

County Executive’s Newsletter to the County Commission

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Merry Christmas



“There is a Method to Our Madness” By Ron Woody, County Executive



There are a number of projects that I’m proud of taken place in Roane County over the years. As I look back I think the best accomplishment is the methods in which our commission and departments’ use is making decisions. First we recognize that all our decisions will not be correct or the best decisions; but we have improved the decision making process or methods . So one may ask “What are some of the processes or methods we use?”

1. Taking a long term view of the goals to be accomplished. Where do we want to be?
2. Writing down the phases of the work planned desired. Anyone heard or seen the Executive Summaries? www.roanecounty.tn.gov under County Executive.
3. Working through our committee system insuring department plans have been vetted.
4. Implementing our projects in agreed phases. Allowing for funds to be accumulated and grants applied for.

Here are a number of projects that we could check off as being successful.

- Renovation of the old jail for the Juvenile Center.
- Renovation of the old Juvenile Center for Agriculture Extension office services.
- Continued improvements at the Roane County Park.
- An article about the recent improvements at Riley Creek Campground can be found on page 3.

Joyce Nall, Grants Coordinator “Retiring.....”

Joyce Nall began her work with Roane County in 1993 working in the Zoning office as a part-time clerk. In 1994 she went full time as an Administrative Assistant/Grants Coordinator. Hard work, dedication and positive attitude; these are only a few of the many precious things she have shared with us every day. On behalf of your fellow employees, we would like to sincerely thank her for her years of service and express our gratitude for the impact she had on Roane County. May all the years ahead bring her great joy and relaxation! Thank you, Joyce, for your 22 years of service. You will be greatly missed! Happy Part-time Retirement!

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Merry Christmas

"As we rush around buying presents, we must always remember that "our presence rather than our presents" is one of the greatest gifts we can give."

Catherine Pulsifer



On **Tuesday, November 10, 2015**, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Moniz and U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Secretary Jewell held a ceremony to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) officially establishing the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Washington, D.C. Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) and its member communities have worked for almost ten years to see the creation of Manhattan Project National Historical Park. Leaders of the communities that hosted the Park attended the ceremony.

ECA Vice-Chair and Mayor of Kennewick (WA) Steve Young said, “Our communities are honored to be working together to tell the story of the Manhattan Project. The Park creates a real opportunity to preserve history while realizing the benefits the Park’s heritage tourism industry will create for our communities.”

Mayor of Richland (WA) David Rose added, “Not only is the creation of the Park going to preserve our nation’s history, they will tell the untellable Manhattan Project.”

ECA Treasurer and Los Alamos County (NM) Council Chair Kristin Henderson stated, “The Manhattan Project is an important story in our nation’s history and our communities appreciate the leadership of our senators and congressional members in ensuring that this story will be told to future generations.”

ECA Secretary and Roane County (TN) **Executive Ron Woody** said, “The Manhattan Project National Historical Park will give current and future generations a better understanding of this indisputable turning point in world history. We look forward to telling that story together.”

Oak Ridge Mayor Warren Gooch commented, “The science of the Manhattan Project laid the foundation for innovation in fields such as nuclear medicine and clean energy, which has enhanced the quality of our lives, helped keep us competitive in a global economy, and maintained our national security.”

ECA Chair and Aiken County (SC) Councilman Chuck Smith said, “All of our energy communities support the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, because it will identify and share an important moment in our history.”

“The leadership of the local governments and their congressional members along with DOE and NPS has made this a reality. The real winners are the communities and the thousands of hardworking men and women at Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, and Hanford that helped bring an end to World War II and the future generations that will learn about their contribution to our country,” added ECA Executive Director Seth Kirshenberg.

The Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act became law as part of a provision passed in the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act. The Park establishes three different sites in Los Alamos, New Mexico; Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and Hanford, Washington. The park will conserve historic sites and artifacts that played a key role during the nuclear era while telling the story of the world’s first atomic bomb and exploring its historical and societal consequences.

Who:

U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell
U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz
Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.)
Senator Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.)
Senator Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)
Senator Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.)

The following ECA members participated at the ceremony.

ECA members:

Mayor Warren Gooch, Oak Ridge, TN
County Executive Ron Woody, Roane County, TN
County Council Chair Kristin Henderson, Los Alamos County, NM
Council Member Bob Thompson, City of Richland, Washington
County Mayor Terry Frank, Anderson County, TN
Mayor David Rose, City of Richland, WA
Fran Berting, former ECA Treasurer and Los Alamos County
Councilor, Los Alamos County, NM

“It was a significant, defining point in our nation’s history when our forefather’s conceived, planned, and built what is known today as the Manhattan Project” Comments made at Oak Ridge Celebration of the Manhattan Project signing. Ron Woody

TACIR (Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations)

TENNESSEE'S PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS INCREASED TO \$42.3 BILLION

Roane County's Share is \$418.7 million

NASHVILLE, TN –Tennessee needs at least \$42.3 billion of public infrastructure improvements to be in some stage of development during the five-year period of July 2013 through June 2018. Public infrastructure improvements for Roane County total \$418.7 million, an increase of \$172.5 million (70.0%) since last year's report, according to a new report released by the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR).

The current report, which is based on information provided by state and local officials, shows an increase of \$28.6 billion in the entire state's infrastructure needs since the first inventory was published in 1998 and an increase of \$.1 billion (10.7%) from the June 2014 report.

Statewide, the top three areas of need are

- Transportation at \$25.7 billion,
- Post-secondary education and preschools at \$4.6 billion, and
- Water and wastewater at \$3.4 billion.

Officials in Roane County reported their top three area of need

- Transportation at \$232.2 million
- Water and wastewater at \$54.0 million, and
- New public schools & education at \$50.3 million.

The county's total estimated cost for new or improved infrastructure is \$7,894 per capita, compared with \$6,513 per capita statewide. Roane County's estimated Transportation needs per capita amount to \$4,378, higher than the statewide estimate of \$3,952 per capita. Roane County reported Water and wastewater infrastructure needs at \$1,019 per capita, higher than the statewide average of \$526 per capita. As for New public schools & additions infrastructure improvements, Roane County reported \$947 per capita, which is higher than the statewide average of \$265 per capita. Less than half of the money needed to meet Tennessee's public infrastructure needs has been identified. Of the \$33.9 billion in needs for which the availability of funding was reported statewide, local officials are confident that \$11.8 billion (35%) of that amount will be available. About **\$144.4 million (35.4%)** the **\$407.5 million** total funding needed to meet *Roane County's* infrastructure needs has been identified.

The full report can be found on TACIR's web site at <http://www.tn.gov/tacir/article/tacir-infra-2013-2018>

TACIR Mission — is to serve as a forum for the discussion and resolution of intergovernmental problems, provide high quality research support to state and local government officials in order to improve the overall quality of government in Tennessee and to improve the effectiveness of the intergovernmental system to better serve the citizens of Tennessee.

“Improvements at Riley Creek Campground”

By Ron Woody, County Executive

Roane County developed a comprehensive capital plan for the improvements of Riley Creek Campground a number of years ago and has slowly been implementing the plan as Camping Revenue and grants have become available.

- The first project undertaken was a fixed/floating dock at the boat launch.
- The second project (Winter 2015) was water line replacement and drainage work along the road and crossing the road.
- The third main improvement in October/November 2015 is a 1250 square foot lake side pavilion with a concrete floor, thanks to a partnership grant with TVA.
- A ribbon cutting will be held in December for the Pavilion.
- Upcoming need is setting aside funds for road improvements. We did not want to do any road improvements until many other infrastructure had been completed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Dec 3rd	Environmental Review Board	QCR	6:00 pm
Dec 7th	Committee on Committees	CCR	6:00 pm
Dec 8th	Public Utility Board	WWP	5:30 pm
Dec 8th	Fire Board	QCR	6:00 pm
Dec 10th	Emergency Services	OES	6:00 pm
Dec 10th	Property Committee	QCR	6:30 pm
Dec 14th	County Commission Meeting	QCR	7:00 pm
Dec 16th	Planning Commission	QCR	7:00 pm

Roane County Purchasing Agent, Lynn Farnham is completing her two year term as President of the East Tennessee Purchasing Association on December 31, 2015. For the last two years, Lynn has represented Roane County well on this regional board. Thank you Lynn for all that you do to make Roane County better.

Mark Your Calendar ~ ~ Other Events

Dec 24th	COURTHOUSE CLOSED	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Dec 25th	COURTHOUSE CLOSED	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Jan 1st	COURTHOUSE CLOSED	NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY

Reorganization of the County Executive's Office

With the part-time retirement of Joyce Nall, the County Executive's office will see some reorganization over the next few months. Joyce will be assisting in the transition by working a couple of days a week. Melanie Townsend will be taking over the majority of Joyce's responsibilities, particularly grant coordination. Arlene Daugherty has become responsible for the newsletter.

Highway Department! Thank you!

Recently I had reason to interact with the Roane County Highway Department. Everyone I dealt with was very helpful. Many thanks to a smooth running department with a great staff!

Dan Stitt



Congratulations to Peggy Collier for being appointed to fill the term of Bobby Collier until the next General Election in August 2016.

*Thank you to **Arcelor Mittal Steel Company** for donating the steel to fix the drains on the driveway at the Roane County Health Department.*

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

“County Updates”

2016 Courthouse Closings

Friday, January 1	New Year’s Day
Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 15	President’s Day
Tuesday, March 1	Presidential Primary Election
Friday, March 25	Good Friday
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day
Monday, July 4	Independence Day
Thursday, August 4	State Primary & County Election
Monday, September 5	Labor Day
Monday, October 10	Columbus Day
Tuesday, November 8	State General Election
Friday, November 11	Veteran’s Day
Thursday, November 24	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 25	Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, December 23	Christmas Eve Holiday
Monday, December 26	Christmas Day Holiday

Roane County Animal Shelter Inspection

The State Health Department inspected the Roane County Animal Shelter on 11-16-15.

It was inspected for the following:

- * Cleanliness
- * Safety
- * Care of Animals
- * Drug Control
- * Inventory for DEA
- * Regulations
- * Euthanasia paperwork
- * Controlled substance log book

The results were 100% compliant. Certifying the Roane County Animal Control facility with their State License.



Bah Humbug

No "Courthouse Christmas Luncheon."

The Elected Officials decided that the courthouse lunch would not take place for Christmas 2015. Most offices began years ago having their own luncheons.

Property Taxes

If you have not received a property tax notice, you may come to the Roane County Courthouse. The Roane County Trustee’s Office will be happy to look up your tax information if you would like to pay your property taxes.

Tax bills are expected to be mailed within the next two (2) weeks. You can review your bill at the following website: www.tennesseetrustee.com

Roane County Elected Officials Meeting

The Elected Officials along with a representative of the school department met the end of October to discuss various issues which cross operations.

- The main topic was **Internal Controls** which was adopted as part of state law effective July 1, 2016. The new law holds elected officials more personally responsible for insuring that policies and procedures are in place and that the official and employees adhere to these policies.
- The officials also reviewed the courthouse closings for 2016. Closing schedule for 2016 is noted above.
- Capital request and proposed budgets were discussed for the 2017 plan year. Minutes on the meeting were filed in the November Commission packet.

Roane County Founder's Day 2015

November 3, 2015



The Treasures for 2015 seated from left to right are:

David Poole, 5th Civil District nominated by Commissioners Ron Berry, Benny East, and Darryl Meadows.

Ronnie Morton, 3rd Civil District nominated by Commissioners David Bell, Bobby Collier, Mike Hooks, and Chris Johnson.

Wester "Bud" Chapman, Golden Treasure

Alton Lingerfelt, 4th Civil District nominated by Commissioners Carolyn Granger and Stanley Moore.

Frank Mee, 1st Civil District nominated by Commissioners Randy Ellis, Greg Ferguson, Todd Fink, and Junior Hendrickson.

Garvan Walls, 2nd Civil District nominated by Commissioners James Brummett and Steve Kelley was not available to attend due to a mission trip he was attending.

Highlights about David Poole

David Poole was born on July 7, 1936 in Rockwood, Tennessee to Manuel and Margaret Wilson Poole. He graduated from Rockwood High School in 1954. David attended North Carolina State where he graduated in 1958 with a degree in textiles.

David is married to the love of his life, Syble, for 58 years and they have 3 children. They have been blessed with 7 grandchildren and 1 and 1/2 great-grandchildren.

David served his country in the Army and National Guard for 24 years. He served on the Roane Memorial Honor Guard, Rockwood Civitan Club, as Scout Master, and Tiger 100 Club member. He is also a Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite and a Shriner.

One thing that David has learned that he would like to pass along to Roane County is "All you can do is the best you can; but you must do the best you can."

Highlights about Ronnie Morton

Ronald E. Morton was born on March 19, 1940 in Kingston, Tennessee to Granville and Susie Morton. Ronnie, or "Thin Man" as he is known around Kingston, graduated from Roane County High School in 1959. He joined the United States Air Force and served 4 years. He was stationed at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey and was deployed with the 6937th Communication Group in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Ronnie was married to his late wife Sandra for 46 years and they 1 daughter and 1 grandchild.

Ronnie's life-long support of Roane County High School Basketball was recognized when he was awarded the "Sustained Support of RCHS Basketball Award" and the RCHS gym lobby was named the "Ronnie 'Thin Man' Lobby" in 2013.

One thing that Ronnie has learned that he would like to pass along to Roane County is "Friendships are worth more than gold and real contentment in life is found in serving others."

Highlights about Wester "Bud" Chapman, Golden Treasure

Wester "Bud" Chapman was born on September 9, 1915 in Muncie, Indiana to Katherine Elizabeth Wester and Robert Chapman. He grew up in the coal mine town of Camarago, Kentucky and then in Harriman, Tennessee.

Bud joined the U.S. Army and served in the 204th Military Police Company, 1st Armored Division of the 7th Army from April 1941 to July 1945. Bud was on a ship headed to Casablanca, Morocco when the ship was fired upon and destroyed. Bud and the others who survived the attack were picked up and taken to shore as Prisoners of War for three days before the Americans took the area and liberated them. Bud went on to fight in battles in North Africa, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, Southern France, and Germany.

Bud married the love of his life, Alice Edgemon on June 21, 1947 and they were blessed with 4 girls and 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Bud has served his community in a variety of areas. He was a Boy Scout leader and a Sunday School Teacher for 40 years.

Continued... Highlights about Founder's Day 2015 "Treasures"

Highlights about Alton Lingerfelt

Alton Lingerfelt was born in July 11, 1939 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Rev. W.F. and Martha Lingerfelt. Alton graduated from Midway High School in 1959. He served in the Tennessee National Guard from 1961 to 1967.

Alton has been married to his wife Roma for 41 years and they currently reside in the Angler's Cove Community.

Alton retired from Martin Marietta K-25 plant. He is also a 50 year member of the Union 38 Masonic Lodge.

Alton spearheaded several projects within the Midway schools and community. In 1970 he and John Narramore started the first Midway Little League football program. He served a 6 year term on the Volunteer Electric Cooperative Share Board which is a non-paid board that considers grant applications for the VECustomer Share Program. Alton is currently serving on the Midway High School Hall of Fame committee.

Highlights about Garvan Walls

Rev. Garvan W. Walls II was born on April 8, 1944 in Oliver Springs, TN to Garvan and Mary Hill Walls. His first job was as a newspaper delivery boy for 4 years in Oliver Springs and Norwood community. He moved away at the age of 17 and returned at the age of 21. He began preaching shortly after his return in 1965.

Garvan is married to Gail Keylon, an Oliver Springs native for 47 years. They are blessed with 5 children and their spouses and 11 grandchildren.

Garvan left Oliver Springs to start a church in Ohio and then pastored in West Virginia for 12 years where he was blessed to pastor the largest Baptist church in West Virginia. He returned to Oliver Springs in 1982 to pastor Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church where he continues to serve as pastor today. He has traveled 48 states and 20 countries to share the Gospel. Even with all his responsibilities to Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church he is still active within the community when called upon.

Highlights about Frank Mee

Frank Mee was born on May 23, 1933 in Harriman, TN to Lon & Lucy Mee. He graduated from Harriman High School in 1953 and is glad to talk 1950's football with you. Frank is married to Bobbie Ruth for 57 years and they were blessed with 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

After high school, Frank served 2 years in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Ft. Eutus in Virginia. After the Army, he attended and graduated from Tennessee Tech. He worked at Christmas Lumber Co. for a few years, before going to work for the State of Tennessee for 37 years in the Department of Human Services. While with DHS, Frank served as Anderson County Director for 17 years and then Roane/Morgan County Director for 14 years.

Frank served on the Harriman School Board for 28 years and then on the Roane County School Board for 8 years. In 2009 he received the Tennessee School Board Association Boardmanship Award for 900+ points in their program.



Garvan Walls was unable to attend the ceremony, because he was on a mission trip.

Thank you to the Treasures for their service to their communities and to the county. Without people like those honored, Roane County wouldn't be where it is today.
