

THE CARLSLE MERCURY

Keeping You In Touch — Our Community Commitment
 123rd Year, No. 2 Carlisle, KY 40311-0272 Thursday, January 11, 1990 50 cents per copy

**JAN
11
1990**

Council chambers at capacity as Faul seeks annexation, again

By Hank Dand
The Carlisle Mercury

Carlisle City Council chambers were filled to capacity, Monday night.

It was the first council meeting for newly elected Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes and council members Sharon Faulconer and Bonnie Clark.

Back for another term were Daig Garrett, Charles Fay, Betty Barton and Tammy Vaughn.

"I wasn't the new mayor or council members who drew the crowd, but another attempt by local businessman Robert Paul to have his 19th Hole of Carnio property annexed to the city, using a corridor method.

In addition to the annexation request, Paul made it clear he wanted council to pass a liquor by the drink ordinance, allowing his restaurant to sell liquor by the drink, should it be annexed to the city.

Paul was represented by Carlisle attorney Betsy Davern, but chose to speak for himself to begin his presentation to council.

"I am here to ask the city to annex the 19th Hole of Carnio and pass a liquor by the drink ordinance, so I will be able to sell liquor.

"If you (the council) won't then I'll have to close the restaurant and move my factory (Carlisle Manufacturing) out of Carlisle."

Faul said he needed some indication of council's intentions, Monday night, to be able to make decisions concerning his business.

He told council he had to sign a lease agreement for his manufacturing operation and did not want to do that until he knew how his requests would be treated.

Faul appeared before council more than two years ago asking for the annexation and liquor ordinance.

In 1989, council approved the liquor ordinance 4-2, but former mayor Lee Batts vetoed the vote.

On an attempt to override the veto, which required one more than a majority, five votes, the vote was 4-2, and Batts again vetoed the majority.

In making his presentation, Paul pointed out his operations employ over 20 people with an annual payroll of over \$400,000.

"I believe that money is turned over a lot in this

Nicholas board adopts new job descriptions

By Jeff Spounding
The Carlisle Mercury

CARLSLE — The Nicholas County Board of Education adopted job descriptions for three administrative positions at its Jan. 8 meeting.

The job description outlined the duties of the chapter one secretary, the central office secretary-treasurer and the secretary-receptionist.

One change the new job descriptions entails is that the school's notary public can no longer charge employees for notarizing documents.

The school notary had charged a quarter for each notarized document.

Since the school pays notary fees for the notary public, board members decided the service should be free to employees.

"I think when you've got a notary and some teacher comes in and wants something notarized, it's an accommodation," school attorney Billy Hopkins told the board.

School Supt. Don Elder said the school's notary makes probably \$100 a year notarizing documents for school employees.

In approving the formalized job descriptions, which switch some duties among the three positions, board member John Cleaver said "I would hope there would be enough harmony in the office that people can help each other."

County rehires John Ecton; deadlocks on dog warden

By Josh Shepherd
The Carlisle Mercury

Nicholas County Board Department Supervisor John Ecton was rehired when the newly installed fiscal court convened January 2.

Following the official swearing in proceedings, Judge/Executive Reese Smoot called the meeting to order for hire a road department manager and dog warden.

Smoot recommended renewing Ecton's contract, but no second to the motion was offered.

Magistrate Floyd Buswell said he could not second the motion since Ecton is on probation, because Ecton is being investigated for alleged misappropriation of funds.

State law mandates that the county hire a road manager by the second Tuesday of the month, County Attorney Jack Conley said.

Although the court had to have a road supervisor, Conley and Smoot said the court could remove Ecton later if findings of the investigation go against him.

"Any appointment of the court is subject to termination at any time, as long as the court can show just cause," Smoot said.

After some debate, Ecton was rehired, but the contract is amended to continue Ecton's probation.

Smoot said Jimmy Mitchell resigned his position as county dog warden and rec-



Homecoming royalty
 Cherie Anne, a Nicholas County High School senior, was named 1990 Basketball Homecoming Queen during halftime of the Nicholas County boys game with Owen County Jan. 6. She is escorted by Shane Hughes.

Property tax rates may increase

By Josh Shepherd
The Carlisle Mercury

Property values in Nicholas County could rise 5-10 percent in 1990.

Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator Rose Brady said property values locally are undergoing a major re-assessment.

"The last major residential re-assessment in Nicholas County occurred in 1977, she said.

Because this reassessment came at the time Brady took office, Frankfort handled all aspects of the assessment.

Since then, individual county and city properties have been reassessed every year, but most property values remain roughly at 1977 rates.

In the last two years, several properties in Carlisle have sold for more than \$10,000 their assessed value," Brady said.

Brady said there are perhaps one or two properties that sell outside the values set by Frankfort, but the discrepancies can be attributed to unusual circumstances," Brady said.

A general trend in rising property values has been noted and Brady said that after more than 10 years a major reassessment is in order.

In general, Nicholas County has gotten by with no real change in assessment since Frankfort came in over 10 years ago," Brady said.

"The increase will come, if not from me, then from the state, if they have to. But for those critical of the climb in values, they must consider most have not had their values raised in 10 years. If I conducted these things on a yearly basis, as they were done when prices were skyrocketing in the '70s, everyone would average about a 2 percent climb annually," Brady said.

In preparing for the reassessment, the PSA and her staff have been on the roads throughout the county checking on each property and noting changes, she said.

For her assessment to reflect property values accurately, reports from property owners about their homes and land need to be considered, if that information is volunteered.

"I cannot intrude on people's homes to find out if there is anything new added to the home or if structural damage has reduced the selling price on a home," Brady said.

On rare occasions property values were under-assessed because of unknown problems with the home.

Homeowners sometimes do not think to report home damages, which could drive the price of property down," Brady said.

Deadline for Brady to finish the assessment is in April, and Brady said her priority in the assessment is Carlisle and Lake Carnio property.

She is concentrating on finishing that area first before moving on to the rest of the county.



Nicholas County Judge Executive Reese Smoot, foreground, swears in county officials before the fiscal court meeting Jan. 2.

County rehires John Ecton; deadlocks on dog warden

ommended Elmo Myers as a replacement.

Magistrate Daryl Stacy said he could not support hiring Myers because, he said, the court is working to take care of Myers after his loss in the November election.

"I don't have a thing against Elmo Myers. I respect him, but it looks as if the court is playing favorites," Stacy said.

The vote to hire Myers ended in a tie with Buswell, Stacy and Carl Cohen voting "no," and Earl Lee Plank, Juanita Smith and Smoot voting for Myers.

Conley said he would check state statutes to see if the dog warden's position should be filled in a certain time frame.