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City assesses trash pickup collection rates

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CARLISLE — The Carlisle City Council tentatively assessed possible ways which to raise garbage collection rates in the city in the development of a new collection ordinance.

Hollar and his wife, Carol Hollar, appeared before council to sort out their confusion over whether council had indeed approved Hollar's bid. Once it was determined that Hollar had the city bid, council members set about the task of hammering out the necessary raises in garbage collection fees.

One thing all council members appeared to agree upon was their desire to keep residential collection fees at about \$7.00 a month.

"The fact we cannot get away from is that fees are skyrocketing everywhere," Hollar said. "We aren't the only one's hit with this problem and people must understand that. My operating fees have nearly tripled in the last month. When the Nicholas County Landfill was open, it cost me \$1200 a month just to dump. Now it costs me \$3500 a month to dump in the Mason County landfill," he said.

The culprit behind the dramatic rise in garbage dumping fees is within Frankfort, where the legislature passed far more stringent Environmental Protection laws that demanded state landfills implement dramatic changes in the way to

cal landfills are constructed and how they are to operate. Last year, based on the advice of representatives of the Bluegrass Area Development District, the Nicholas County Fiscal Court was faced with two decisions.

Spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to meet the new state mandated standards on landfills, or close the landfill and determine another way to provide universal collection for every county resident.

The court did what was seen as the most economically feasible, close the landfill. In its place, the court accepted A1 Sanitation's bid for voluntary county collection and also provided a transfer station located at the landfill, but operated by another Sanitation company.

Which brings us to this particular Carlisle City Council meeting. Council is faced with having to meet the massive rise in sanitation costs themselves and the purpose of the meeting was to determine, very roughly, how much council would charge residents; businesses, and factories.

Their aim at the beginning was to determine how much garbage per day, or per week, each pick up point receives and determine the monthly cost according to the amount. Many numbers were tossed around until Council had a rough figure for each business.

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Carnico to possibly open

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CARLISLE — When Carlisle merchants and business leaders gathered in the basement of the First National Bank for the monthly Business after Five meeting on Tuesday night, the question to be addressed was growing concerns over the fate of the 19th Hole of Carnico.

But before any discussion could be mounted, Roy Gaunce, of Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home, asked that two strangers be introduced to the group.

These two men, Joe Ramey and Ed Bibby, introduced themselves and said they have made tentative agreement to buy the property from the owners of the 19th Hole.

which pretty well dissolved Business After Five discussion.

Ramey and Bibby, who said they are also co-owners of the "Dinner Hill" restaurant in Jeffersonville, and holders of small investments in Lexington, said they have been interested in purchasing the property for some time since its closing.

However, their first bid for the property at a general auction of the restaurant several months ago went unaccepted by the owners.

Since then, Ramey said, they have hammered out a deal, much of which has been verbally agreed upon.

To our minds, the situation is a done deal. But there have

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The Nicholas County School Board convene in one of the Senate offices in the Capitol Annex in Frankfort to discuss school facilities construction, specifically the construction of a new Nicholas County High School, with Senator Ed Ford and Representative Jim LeMaster. The forecast was a mixed blessing.

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Kentucky State Police Stephen Auerhahn investigated a single vehicle accident on February 12, on HWY 20 in Myers Station. The driver involved was Tonya Wilcoxson, 20 of Ewing. She was operating a 1991 Pontiac and sustained minor injuries and was transported to the Nicholas County Hospital. Her car ran off the road, landed upside down over a bank and into a creek.

Board abolishes one for one exchange

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CARLISLE — The Nicholas County School Board voted on a 4-1 vote to abolish the one for one student exchange between counties Monday night at a special council meeting.

The motion was made by Nicholas County School Board member David Simet and seconded by Hogue Hall. The motion was agreed on by board members Sammie Vice and Louise Zachary and John Cleaver opposed the motion.

The motion read that non-resident pupils may be admitted to the Nicholas County Schools under the following conditions and only upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools:

- The Nicholas County Board of Education will contract with other school districts for the admission of non-resident pupils on an any and all basis. Non-contract students, wishing to attend the Nicholas Schools, will be admitted if they enroll prior to October 1 of each school year.
- Students from school districts or systems with which the Nicholas County Board of Education does not

have a non-resident contract if they are admitted to the Nicholas County Schools after October 1 of each school year and will be required to pay a monthly tuition equal to the calculated base funding for each day the student is enrolled in the Nicholas County Schools this amount to be paid by the 25th of the month preceding the month for which the payment is due.

Any non-resident of Nicholas County, Kentucky, who has been expelled from any other school district or system, shall not be allowed to attend the Nicholas County School, effective July 1, 1992.

Superintendent Coebert Gilbert said the state department of pupil attendance will accept the above motion with no problems. The state department states such policies are strictly up to the board of education.

Cleaver asked what would happen if there would happen to be an increased amount of students wanting to attend Nicholas County Schools causing the current four classes in a grade to increase to four and half?

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money would be available later to finish the project one it was begun.

Ford's report on the availability of construction funds was bleak. Accompanied by Woody Barwick, Executive Director of the School Facilities Construction Commission, and Mike Luscher, Division Director of Facility Management in the Department of Education, Ford said the \$400 million dollar shortfall in the state budget this year more than guarantees less money available to schools for facility construction.

In Governor Breton Jones' proposed budget plan only \$1,075,000 will be appropriated to the School Facilities Construction Commission. This figure accounts for a drop of nearly \$10 million in

the construction commission from the last biennium to the 1992 proposed budget.

Although Ford was quick to point out that Kentucky's budget for 1992 has not been passed by the Kentucky General Assembly.

Nicholas County Superintendent Coebert Gilbert took issue with the Governor's proposed budget, especially concerning proposals to appropriate approximately \$75 million dollars toward the support of Kentucky's Horse industry and \$100 million toward Kentucky State Parks.

Gilbert said he felt the Governor's proposals, especially in the face of the current recession, would be better focused toward funding the commission.

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