gilbert had worked with Nail and First Kentucky Securities during his time as superintendent in Powell County.

Nail explained the bonding process to the board and said the current estimate, due to change, was \$335,000 for the bus garage.

The cost of the bus garage will be paid through the sale of bonds, as is customary in Kentucky. Because the Nicholas County system has added a five cents add on tax through a three percent utility tax, Nicholas County qualifies for state building funds under a variety of state programs.

House Bill 940, the education act passed by the 1990 General Assembly, sets up a Facilities Support Program which allows the county system to receive matching funds from the Kentucky Department of Education. In addition, Nicholas County will be eligible for funds under another construction program which does not require matching funds from the county.

The fiscal agent is retained by the school board to oversee the sale of the bonds. According to Nail, the sale of the bonds is guaranteed since Kentucky has not had a single bond issue fail since the system was started 60 years ago.

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cholas County at the end of the last school year.

The board ruled on this matter in keeping with a policy the board has established. The policy is designed to keep Nicholas County youngsters in Nicholas County schools.

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During special session School Board levies new tax

By Tim Jones
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CARLISLE, August 13 — The Nicholas County Board of Education met in special session Wednesday night to discuss two motions involving school taxes.

The two motions involved a utility tax.

The school board unanimously approved a motion to create an equivalent tax rate to obtain finances through the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky funding program. A utility tax program will be started and is estimated to generate 170,875 dollars annually.

The second motion, in accordance with current Kentucky law, levies a three percent utility gross receipts license tax effective October 1, 1990.

The meeting lasted approximately 10 minutes and was followed by a tour of the school grounds.

Nicholas County Superintendent Cobert Gilbert showed the board three possible building sites for the new bus garage and escorted the board through the high school and elementary school.

Greg Reid and Gerald Hammons, principals of the high school and elementary school, attended the tour with the board.

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Board sets lunch prices

The school board also agreed to raise the price of lunches at the high school to 45 cents and the price of lunches at the elementary school to 75 cents. This is consistent with the prices charged in benchmark counties such as Bourbon, Fleming, Mason and Bath.

Reduced lunch prices at the high school and elementary school will rise from 25 cents to 40 cents.

Both schools will provide breakfast at a cost of 50 cents per student. The reduced breakfast price will be 35 cents at the high school and elementary school.

Gilbert advised the board on Federal guidelines which call for the food programs in high schools to be self-sustaining. In order for the Federal government to handle the entire free lunch program, something the Federal government is unwilling to undertake given the large deficit, Gilbert said.

Local school systems must raise prices in order to balance their food budgets, Gilbert noted, and the board concurred and passed the motion without dissent.

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