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The Nicholas County Ambulance Service transported Rhonda Hunt, 21, her infant daughter Jenna to the Nicholas County Hospital following their car accident on US 58 on the Nicholas County Bourbon County line. Emergency vehicles were dispatched from both Nicholas and Bourbon Counties. Two vehicles were wrecked on the road way and the truck was turned upside down in a rear by field. State police and sheriff reports were unavailable as the investigation was continuing at press time.



District approves million dollar application

By Jack Shephard
of the Carlisle Memory/Pan Bowles Photo

CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Water District approved the establishment of a credit line to cover outstanding debts and consolidate loans in an effort to clear the muddied waters of their financial status.

In past months, the water district has been re-organizing and investigating their debt situation in order to identify and clear all outstanding bills left over from previous fiscal years.

Acting on a suggestion from Starling Gregory, secretary/treasurer of Aqu/KWS Inc., the district agreed to work out an arrangement with the Deposit Bank of Carlisle for approximately \$60-75,000 to cover old debts.

According to Water District chairman Garvey Curtisinger, he has been talked with Tommy Ocker-man of the Deposit Bank about establishing some kind of loan agreement. By doing so, they have only one source of debt, rather than a diffuse, scattered list of bills coming at them from all sides.

In addition to establishing the loan agreement, Board members also met with Bluegrass Area Development District Community Development and Environmental

Planning Representative Mike Morgan concerning eligibility for a community block grant program to generate income that would allow the district to effect improvements to the current water lines.

According to Morgan, with backing from Steve Dale, a representative for the Howard K. Bell Engineering Firm, the water district should identify problem areas in which individual water walls or cisterns are contaminated or on the verge of becoming dangerously stagnant and cannot be used for health reasons.

Dale suggested the water district work with Nicholas County Health officer Larry Trussell to identify serious health risks in every section of the county. Health emergencies can be used as leverage for approval for the block grant. In fact, chances for receipt of the block grant are greatly improved if it corrects what could possibly become a serious health hazard to the public.

Besides the BGADD community block grant, the water district board approved signing a Farmer's Home Program Application loan form to finance a \$1 million dollar phase II project. It is hoped that with the approval of these fi-

financial applications that the Water District will move to a more solid financial ground, and allow them to begin the receive the grants, Board members felt they could begin to improve existing lines and also extend new lines to water customers throughout the county area.

The final step in re-organization was made by Bob Kinsale, Aqu/KWS accountant, who reviewed the audit of the water district accounts and said regular monthly operating reports would begin in the next month.

In other business: Dale and Curtisinger are still evaluating various proposals for water tower sites in Nicholas County. They have already made evaluations of many possible locations and are still in the process of evaluating others in the upcoming weeks.

Curtisinger was named primary contact for the Harrison - Bourbon - Nicholas County Water Supply Council. The tri-county agreement addresses emergency water supplies in cases of severe drought which could effect water supplies.

Local donation budget sharply divides council

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CARLISLE — Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes twice served as the breaker over a deadlocked city council concerning preliminary budgeting for community donations in the 1992-93 fiscal year.

In a special called meeting of the Carlisle City Council Monday night, most of the figures read by City Clerk Mary Tapp were delivered without much comment. However, during a reading of expected expenditures of Administrative, Community Action, and Civil Defense spending, Tapp left the heading of Community Donations blank.

The reason this section was blank, Tapp said, was that she felt this category to be under the discretion of the council members. Council, she said, would have to determine for themselves how much they would allot to meet the requests various community organizations.

Prior to the budget meeting, Tapp said, the Nicholas County Library has been the one of a very few organizations to request a donation. They asked for \$1,000 to help fund their operation.

The ensuing debate over the budget for Community Donations revealed a sharply divided city council. Council members Ronnie Clark, Charlie Fay and Carlisle Lester felt limits needed to be placed on the donation budget, that money might be better spent elsewhere.

"How much we offer is how much organizations will ask for," Clark said. But Garrett and Barton felt the council needed to offer more.

A roll call vote for Clark's motion to put \$100,000 into the donation budget ended in a tie, with Fay, Clark and Lester voting yes, and Barton Vaughn, and Garrett voting no. The tie breaker was passed to Mayor Hughes. Hughes voted no. He felt council should offer a bit more.

Garrett immediately put forward his own motion to put \$18,000 in the donation budget. Again the vote tied 3-3. In this breaker, Hughes voted for the motion.

Prior to the vote, discussion focused on individual organizations. In order to facilitate an efficient debate, Tapp had prepared a breakdown of all donations the council approved in the 1991-1992 fiscal year and donated those organizations which were only one time deals.

Donations to the Carlisle/Nicholas County Industrial Authority was a point of serious contention among council members.

Councilperson Ronnie Clark felt the city had given enough to the Industrial Authority in the past two years to get the organization on its feet. Last fiscal year, Clark said, the Nicholas County Fiscal Court gave a very limited amount of money to the Authority and he felt the council should follow suit.

"It has been two years now. What have they accomplished in that time?" Vaughn asked. Mayor Hughes rose in defense of the Industrial Authority, commending some of the accomplishments the Industrial Authority has made within the past year. "This is not something where we can expect major results in a few years. It takes time and commitment these organizations for them to work," Hughes said.

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Authority, to which Councilpersons Doug Garrett and Betty Barton took exception. "If all we're going to give is \$1,000, we might as well not give at all," Garrett said. Barton agreed.

Despite expressed misgivings about the Authority, council let Clark's motion die by virtue of no one seconding it.

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