



# County Executive's Newsletter to Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

**2012 BUDGET CALENDAR:** (Kaley Walker)

**February 10th**—Department request to Departments

**March 15th**—Department request to Budget Director

**March/April**—Meetings with Departments

**April**—Budget Committee work begins

**May 16th**—Budget Committee adopts budget

**DRAFT CAPITAL PROJECTS POLICY:**

In the February Commission packet you will find a draft Capital Projects Policy. Take time to read this draft policy and if you have any recommendations please email me or give me a call. The Budget Committee will spend some time reviewing the policy at the February and March meetings. We hope to have the policy ready for Commission consideration in March.

The “Draft Capital Projects Policy” is on the Executive Office page on our website—[www.roanegov.org](http://www.roanegov.org).

**What does the recreation industry mean for Roane County?** (Submitted by Teresa Kirkland and Kaley Walker)

Here is a snap shot of a Roane County asset that has been put to use allowing recreation for our citizens and tourism and recreation for our visitors.

Roane County has certain property located along Caney Creek where the county operates the Roane County Park and then leases to Caney Creek Marina/Restaurant and RV Resort. Here is some a little financial information about the Marina and RV Resort.

**Marina and Restaurant** (6.67 acres) (233 boat slips)

Appraisal- \$2,785,000	Taxes- \$24,402
Personal Property- \$145,000	Taxes- \$ 950

**RV Resort** (42 boat slips, 158 concrete pads)

Appraisal- \$3,632,400	Taxes- \$31,715	
Personal Property- \$42,646	Taxes- \$ 280	Total Taxes \$57,351

Lease agreement revenue for fiscal 2010

<b>Marina and Restaurant</b>	\$27,343	
<b>RV Resort</b>	\$29,895	Total Lease \$57,238

Not reported is the sales, hotel/motel and wholesale beer taxes.

# Happy Valentine's Day!



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## DRAFT DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY

Our draft Debt Management Policy is still in the works. We hope to have a draft policy for review by early March.

## COURTHOUSE SAFETY;

We are currently working on two specific issues regarding safety in the Courthouse:

- ◆ First, we are exploring safety barricade for our first floor officers.
- ◆ Second, we are considering building some sheet-rock walls around the railings on the second and third floors.

## PLATEAU PARK PUBLIC FORUM:

Roane County is hosting a public forum on the Plateau Partnership Park  
**Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.,  
Eastern Time**

Harriman Roane State Community College campus  
O'Brien Building, Room 101.

We anticipate reviewing the power point that has been distributed to each of the three counties involved in this industrial park. The power point reflects the history of the park and the current state of infrastructure, along with identifying future challenges.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION LOAN BOARD

The EDA Board met in January and approved a loan for a bakery in Harriman. Amazing Bakes has purchased Patticake Pastries. In the next few weeks stop by Amazing Bakes. We think you will be surprised at what you see.

## MIDTOWN SEWER UPDATE:

We are still working with the state on funding the Midtown project. Hopefully we will have a loan resolution filed for our February meeting. It's amazing the time we have had to devote to securing the loan.

If funding becomes available within our time frame, the following is our schedule of construction:

Bid Opening—February 23, 2011

Construction Starts—March 19, 2011

Construction Complete — July 31, 2011

Everything appears to be subject to the timing of our funding.

## POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS EXOTIC ANIMALS:

We have mailed letters to State Senator Ken Yager and Representative Julia Hurley requesting the consideration of a general law to help protect the citizens of our state.

A number of letters have been mailed to agencies who may have oversight responsibility at Tiger Haven.

We have also requested a tour of the Tiger Haven site.

We will let you know as we receive notification for a tour.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The Courthouse will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 21, 2011 in observance of Presidents' Day.



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## **You Need to Know About Our Office of Emergency Services (OES): (Scott Stout)**

### **OES Activated:**

The Emergency Operations Center was activated twice due to snow/ice since December 2010.

December 15-16 (16 hours) – calls: 30

January 9-11 (40.5 hours) – calls: 30

In the Roane County Basic Emergency Operation Plan, it states that county-wide disasters or other significant emergencies will cause the Emergency Operation Center (E.O.C.) to be activated. The E.O.C. is a physical location (220 North Third Street, Kingston) manned by local governmental department heads, utilities, emergency response and elected officials. The basis for the E.O.C. is to coordination and support the emergency responders by means of policy direction, resource allocation; personnel and equipment. The main reason for opening the (E.O.C.) during the winter weather events was to help the E-911 Center with their call volume. The E.O.C. coordinated the non-emergency traffic with the Rescue Squad, Volunteer Fire Departments, Utility providers, Red Cross, Highway and City Streets Departments.

### **Mutual Aid:**

The Office of Emergency Services provided mutual aid for six (6) structure fires in December and four (4) in January. The office also ran on two (2) hazardous materials calls, one in December and one in January.

### **Training:**

The Office of Emergency Services took advantage of free online training that will allow for inspection of our firefighting turn-out gear. The department currently has 12 sets of turn-out gear. A special thanks goes to John Rayburn Fire Operations Officer for his hard work in drafting the departmental standard operating procedure for personal protective equipment.

### **Our Deepest Sympathy:**

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Minna Andriulli as she passed away on January 23, 2011. As many of you know Ms. Andriulli was the chairperson of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. We appreciated her dedication and abilities in leading this committee. She will be truly missed.

## **HAVE AN ITEM OF INTEREST FOR THE NEWSLETTER?**

If you have an item of interest related to our county, please submit to Sheila or me.

Deadline for submission is the last Friday of the month.



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## **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: The following information provided by Lee Maines, School Construction Manager**

The Roane County Board of Education had an approved Building Plan when TVA began their efforts to respond to the needs of Roane County following the ash spill in December 2008. That plan included projects for each of the communities. After approval by the Roane County Commission and the Roane County Recovery Foundation, work began on the projects. Architects were selected and designs approved. Despite the difficult winter weather, we are making progress on the approved projects. The following is an update on the projects.

**Kingston Area Schools** – Kingston Elementary School had four new classrooms added and an expansion of the cafeteria. That was the first project and it was completed under budget in August 2010.

**Cherokee Middle School** is receiving a new gymnasium fully equipped with locker rooms, public restrooms, new restrooms for the 8th grade wing, and a lobby area. The old gym is under renovation into a new cafeteria for the school. Upon completion, the existing cafeteria will be converted to the media center and the media center will be converted to new learning spaces. Student restrooms will be upgraded in the old section of the building. Other energy efficient changes are also being made to the building including a conversion from the old steam heat to heat pump with an energy management system. This project is well under way and is about 35% complete. It is expected to finish in the summer of 2011.

**Midway Area Schools** – Midway Middle school is having their gym completed with locker rooms, public restrooms and lobby area. The kitchen is being completed as well. That project is about 8% complete. Bids have been received to add a classroom and renovate administrative offices at Midway High School. There has not been a decision to proceed with this project.

**Harriman Area Schools** – Harriman Middle School is receiving a new gymnasium with locker rooms and public restrooms. It is about 62% complete.

**Bowers Elementary School** is receiving a two-story classroom addition. This area will have 15 additional classrooms, a media center, and teacher work space. Existing administrative area is being renovated along with student restrooms, bringing the building into ADA compliance. That project is about 30% complete and expected to finish in the summer of 2011. In the fall of 2011, students and staff from Walnut Hill Elementary will join the students and staff at Bowers and Walnut Hill will be closed.

**Rockwood Area Schools** – A new cafeteria and a new career-technical building (two shops) are being constructed at Rockwood High School. The band room is being renovated with increased space for instrument and uniform storage and practice space. At Rockwood Middle School the gymnasium is being renovated to include new public restrooms and lobby area. New locker rooms and new exterior stairways will bring the old gym into compliance. These projects are expected to be complete in summer 2011 and are about 34% complete.

**Oliver Springs Area Schools** – This area will receive a new elementary school to replace Dyllis Elementary and five grade levels from the current Oliver Springs Elementary School. When the new building is complete the two schools will merge and Dyllis will be closed. Twenty-five acres have been purchased for the site of the new school and geological testing has been completed. The design has been approved by the Board and is in progress. The project is expected to be ready to bid in Spring 2011. This new school is being designed to be energy efficient with a geo-thermal heat system and other amenities.

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\* The following information is provided by the Roane County Purchasing Department:

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>ARCHITECT</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>Kingston Elem</b>	Cope Associates	Merit Construction	\$724,884	Complete
<b>Harriman Middle</b>	Cope Associates	RBA Constructors, Inc.	\$1,622,000	62% Complete
<b>Bowers Elementary</b>	Cope Associates	Mid-State Construction	\$3,610,000	30% Complete
<b>Cherokee Middle</b>	Cope Associates	Merit Construction	\$3,317,448	35% Complete
<b>Rockwood Middle &amp; High School</b>	Cockrill Design & Planning	Rouse Construction Co	\$3,300,000	34% Complete
<b>Midway Middle</b>	Kaatz, Binkley, Jones & Morris	Merit Construction	\$2,384,000	8% Complete
<b>Midway High</b>	Kaatz, Binkley, Jones & Morris	Merit Construction	\$601,000	Bid not yet awarded
<b>Oliver Springs Elem</b>	Cope Associates	Cope Associates	This is a new school. The property has been acquired and the school is now being designed. The construction time is estimated to be 11-12 months and is estimated to cost \$14 million.	

## **FOUNDERS' DAY:**

Everyone is invited to Roane County Founders' Day on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Circuit/Criminal Courtroom on the second floor of the Courthouse. Our nominations for Treasures for 2010 are:

- **Clyde Collins**—Representing the 1st Civil District
- **C. H. Smith**—Representing the 2nd Civil District
- **Albert A. Armour**—Representing the 3rd Civil District
- **Joe Woody**—Representing the 4th Civil District
- **Sanny Bowman**—Representing the 5th Civil District
- **Glen Kindred**—Our "Golden Treasure" (Mr. Kindred passed away on January 28, 2011-he will be honored posthumously)

**Founders' Day was started in 2007 and the following individuals have been honored:**

**November 6, 2007:** Lucille Buttram (1st CD), Claude S. (Sonny) Harvey, Jr. (2nd CD), Henry Doyle Wattenbarger (3rd CD), Boyd Woody (4th CD), Maurice P. Greif, Jr. (5th CD), and the Golden Treasure was Mrs. Roxie McClendon.

**November 6, 2008:** Marilyn Black (1st CD), Robert W. Peelle (2nd CD), Jack Muecke (3rd CD), Allie M. Howard (4th CD), Tom Pemberton (5th CD), and the Golden Treasure was Ms. Elizabeth Rains.

**November 6, 2009:** J. D. Williams (1st CD), Nannie Hopper (2nd CD), Walt Goolsby (3rd CD), Charles Fitch (4th CD), Eddie Owings (5th CD), and the Golden Treasure was Nora Belle Hylton Church.