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part with the law.
Wells' letter listed two options: agree to hire Burden as the operator of the ambulance service by July 10, putting service in place no later than 30 days later or make compensation for the lost contract. "We insist that we be paid for my client's loss in this situation," Wells' letter stated.
Burden never attended a Fiscal Court meeting to discuss his bid, Stacy added.
To other signs, the court:
• Agreed to contracts with Big Sandy Area Juvenile Center and Mason County Detention Center to house juveniles.
• Agreed to pay half around the landfill problem, creating a barrier to prevent leakage.
• Agreed to comply with Dr. Robert Sparks' request to purchase land on the lane leading to Nicholas County Hospital for \$10,000. Sparks, a dentist, plans to build a new office there, he told Judge Smith. Conley said Sparks should also pay for a land survey.
• Asked Conley to get paperwork completed for land easements and right of way for the Elk Creek Bridge construction. Hinkle Construction is the contractor of the two-lane concrete bridge.
• Heard a report from Judge Smith about the state's inspection of the county's 32 bridges completed in 1993. Four bridges are deteriorating including the one on the old U.S. 58 bridge over the Licking River at Blue Licks, which the state suggested closing; the railroad bridge on Inham Chapel Road; the bridge over Elk Creek (which the county is replacing); and the bridge near Bill Hunter's property, also on Inham Chapel, which will be closed at least a week beginning Monday, July 25.
• Heard a report from Conley that a businessman interested in land at the Industrial Park has not replied to the court's offer last month. The businessman wanted an agreement to purchase land for mini-storage units and wanted control over the signage, which the court wouldn't do.
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Stacy later said that since the meeting was public and the bidding prices were announced, bidders could easily make a bid lower than the McDonalds. The McDonalds last bid was \$84,000 on the telephone Ronnie told Conley. Burden's bid was for \$76,000.
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Fair resigns courthouse position
CARLISLE: Elected officials whose offices are located at the Nicholas County Courthouse may temporarily have to add to their current job description. Nicholas County Courthouse custodian Virginia "Sis" Fair resigned her position last Thursday.
Fair had worked for the county 23 years. Her work there began in 1975.
"I have no qualms with anyone there," Judge Smith was saying going to give me a raise but they (Fiscal Court) wouldn't let him. They weren't giving anybody raises so they couldn't give me one," Fair told The Mercury Thursday afternoon.
Circuit Clerk Sally Watkins, Melissa Fryman of the state office, and Patricia McClure of County Attorney Jack Conley's office said the Fiscal Court, a visit during Tuesday morning's regular meeting to speak on Fair's behalf.
Watkins told the court, "I feel very bad about all of this with Sis. She's been here a long time and is very loyal and trustworthy."
McClure added, "We have important papers in our office and we don't want her when she's been there. If you let her go you're making a mistake."
Magistrate Stacy interrupted, "We didn't let her go."
"But I mean, if you don't try to get her back," McClure clarified. "She supposedly just quit last Thursday. County Judge Executive Chuck Smith told magistrate Melvin Fryman, Janina Smith, Daryl Stacy, Avery Thomsburg and Danny Hughes, Treasurer Wanda Dison, County Clerk Doug Fryman, County Attorney Jack Conley, and secretary Dana Price were also in attendance.
"I wish she'd have waited until I got back," the judge said. Smith was on vacation last week.
Price told the judge, "She said she was tired of being treated unfairly and that she needed some help here."
Then, Fair handed Price the keys to the courthouse.

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• Jeff Jefferson, 12 years.
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• Jimmy Willoughby became a fireman a couple of weeks ago and is undergoing certification.
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