

County Executive's Report March 14, 2016

Animal Control

We have had some Animal Control complaints recently and since commissioners may have received comments or complaints also, I want to make commission aware of some changes in our operations. We are working with 1) two rescue groups, and 2) UT Vet School in regards to spay and neuter services.

Also, be aware the Animal Control is a rural service so a question to any resident is "are you located within a city of the rural county?"

Grants

Roane County is working on five (5) major grants at this time:

1. NRT- water front work, docks, Caney Creek Campground bridge, in conjunction with Rockwood, Kingston and Harriman
2. CDBG- for ambulances
3. AFG- fire truck
4. LPRF- Swan Pond Sports Complex
5. Trail Grant (RTP)- Caney Creek Campground bridge

Industrial PILOTs

The Industrial PILOTs have come into question with the Comptroller's Office. The Comptroller's Office has placed on the tax rolls "leasehold improvements" which is the rental value of the buildings. Properties impacted include Hackney and VW.

2017 Budget

The Budget Committee has begun work on the 2017 Budget. Information on the status of the 2017 Budget can be found on the county website. The Budget Committee has recommended the Debt Service funds with the same property tax rate as last year.

Legislative Update

The Delinquent Back Tax Property bill has much opposition from the Home Owners Associations. We are not sure where the bill will end up. The HOAs do not want the HOA fees to be included as part of the financial risk as proposed in the Senate Bill 1949 and House Bill 2343.

We were requesting TACIR to conduct a study on the social and economic impacts of vendor trucks to local communities. It appears that TACIR will NOT be asked to perform the study.