

County Executive's Newsletter to the County Commission



Roane County Government

"2015 Reappraisal Program" By Ron Woody, County Executive

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Independence Day
July 4th



The county continues to struggle to complete the 2015 reappraisal as the Assessor's office works with a special contract with Patriot Properties to perform a portion of the reappraisal and with the State Comptroller's office, who the State Board of Equalization voted to take a lead role in the reappraisal process. On June 19, the county received an update from Chief of Staff Jason Mumpower outlining the status of current activities, along with activities in progress. There is not a current schedule or timeframe on a complete reappraisal; however, our hope is change notices will be sent out in July and then in late July and August the county's Board of Equalization can meet for hearings and to correct any value and property changes. Late August or in September is our anticipated timeframe for a certified tax rate and an adopted property tax in the county and the cities.

2016 Budget Up For Adoption July 13th

The appropriations, tax and non-profit resolutions were filed for Commission's consideration at the June regular meeting. All resolutions were deferred pending the county receiving a certified tax rate. A few days after the Commission meeting, Director of Schools Aytes and Board of Education Chairman Miller met with Commission Chairman Brummett and County Executive Woody to discuss the need to adopt the budgets prior to the certified tax rate. The Tennessee State Comptroller's office confirmed that the appropriations resolution could be adopted then the certified tax rate and any changes to the tax rate could be approved at a later meeting. The Commission should prepare to deliberate and debate the 2016 Budget on July 13, the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting. The property tax increase is proposed at 30 cents.

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4th of July Fun Facts:

In 1776, there were an estimated 2.5 million people living in the newly independent nation of the United States of America.

In 2014, there were an estimated 318.4 million people living in the United States of America.

There were 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence: John Hancock was the first signer, Benjamin Franklin (age 70) was the oldest and Edward Rutledge (age 26) was the youngest.



The Roane County
Courthouse and Courts
will be closed on
Friday, July 3rd
in observance of
Independence Day.



A Whirlwind of County Government Activities

May 5: TVA Roane County Economic Foundation Board approved the final project expenses for the last of the \$43 million. The final funds allocation were approved in the spring of 2015. The remaining projects approved are marketing/image repair projects and total \$1 million in funding.



May 18&19: Executive Woody, as secretary of the Energy Communities Alliance, a national organization, travelled to the DOE Savannah River site as part of an Energy Communities Peer Exchange. One of the most important aspects of the meetings was the opening of doors to expert contacts. The next time we have an alternative energy company wanting industrial property for the next alternative energy project (coal to gas or waste to gas), the Savannah River Applied Research Center will be our contact. The Savannah River site

has just started a biofuel plant run by Amensco.



June 1: TDOT Commissioner John Schroer visited Kingston to unveil a commemorative sign designating State Route 1 as the state's first priority road. State Route 1 is Highway 70.



June 3-5: Commissioners Granger, Collier, Berry and Hendrickson attended the Post-Legislative conference hosted by the Tennessee Counties Services Association (TCSA) in Pigeon Forge. Collier served as past president of TCSA, Granger serves as Secretary and Berry chairs the TCSA Education committee. Road Superintendent Ferguson, TCHOA Region I president, and Executive Woody also attended.



June 19: Governor Haslam presented a check to the City of Rockwood as part of TDOT's transportation Alternative Grants. Rockwood in partnership with TDOT will connect downtown Rockwood to Tom Fuller Park with a bike/walking trail.



May & June: A host of calls and meetings took place over the last several months with the Comptroller's office and Assessor's software vendor, Patriot, related to completing the county's reappraisal program (see Page 1 article).



May & June: It's all about the Budget. The Roane County Budget Committee completed their work on the 2016 budget with a recommended 30 cents

property tax increase. On June 2nd the Budget Committee hosted the public hearing on the budget and then conducted final committee meeting for the 2016 recommendation and then a Commission work session on the budget was held. (See page 1 article)



Other activities during May and June included: Student Government Day, Chamber Annual Awards Banquet, Tour/inspection of Tiger Haven, tour of Happy Valley (Manhattan Project), Graduations, Consolidated Nuclear Service employees council meeting, final TVA public meeting on 2008 ash spill and TDEC public meeting regarding the landfill at TVA.



We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. ~Thomas Jefferson, The Declaration of Independence

Working Together Toward a Better Roane County

Every employee and citizen should strive to make Roane County better. Pam May and Ralph Stewart were recently rewarded for their accomplishment of this. Both were honored at the East Tennessee Development District Annual Awards Banquet.

Pam May, Roane County Tourism

Director, was the recipient of the Chuck Davis Award. This award is presented to those who exhibit excellence in the promotion and marketing of their community.

Ralph Stewart, Roane County Solid Waste Director, accepted Roane County's Achievement Award. This

award is presented to communities who have successfully completed a project that impacts its citizens in a positive way. The Solid Waste Department received a Hub and Spoke grant this year that improves and expands recycling facilities and capabilities.

Congratulations!!

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Did You Know . . .Molyneux Chevrolet Company?

By Robert Bailey, Roane County Historian

The Molyneux Chevrolet Company was founded by John Molyneux and his son Harry Molyneux, in 1916 in Rockwood as the City Garage. Its name was changed in 1928 to the Molyneux Chevrolet Company and it was recognized

as the first Chevrolet dealer in Tennessee and one of the first in the South.

John Molyneux was born in Bolton, England in 1853 and came to America in 1881, settling in Morgan County. He moved to Rockwood in 1906.

He was also the founder of the Molyneux Lumber Company in Rockwood. In 1935 Frigidaire appliances and RCA radios were added to the business, along with Speed Queen Washers.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
July 3rd	COURTHOUSE CLOSED		
July 7th	Industrial Liaison Cmte	Alliance	5:00 pm
July 9th	Emergency Services	OES	6:00 pm
July 13th	Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
June 11th	Public Utility Board	WWP	5:30 pm
July 14th	Fire Board	QCR	6:00 pm
July 15th	Board of Zoning Appeals	QCR	6:00 pm
July 15th	Planning Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
July 16th	Animal Control Committee	QCR	6:30 pm
July 20th	Codes Review Committee	QCR	6:00 pm

What is my tax liability for next year?

The county has a property tax calculator where one can calculate the reappraisal impact and any proposed tax increase impact. Located on the county website— homepage www.roanecountytn.gov
New Property Tax Calculator

Highway Department Update by Brian Matthews

We want to invite everyone to come to our **3rd Annual Community Cook-out on July 2nd**. Come have lunch on us! We will start serving around 12:00 and will serve until everyone has been fed or we run out of food. We are going to have hot dogs with all the fixings; we will also be having ice cold watermelon for dessert. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Roane County Highway Department on July 2nd.

Please submit articles/items of interest to Melanie at melanie.townsend@roanecountytn.gov by the 20th of the month. ~Ron

MPNHP

The Manhattan Project National Historic Park (MPNHP) is the buzz around the Oak Ridge, Los Alamos and Hanford communities with the passage of federal legislation in December 2014.

The Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) are working on a Memorandum of Understanding related to how the Park Service can work within the DOE reservations and communities to implement a one-of-a-kind National Park that is a project and not a specific site.

DOI has visited each location and the local and federal leadership is now in discussion on park headquarters and more importantly, how to tell the Manhattan Project story.

Roane County Executive Ron Woody and Tourism Director Pam May are plugged into Oak Ridge and how to tell the Roane County portion of the story from building and operation of K-25 and ORNL to how the communities supported and were impacted by the Manhattan Project. Roane County will be a gateway to the Manhattan Project National Historic Park.

Woody and May will attend the Energy Communities Alliance Peer Exchange on the Manhattan Project National Historic Park implementation in July at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Much more to come . . .