



County Executive's Newsletter to the Roane County Commission

No Changes Anticipated in Employee Health Contribution

...by Ron Woody

After discussions with employees, elected officials, and department heads there appears to be no desire to change from a 95%-5% to 80%-20% contribution sharing of insurance. The Budget Committee in their September 6, meeting noted not to recommend the change.

Here are some more facts that came out of our research and study and in this case interviews.

1. We identified the original individuals that would not be held harmless as, the elected and appointed officials and we added to those our retirees. —negative impact for retirees added.
2. The proposed increase in pay to cover the added percentage cost would be taxable which would mean that in a 15% tax bracket along with Social Security and Medicare. The employee would lose about \$220 annually. —negative cost of new income.
3. The benefit of the increase in pay would add about \$550 annually to the individual retirement. —positive additional retirement.

The overriding comments we heard was that county employees feel that the benefit package offered to them are one of its major reason they work in County Government.

Proposed Raise for County Employees 2017

County employees are to receive a \$1,000 raise effective January 1, 2017 subject to the Roane County Commission approval of a Budget Resolution to be submitted in October or November 2016.

For a \$25,000 annual employee salary he/she would be receiving a 4% raise and for a \$30,000 salary he/she would be receiving a 3.3% raise and for a \$35,000 employee it would be a 2.8% raise.



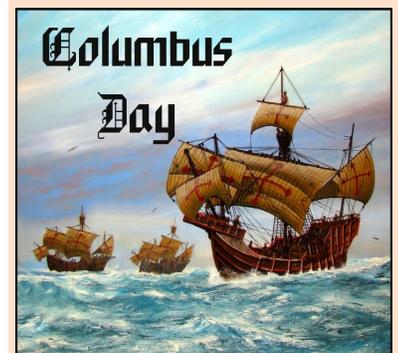
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Roane County Commission will meet on the 3rd Monday in October. 10-17-16.
- Columbus Day! Courthouse



Roane County Park Plaque for Dr. Glenn King

Dr. Glenn King was the first life guard instructor at Roane County park. He took it upon himself to take control of the swimming area and paid life-guards and other swimming expenses out of his own pocket. The swimming area was his project and he maintained it for several years at his own expense. Several young people received their life guarding instructions and start from Dr. King. Thank you Dr. King for your love of Roane County Park and for helping young people get started in swimming and life guarding.



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

Integrated Service Plan with City Governments

A number of projects have been under taken to help integrate and align county and city service. Over the years we have heard the term “Metro Government” and how “Metro Government ”could save money for government service or improve service with the same cost.

I’m not here to advocate “Metro Government” but here to talk about where government services could be aligned or integrated. Before we look much further, lets look at a few successful happenings between our governments. First, in 2002 the Harriman City schools merged with the County school system. A few years back Oliver Springs City contracted with the County for building and code services. This past year the county passed two resolutions that would allow the county to assume Building, Codes, and Planning services for our cities. The city of Kingston has a contract for Building and Codes services now along with Oliver Springs.

What must the county do to continue to see alignment and integration of these type of services? The County must provide a “Great” not “Good” but “Great Service”. For Building and Codes it means timely and professional building inspections. Timely meaning the county must be adequately staffed and professionally means knowledgeable staff in the office and in the field with information readily available for our builders and home owners.

Communication is key for both the staff and customers and among appointed and elected officials. We at the county side have a lot of work to do. We’ve started a very concentrated effort the last several months to improve all of building and codes and planning. It will not happen over night. It is one of our focuses and our attention is devoted to accomplishing this task.

County Updates

County Commission Meets

at Old Roane County Courthouse

On Monday, September 12, the Roane County Commission held their monthly County Commission meeting at the old Roane County Courthouse. It was a very memorable meeting. The courthouse is a very historical building and landmark. The last County Commission meeting held in the old Roane County Courthouse was in 1975.

The courthouse served the county as a place for meetings for county leaders from the 1850s until the 1970s.

This is a wonderful historical building in our county. The courthouse now serves as our Roane County Archives Library.



Old Roane County Courthouse



Roane County Commission meeting in the old Roane County Courthouse.



Roane County Commissioners, County Executive Ron Woody and County Attorney Greg Leffew

Connie Aytes Hired as New Director of Accounts and Budgets

The Office of the County Executive welcomes Mrs. Connie Aytes as Roane County’s new Budget Director. Connie has served as Deputy Director of Accounts and Budgets and Senior Accountant with the Anderson County Government for the last eight years. She also served as Comptroller of the Treasury State of Tennessee as Auditor II for nine years. Connie studied Business/Accounting at Tennessee Technological University. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree with Accounting Emphasis at Tennessee Tech. Connie and her husband live east of Kingston in the Cedar Gove Community.

We look forward to working with you! Welcome!

Did You Know About... Marilyn McCluen

by Robert Bailey

Marilyn McCluen, age 98, passed away on August 8, 2016. She was appointed the first official Roane County Historian in 1969 when the Tennessee State Legislature authorized counties to appoint county historians.

In 1965, she, along with Mrs. Willis Hutcherson, began organizing the County’s loose papers, books, and all kinds of records dating back to 1801, the date Roane County was established. These records had been stored for decades in the attic of the Old Roane County Courthouse and were scattered among dead birds and whiskey bottles.

She was involved in the beginning of The Roane County Historical Society and with others was involved in the saving of the Old Courthouse which had been slated to be torn down in 1974.

This led to the creation of “The Roane County Heritage Commission” which was given the responsibility of preserving one of the seven ante-bellum courthouses still standing in Tennessee. Among many other things, she was also involved in the first historical sites survey in Roane County.

Roane County was very fortunate to have had Marilyn as she worked tirelessly to help preserve Roane County’s history. Her legacy of work will ensure that future generations will know about their history.



Pictured: Marilyn McCluen. This photo was from the 2015 Roane County Heritage Commission Gala.

Highway Department Update...

By Brian Matthews

It has been a busy couple of months at the Roane County Highway Department. We have been paving all over the county. We have also been preparing for the upcoming winter months. Road Superintendent Dennis Ferguson recently spoke with the Crystal Cove HOA about what is happening in their area.

Road Superintendent Dennis Ferguson and Property Assessor Molly Hartup attended a CTAS training provided for elected county officials concerning their positions and recent changes in law that apply to those positions.

Chase Hamil, one of our employees, also has left us to serve our country in the Army. We couldn’t be any prouder of Chase and we hope that you will join us in lifting him and his family in prayer as he gets ready to leave. As always, feel free to contact us at 882-9782 and follow us on Facebook.



GROUNDBREAKING CARBON FIBER AGREEMENT SIGNED

New manufacturing process yields high volume, low cost carbon fiber for transportation, renewable energy, and infrastructure in Roane County

Three time Tour de France champion Greg LeMond is participating with carbon fiber manufacturing pioneer Connie Jackson and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) to bring the most significant development in carbon fiber production in over 50 years to the global markets.

LeMond Composites, a new company offering solutions for high-volume, low-cost carbon fiber, has secured a licensing agreement with U.S. Department of Energy's ORNL.

A breakthrough process invented by Connie Jackson and a research team at ORNL's Carbon Fiber Technology Facility will reduce production costs by more than 50% relative to the lowest cost industrial grade carbon fiber. Jackson and several of her ORNL teammates joined LeMond Composites in 2016.

The development of this new process demonstrates the value of coupling basic and applied research, which is a hallmark of ORNL, and it underscores the Department of Energy's commitment to addressing our nation's most pressing energy challenges.

LeMond Composites plans to expand its campus by building its first carbon fiber production line at their recently purchased facility at 103 Palladium Way in Oak Ridge /Roane County. The facility is strategically located immediately adjacent to ORNL's Carbon Fiber Technology Facility. The first commercial available product will be ready in Q1 of 2018.

We welcome Gary LeMond and his company to Roane County.

Follow Up on Housing Summit

At our Housing Summit on August 16, 2016 we identified nine items which if occur could change our regional housing needs. We noted in our presentation a potential domino effect.

In just eight weeks the follow up events occurred:

- Greg LeMond of LeMond Composites purchased the Theragenics building to bring to market carbon fiber technology.
- 160 acres across from K-25 known as Happy Valley has sold.
- K-27 building, the last gaseous diffusion building has been taken down.
- Parcel on Palladium Way 73 at the Horizon Center, 10 acres may have been sold.
- Meetings continue to be held and decisions continue to be made related to development of the ETTP (K-25).

More to come...





RECOVERY COURTS WORK! ...By Ashley Freeberg, Recovery Court Coordinator

The mission of Roane County Recovery Court is to collaboratively address the pervasive substance abuse issues of Roane County by removing drug offenders from the cycle of drug abuse and criminal behavior through a program of intensive supervision, education, job training, and comprehensive and individual treatment recovery services under strict judicial oversight with the goal of returning them to our community as sober law abiding citizens.

In January 2016, Roane County officially implemented this new Court within our county that provides support and encouragement to each participant to leading a life of recovery, a life free from criminal behavior, a life free from using drugs and alcohol, as well as promoting and improving their health, and improving the public welfare. The Recovery Court provides varying degrees of treatment and recovery support services, direct daily contact supervision, and constant and random alcohol and drug screening. As the participant begins to move through the Recovery Court program, the intensity of their requirements will lessen and expectations of increased accountability in everyday life will increase. Currently, there are 8 Recovery Court participants in our program and their willingness to change is very encouraging.

Roane County Recovery Court seeks to intervene and break the cycle of substance abuse, addiction and crime by coordinating the efforts of the judiciary, prosecution, defense bar, probation, law enforcement and mental health, social services and treatment providers. Traditional adversaries in the courtroom now become advocates—all pulling in the same direction for the benefit of the participant. It’s clear that the relationships have become quite personal. The team members take note of any program participant’s life stressors—a child-custody battle, a new structured schedule to learn, an illness, a bout of depression. The team discusses victories—landing a new job, reconciliation with a family member, positive engagement in treatment. They discuss any violations of the program rules and possible sanctions that could include repeating a phase, community service, shock incarceration, or termination from the program. To get to know them on a personal level and building relationships with the participants on an individual basis is letting them know that you believe in them, and that you’re proud of what they’ve accomplished. I think that really helps these individuals get some hope back in their lives.

The Recovery Court staff believes in community awareness, education, and strong advocacy work for recovery-supportive community relationships to create the foundation of a flourishing recovery community. While addiction is well documented and recognized, the possibilities and transforming power of recovery often goes unrecognized. By demonstrating the reality of recovery, we seek to shift the paradigm from hopelessness to empowerment. Roane County Recovery Court continues to recognize and focus on the pathway to recovery and sustained health, wellness, and overall quality of life for those seeking recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.

Minimum Legal Eligibility Requirements

(Reviewed by the Roane County Prosecutor)

- No criminal sexual conduct convictions
- No assaultive felony convictions
- No weapon used or possessed in the commission of the crime
- Link between criminal offense and the use of drugs or alcohol
- Must pled guilty to original charge

Roane County Recovery Court Eligibility Requirements

(Reviewed by the Roane County Court Coordinator & Roane County Prosecutor)

- Age 18 & older
- Legal resident of United States
- Resident of Roane County
- Charge (s) originates in Roane County
- No pending charges in another jurisdiction

Clinical Eligibility Requirements

(Determined by Roane County Recovery Court Treatment Provider)

- Qualify for substance abuse treatment at the level of Intensive Outpatient(IOP) or higher
- Cannot take addictive pain medication(s)
- Cannot take addictive mental health medication(s). If your client is taking such medication, he or she must consult with the prescribing psychiatrist to determine if an alternative non-addictive mental health medication(s) can be safely prescribed
- No severe mental health designation or significant cognitive impairment

If you have any questions or concerns, or requesting information, please contact Recovery Court Coordinator Ashley Freeberg.

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Tenth Annual Founder's Day Celebration

November 1, 2016

6:00 pm

Circuit Courtroom

Roane County Courthouse

Refreshments: General Sessions Courtroom

Mark your calendar!



It's once again time to celebrate

Roane County at the Annual Roane Alliance Gala, Saturday, November 5, at Volkswagen Group of America in Roane Regional Business and Technology Park. For tickets and to donate auction items please call 865-376-2093. Join us as we celebrate what makes Roane County special.



The Roane County Agriculture Extension office has a great staff willing to help the citizens of Roane County.

UT Extension serves the citizens of Roane County with educational programs in the areas of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, Community Resource Development, and 4-H Youth Development. They are an outreach branch of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, providing research-based solutions and information to the citizens of Roane County.

Kristina Casterline recently has joined the staff. She is a Family and Consumer Sciences Agent. She will be working with families and building community relationships. The entire staff has expertise in a variety of subject matter areas. All of the services and many of the programs offered are free to county residents.

Thank you Jessica Wilkinson, Kim Whitlach Abdulla, Linda Cox, Penny Poczobut, and Kristina Casterline for what you do for the citizens of county.

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FLU SHOTS!!

Wednesday, October 19th

8:30 am to 10:30 am

County Executive's

Conference Room

Call Arlene at 717-4102 by October 12th if you would like to get on the list.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
Oct. 4th	Committee on Committees	Conference Room	6:30 pm
Oct. 6th	Environmental Review Board	Conference Room	6:00 pm
Oct. 10th	Courthouse Closed/ Columbus Day		
Oct. 11th	Public Utility Board	Wastewater Plant	5:30 pm
Oct. 17th	County Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
Oct. 18th	Fire Board	QCR	6:00 pm
Oct. 19th	Board of Zoning Appeals	QCR	6:00 pm
Oct. 19th	Planning Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
Oct. 20th	Emergency Services	OES	6:00 pm
Oct. 24th	Bldg. Inspector & Codes & Review Committee	QCR	6:30 pm

The Roane County Courthouse and Courts will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2016 in observance of Columbus Day.



Please submit articles/items of interest to Arlene at arlene.daugherty@roanecountytn.gov by the 20th of the month ...Ron