

# County Executive's Newsletter to the County Commission



## Where Do We Go From Here? A Housing Summit....

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Roane County is preparing for a Roane County Housing Summit on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Roane State Community College's Raider Room.

One may ask why are we having a Housing Summit and what do we want to accomplish?

In January and February of 2016, I wrote a series of articles for the local newspaper that covered various topics from, "What Does 2016 Hold for Roane County," to "Where the Private Sector has Invested their monies over the years? These articles generated some interest as one article questions where the next Industrial/Commercial workers would live?

The Housing Summit conference will be a presentation of the many industrial investments made and planned, of which, most have been made public, but all have never been told at one time as one story. The economic momentum we believe has changed and we want to share the possibilities and the planned success stories.

All are welcome to attend. We will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. and should be finished within an hour and a half. The presentation will be posted on our website: [www.roanecountytn.gov](http://www.roanecountytn.gov) after the Housing Summit under Executive Summaries listed as #51.

Hope you can attend but if not please review our presentation the following week on our website.

The Roane County Courthouse and Courts will be closed on **Thursday, August 4, 2016** due to the State Primary & County General Election.



Something big and important  
will happen on  
August 21, 2017...

Do Not Wait For It !!!

**Working Together Toward a Better Roane County**



**Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development**

Tennessee Economic Development Commissioner Randy Boyd was in Roane County delivering a site development grant check in the amount of \$356,072 to the Roane County Officials in a ceremony Tuesday, July 5th at the Regional and Technology Park. The funds will be used for site preparation and roadwork at the 40-acre site. On hand for the presentation are from left, David Webb of the Roane County Industrial Development Board, State Representative, Kent Calfee, State Senator Ken Yager, County Executive Ron Woody, Industrial Development Board Secretary James Owens, County Commission Chairman Ron Berry and President and CEO of the Roane Alliance Wade Creswell.



**County Updates**

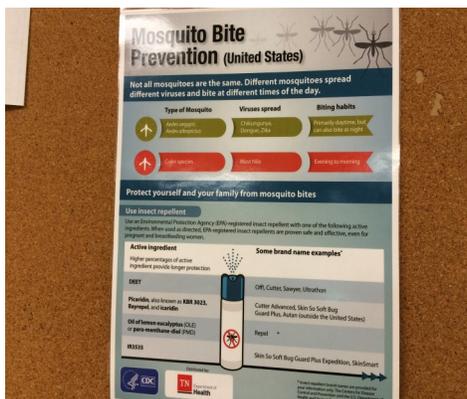
**Informing the public about "Zika Virus" .....**

**By Mike Beard, Roane County Parks and Recreation Director**

In conjunction with the Roane County Health Department, your Roane County Parks and Recreation System has embarked on an education program involving the Zika virus.

Bulletin boards throughout the park and recreation system now contain educational material on how to prevent the spread of this virus while enjoying the outdoors.

We have learned from the Department of Health that the best way for our employees and the public to deal with the virus is by preventing mosquito bites.



**ETDD**

On July 8, 2016 the East Tennessee Development District presented Roane County a Certificate of Achievement, awarded for the completion of the South Pine Ridge Road Sewer Line Extension Project.



**Highway Update...By Brian Matthews** We are continuing to pave in all districts. We have also been in contact with the State about our bridge program and the progress of that. If you have any questions feel free to contact us at the office, 865-882-9782.

We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together.

## Recognition and Appreciation of Roane County Employees

### County Officials Certificate Training Program

Congratulations to Monica Murphy, Kristi Jackson, and Traci Cofer on completing the County Officials Certificate Training Program. The University of Tennessee honored them as Certified Public Administrators at a Capstone event at Montgomery Bell State Park on May 18, 2016. To achieve the designation, a participant must complete 80 credit hours in the County Officials Certificate Training Program (COCPPT). The program is administered by the University of Tennessee County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) and is available to every county official and county employee in the state.



**Pictured left to right:** Monica Murphy County Clerks Office, Kristi Jackson Register of Deeds Office, and Traci Cofer Office of Emergency Services.

### In Recognition for Your Service with ORSSAB

Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board recognized Scott Stout, Office of Emergency Services Director, for serving as a board member since 2012 and completing two consecutive terms. Scott has contributed his expertise and experience serving ORSSAB with a goal for environmental cleanup and stewardship. Scott was presented with a plaque of recognition for his service by ORSSAB as an outgoing Board Member in June 2016. Congratulations Scott!



### Roane County Ambulance Service

#### Thank you Rhonda Wallace and Barry Cochran!

The Roane County Executive's office received a phone call recently from a citizen praising the "above and beyond" duties of Rhonda and Barry. Mrs. Stokes stated that when the EMT's came to her home on a very rainy June evening to transport a family member to Roane Medical ER, that afterwards she received a call from them inquiring that she herself had made it home safely. Mrs. Stokes wanted to be sure they were recognized for their kindness. Thank you both for your service to the county.

### Atta Girl MARTHA!.... By Mike Beard, Parks & Recreation Director

There we were minding our own business, having a boat load of hot summer fun at Riley Creek Campground, when all of a sudden there was a loss of electrical power for some of the campers. We were having difficulty getting in touch with Volunteer Energy Cooperative, (VEC) when our employee of the month stepped in and took over. She doggedly pursued making contact with VEC customer service...even when their telephones failed she continued her quest to get help for the campers.

Thanks to the efforts of Martha Tucker, from Accounting!....VEC finally got the word, responded to a new transformer and the fun continued at Riley Creek Campground. Atta Girl! MARTHA ... keep it up! ...many thanks from our campers!!

### **Roane Is Better Together!**

The event “Roane Is Better Together” at the Princess Theatre in Harriman, TN was an opportunity for Roane County to come together and learn about the widespread prescription drug addiction in our community and surrounding counties.

A panel discussion consisting of State Senator Ken Yager, President and CEO of the Roane Alliance Wade Creswell, LCSW, WestCare Tennessee Program Director, Janiece Foust, and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Awareness Advocate, Adoption Advocate Whitney P. Moore, were present to share their perspective on drug addiction. Judge Dennis Humphreys perspective on the event was that jail is not working to address the issues and his hope is that programs such as the “Recovery Court Program” may be more successful. The event was brought by the efforts of Roane County Health Council, District Attorney General Russell Johnson, Public Defender Kim Nelson, The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, WestCare Tennessee, and the TruckBeat 91.9fm WUOT.



### **New Bridge Open to Animal Shelter**



A ribbon cutting ceremony was recently held for the opening of Rockwood’s new Manufactures Road bridge. Those on hand for the ceremony to cut the ribbon are pictured above from left to right: County Executive Ron Woody, County Commission Chairman Ron Berry, Roane Alliance President and CEO Wade Cresswell, State Senator Ken Yager, Road Superintendent Dennis Ferguson, Rockwood Mayor Mike “Brillo” Miller, and State Representative Kent Calfee. Animal Shelter Director John Griffin is pictured with a dog from the shelter. Also present for the ribbon cutting are Robert Campbell with Campbell & Associates and Colten Madison and Jackie Ryan with Whaley Construction.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
August 2nd	Ad Hoc Insurance & Benefits Cmte	Conference Room	6:00pm
August 4th	COURTHOUSE CLOSED		
August 8th	County Commission	QCR	7:00pm
August 9th	Public Utility Board	WWP	5:30pm
August 9th	Commission Work Session—Fund 121	QCR	6:30pm
August 11th	Emergency Services Committee	OES	6:00pm
August 15th	Building Insp. Codes & Review	QCR	6:30pm
August 16th	Housing Summit	Raider Rm. @ RSCC	6:00pm
August 17th	Board of Zoning Appeals	QCR	6:00pm
August 17th	Planning Commission	QCR	7:00pm
August 18th	Environmental Review Bd.	CR	6:00pm
August 23rd	Industrial Liaison Cmte	Roane Alliance	5:00pm

**Please submit articles/items of interest to Arlene at [arlene.daugherty@roanecountyttn.gov](mailto:arlene.daugherty@roanecountyttn.gov) by the 20th of the month. ~Ron**

## **Did You Know About.... the beginning of The Roane County Rescue Squad?**

**By: Robert Bailey, County Historian**

The Roane County Rescue Squad was created and incorporated as a non-profit organization on April 7, 1960 for the purpose of rescue and relief work of any nature and the promotion of water safety. They also promoted a safety program, including among other programs, rescue and relief and such allied and similar programs. The incorporators were: Ray Gullett, Chief of Police Harold W. Hart, Carl Henry, M.D. Eugene Evans, G.B. Cross, James C. Hammon.

In the "The Tennessee Rescue News", May-June 1969 is the following article: "In March of 1959, using Luke's Gospel parable of the Good Samaritan as a guide, a group of men organized what has become the Roane County Rescue Squad. At first the squad was only equipped with a desire to serve. Soon after they were formed they were called to recover a body of a boat dock owner, while having to use the operator's equipment. Then they had a recovery of two children's bodies, on this trip they used borrowed vehicles and had 3 flats within a ten mile trip.

Bystanders, seeing their trouble persuaded the Kingston Steam Plant Employees Association to donate to the squad a boat, motor, and trailer. At the same time squad men, ashamed to be caught like this, went to the bank and borrowed enough money to buy a vehicle to carry their equipment. Thus it started, a donation here, a piece of equipment there, until now we have five vehicles, three boats and motors and \$40,000 worth of equipment in a 40 by 110 foot building worth \$25,000. We are equipped to recover bodies or equipment from the water, or down a cliff, from a tree, underwater, caves or car wrecks. We provide standby first-aid for gatherings and haul ambulance patients. We practice as often as we can and take as much training as we can. Squad men have just completed a 3 day course on initial emergency care of the injured, held in Chattanooga, TN.

We never refuse a call. We have taken a kitten out of a tree, which was our smallest job and an expectant mother with a 150 pound cast on each leg, a total of 450 pounds, our heaviest load, to the hospital."



Roane County Rescue Squad and Roane County Crewettes in 1964

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