

**County Executive's Report**  
**Roane County Commission Meeting**  
**January 14, 2013**

- Note the Facilities Report that is and will continue to be attached to any Property Committee Minutes
- Note also the formats of committees associated with the County Executive's Office reflects more specific details of activities of the committee's work/actions
- Should expect next month a filing of a DMA on the U.T. Extension Facility along with a resolution. We have not finalized the DMA but it appears we will be recommending expansion of the old juvenile building adjacent to the Ambulance Department in Midtown
- Should expect next month a filing of a DMA on the Disposition of the Roane County Schools' Edgewood property leased to Michael Dunn. We have not finalized the DMA but it appears we will be recommending the donation of the property to Michael Dunn Center/Foundation.
- Jail water bill issue: Kingston City Water has verbally admitted to having a meter problem. We are working with Kingston to credit our account
- 2014 Budget Forms have been distributed
- Property Committee Resolution #12-96-03 regarding decals on vehicles will need to be re-examined. Apparently we have few vehicles in compliance.
- Letter to Mayor Mason will be filed in next Commission package, re: Metro Government
- Based on our Codes Enforcement and action by the Commission, we have started the first demolition of a private ownership property. Demolition of an old house on Rose Bailey Lane should be completed in about two weeks. Our cost to the taxpayer is \$7,200.
- We are starting to get calls on trash in people's yards so we need to be prepared for additional action.
- Letter to Senator Yager and our State Representatives regarding a feasibility study and cost of the Caney Creek Bridge should be mailed this week and be in the next month's Commission packet.
- Convenience Centers, Solid Waste, Recycling update:  
The Solid Waste Committee and the Property Committee have been discussing and planning changes in our solid waste operation for almost two years now.

- First, I would like to say that Solid Waste is still an evolving operation. From throwing our waste in outhouses, creeks, the side of the road to 6 cu. yd. green boxes on the side of the road, to 6 cu. yd. green boxes in convenience centers, to now super-centers, we are trying to work toward getting away from a 6 cu. yd. box to compactors. With the super-center concept, we are also undertaking a mass recycling effort.
- Second, as we look at the evolving solid waste system, we have made large investments into the super-centers and there is more work to be done. Specifically dealing with the Blair Center. Here are the facts we based our decision of closing the center on:
  1. Property was not owned by the county
  2. Property was too small for compactor to allow sufficient turn around.
  3. Property was too small for sufficient recycling
  4. Hard to invest in the site when we did not own the property
  5. We have two (2) sites within 2 and 4 miles of Blair.

Even if we dealt with these issues, the biggest issue we had was leakage since we were so close to the creek. We wanted to eliminate potential fines from the Tennessee Department of Environment (TDEC). We closed the site prior to us being forced to close, or receiving fines. Current regulations for permitting all convenience centers require them to be at least 50 feet away from a blue line water stream. The Blair Center is 10 feet away.

I apologize for not communicating our facts with the public but we were left with little choice but to close the center.

Submitted by County Executive Ron Woody