



County Executive's Newsletter to the Roane County Commission

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Continued Management by 5-Point Star System

One can look back on the county website and see how the five points have changed since 2010 and how some points have been solved. At the same time points still remain as important today as they were in 2010.

Here are our previous and new points (focuses).

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| 1. 2017 Budget (30) | 1. 2018 Budget (35) |
| 2. Emergency Management (31) | 2. Long Term Capital Planning (36) |
| 3. Recreation (32) | 3. Recreation (8 & 32) |
| 4. Industrial Development (33) | 4. Heritage Center Development (33)
(Re: Industrialize of K-25) |
| 5. Administration (34) | 5. Future Jail Planning (38) |

Let's look briefly at our new focuses.

First, as always we start with our budget development so 2018 Budget (35) is a no brainer. Financial Management and Budgets are our primary focus, that is the reason the Tennessee law refers to the County Executive/Mayor as the fiscal agent of the County.

Second, although still important the Emergency Management (EM) has an important role in Long Term Capital Planning (36) which has replaced EM. See a separate article on Long Term Capital Planning. (see pg. 3)

Third, Recreation (32) remains a focus point because we recognize recreation as adding important value to our resident. Also within Recreation we will focus on our tourism industry, development of Swan Pond Sports Complex, recreation at the Heritage Industrial Park (future article), and development of the Caney Creek Recreation Corridor including the old Caney Creek Campground. We will continue operation and management oversight of Riley Creek Campground, Roane County Park, Caney Creek RV and Marina. Further, we will be building courtesy boat docks at various TWRA boat ramps under The National Resource Trustee Program grant.

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“Our lives begin to end the
day we become silent about
things that matter.”

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Fourth, Industrial Development continues but with more focus being given to the old K-25 site (future article). Industrial development continues as we administer the ECD Grant to develop a flat site off Jones Road at the Roane Regional Business Technology Park (future article).

Finally, development of a Long Term Jail Plan and what the Sheriff/Jail Building that also houses the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will look like in the future and more importantly how they will operate together. Hopefully we will be able to update new points of focus during the first six months of 2018 we have several important focuses including: future delivery of education services, additional industrial development, wastewater utility operations, county-wide fire control, and implementation of 2018 Capital Plan. The list goes on and on.

Letter from the Budget Director

Dear Reader,

This year has been an eventful one for me and the staff here in the Accounting office. Many changes to our staff but much gained in appreciation for each other. I would like for all of you to know that our office has an open-door policy so feel free to stop by with any concerns you might have.

With that being said, I would like to take a moment to inform you of some upcoming projects that the staff and I will be working on in the month of January:

- Budget process will be starting early this year so be on the lookout for the budget calendar.
- Capital Outlay discussions with departments will take place on January 12th. Every department head should have their list of requests for the current year and for the next subsequent 5 years thereafter. For long term projects have those projected out for the 10 years if at all possible.
- Internal Control procedures will be reviewed by me and my staff. Since these will be surprise visits I do not have times or dates available.
- Capital Asset inventory for Insurance purposes as well as Asset Control will be performed during this month and could run into the month of February.

As we ponder on where we have come from in 2016, let us remember those that have lost loved ones, those who have family members serving in the military, remembering our great police officers, EMS team and our Emergency Management teams that keep our County safe but most of all may we remember those that are less fortunate than ourselves and give thanks for what we have. Let us look to the future for many bright and successful projects that will benefit the citizens of Roane County.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Budget Director.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Connie Aytes

County Updates

Long Term Capital Planning

We developed the County’s first Capital Plan in 2011 and since then we have both updated and published the plan annually. We feel that this has been a valuable tool in helping move our County into the future. We are upping the game for 2018 and beyond in our Capital Planning. Our departments that have significant capital assets will meet in early January to review the new planning objective and reporting requirements. In the last part of January, the departments will report back with their capital needs for the next twenty years. The Budget Committee and County Commission then will began planning for the next several years.

We understand that capital needs and wants of our citizens change over time, thus each year we review the plans to update the needs and changing desires and wants.

Ambulance Service Update by....Tim Suter, Director of Roane County Emergency Medical Service

Roane County Ambulance Service Remodel

The Ambulance Department has 3 stations located throughout the community to provide fast reliable response times. The main office is located at the Central Services Building on Roane State Highway. This station houses 2 crews for their entire 24 hour shift. When not responding to calls for assistance EMS personnel live, eat and sleep in this station. Over the last 45 days we have been undergoing some long overdue renovations to the station. Along with fresh paint on the walls, there has been some much needed repairs to the HVAC systems. We have installed new flooring and ceiling tiles as well as new kitchen countertops and cabinets. Most of the materials used were purchased from local Roane County businesses. The majority of the labor was skillfully completed by County Trustees through cooperation with the Roane County Sheriff’s Office. By utilizing strong partnerships between the Ambulance Department and the Sherriff’s Office, we were able to do more work with less money which equates to a savings for the tax payers of Roane County.



New Roane County Ambulance Units

The Ambulance Department has taken delivery of 2 new ambulances. The two 2016 Ford E-350 ambulances have been stocked with state of the art, pre- hospital care equipment and have already begun responding to calls for assistance across Roane County. These ambulances replace two 2012 units that have accumulated over 300,000 miles and thousands of patient transports in Roane County.

Did You Know About... The East Tennessee Normal and Industrial Institute?

by Robert Bailey

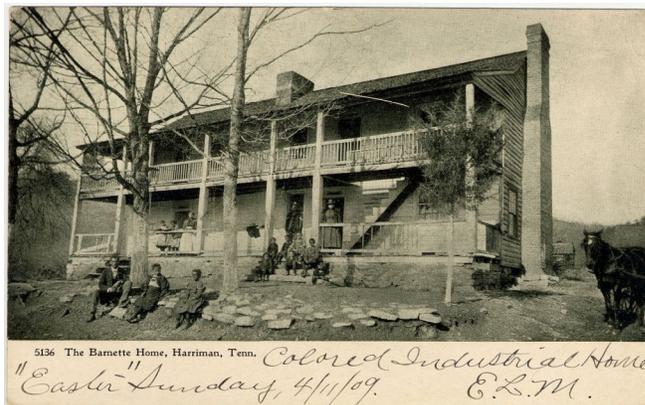
The East Tennessee Normal and Industrial Institute was organized in August, 1898 in Harriman, under the name of Harriman Industrial School. It was created "for the training of Colored . . . Young Men and Women." Started by John W. Ovletrea, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, he had hoped to establish a school in Harriman along the lines of Tuskegee.

In the 1902 Harriman Industrial Supplement, its mission was described as "to prepare colored young men and women for practical usefulness by giving each one who enters and remains a sufficient time a knowledge of some useful trade, in connection with a thorough English education thereby teaching the dignity of labor and enabling each to help himself by becoming a useful citizen; to so correlate industrial with literary education that the student cannot get the one without the other. The demand for intelligent and competent education is far greater than the supply. The man who can do something is the man sought after. It is the aim of the school to send young men and women out into the world who can produce as well as consume."

A farm was purchased for \$1,000, \$500 of which was due up front while the remainder was to be paid over time. On this farm was the home of William Barnett, a former slave owner, and this home became the first main building. It was used as the boys' dormitory and for industrial development. Later a domestic science building was constructed along with an assembly hall called the Jamieson Central Assembly Hall.

The entrance fee was \$1.50 while the board per month (which included furnished room, laundry, lights, fuel, etc.) was \$8.00. Students were given an opportunity to work out \$2 or \$3 of the expenses per month, leaving only \$5 or \$6 to be paid in cash. With a good outfit of clothing, \$45 or \$50 was sufficient cash to carry an industrious student through the nine-month school year. All students were required to work one day a week and every other Saturday.

Unfortunately, the school ended up in debt and was closed about 1911 or 1912.



A Makeover for the Roane County Park Cottage.... By Mike Beard

In an effort to improve the facilities at Roane County Park, the Cottage is getting a makeover.

The Cottage is going to get new kitchen flooring and countertops, a fresh coat of interior paint, the paneling is being refinished and the restroom will be remodeled this winter.

We have all new furniture to accommodate 40 guests and have established new user guidelines to allow more people to enjoy our park during the cold weather.

We have held the period from January 17th to February 10th open to allow us time to accomplish this work. The park staff will be performing all of the work except the flooring to get the most bang for our buck.





UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Jan. 2nd	New Year’s Day	Courthouse Closed	
Jan. 3rd	Jail Study	QCR	6:30 pm
Jan. 5th	ERB	CANCELLED	
Jan. 9th	Budget Committee	QCR	6:00 pm
Jan. 9th	County Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
Jan. 10th	PUB	WWP	5:30 pm
Jan. 10th	Fire Board	QCR	6:15 pm
Jan. 12th	Emergency Services	OES	6:00 pm
Jan. 16th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Courthouse Closed	
Jan. 17th	Risk Mgmt.	OES	6:15 pm
Jan. 18th	Board of Zoning	QCR	6:00 pm
Jan. 18th	Planning Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
Jan. 19th	Road Committee	QCR	6:30 pm
Jan. 23rd	Codes Enforcement	QCR	6:30 pm
Jan. 26th	Animal Control	Ag. Extension	6:30 pm

Anger Management Classes

RELAX-Alternative to Anger-4 week program

These classes engage adult learners in a group setting to increase anger management skills by promoting social emotional health including expressing emotions, dealing with stress, resolving conflict, understanding others perspective, and maintaining healthy, supportive relationships.

Four Lessons include topics of:

1. What is anger? What are your anger triggers?
2. Identifying how you respond to anger and how to de-stress.
3. Learn problem solving skills, listening and accepting others.
4. Forgiving and letting go of the past, putting concepts into practice.

Class schedule: Jan. 16,23,30, & Feb. 6 from 3-4 pm (4 weeks) or Mar. 21,28 & Apr. 4, 11 from 11-12 (4 weeks).

Classes are held at:

UT Extension of Roane County
3074 Roane St. Highway, Harriman, TN 37748
Please call 865-376-5558 to register for the class.
Cost is \$40.00

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The Roane County Courthouse and Courts will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017 in observance of New Years Day and Monday, January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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