



County Executive's Newsletter to the Roane County Commission

Initiatives of Engagement ... by Ron Woody

Before we look at the New Year initiatives, I thought it would be beneficial to continue our December 2017 issue's discussion of Initiatives. The December article said "Successful Initiatives" but a better title would have been "Initiatives" because as one reads the article it is noted that some initiatives had partial success or were unsuccessful.

An early initiative, which began in late 2010, is **engaging** with the major governmental/ quasi-governmental employers of our citizens in order to understand and hopefully help direct some long-term policies. I probably learned this lesson from my dad, a highly successful basketball coach, that the ones who practice are the ones who play and Roane County wants to play.

Roane County started interacting with TVA, DOE and the related contractors. Even with the hiring of The Roane Alliance president, part of the new president's duties is engagement in the Oak Ridge happenings. Roane County is engaged with the East Tennessee Economic Development Council (ETEC), with ETEC member and past ETEC chair Chris Whaley, president of Roane State, ETEC member and Roane Alliance president Wade Creswell, who has won the ETEC Postma Young Professional Medal and Deputy Governor Jim Henry recipient of the Muddy Boot award. Almost every Friday morning at 7:30 you could see from Roane County Senator Ken Yager, Representative Kent Calfee, Roane State President Chris Whaley, Roane Alliance President Wade Creswell, County Executive Ron Woody and many other businessmen and women from Roane County. Some of these same members are current or past board members of another important organization known as The Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee.

The DOE engagement has led Roane County's County Executive Woody to chair the national Energy Community Alliance organization and local Oak Ridge Reservation Community Alliance.

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The Roane County Courthouse and Court Offices will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 in observance of New Year's Day!

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Initiatives of Engagements

Roane County has also been engaged with TVA through the Association of Tennessee Valley Governments in both board and officer positions as high as chairperson.

Currently, the Oak Ridge National Lab Deputy for Operations, Jeff Smith, is being vetted by Congress for a TVA board seat.

Much success has been and will continue to be accomplished through Roane County participating and taking leadership roles within these organizations.

Here are a few notable successes due to Roane County being engaged.

- ⇒ ORNL assistance in secondary education planning both on capital budgets, operational budgets and future curriculum needs.
- ⇒ Additional clean up of Poplar Creek as Environmental Management cleans up the old K-25 site.
- ⇒ Assistance in recruitment of spin-off business from the Oak Ridge National Lab work.
- ⇒ Marketing of Roane County with interviews with New York Times by Roane County officials.
- ⇒ Work on the payment in Lieu of Tax agreement with both DOE and TVA which, if no agreement existed or the local government were unaware of future impacts, could result in a financial crisis for Roane County.
- ⇒ Establishment and the planned operations of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park.
- ⇒ Pier and courtesy docks along the shores of the Watts Bar Reservoir.

The list of these successes goes on and on and rewards will continue to be received by Roane County as we continue to be **Engaged**.

There are many successful initiatives that have been undertaken by our local government and by far one of the most successful has been **Engagement**. We have been going to practice because we aim to play and we play to win.

Thanks goes out to many mentioned in this article and many others unmentioned and the support staff that allow us to participate.

Engagement will be an initiative that will continue into 2018 and beyond.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Roane County Happenings

Riding the Rails!

The Southern Appalachian Railroad Museum is investigating the possibility of a scenic excursion train along Highway 70 from Crab Orchard, through Ozone Falls and into Rockwood. County Executive Woody and others rode the rails along this picturesque route in order to experience this unique tourism opportunity.



RIDING THE RAILS



Congratulations...



Congratulations to Lynn Farnham, CPPO, (Certified Public Procurement Officer) CPPB, (Certified Professional Public Buyer) Roane County Purchasing Agent, for her appointment to the NIGP (National Institute of Governmental Purchasing) Forum and Products Exposition Committee! Lynn will serve through June 30, 2019. She serves in the annual hospitality suite at TAPP Fall Conferences, she has helped plan both TAPP Spring and Fall conferences, serves on ETPA's annual Business Matching & Tradeshow Event Committee and serves as ETPA Treasurer.

Great job! Lynn Farnham we are proud of you and all you do for Roane County.

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Getting in the Christmas Spirit

County Executive Ron Woody, who is dedicated to Roane County and such a busy Executive, still finds time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. Several of his employees also volunteered their time to give back to the community. This time of year can be very stressful on many families.



Appreciation Letter... Lisa Coffman

Dear Ron,

If felt so good to be back in Roane County and to celebrate Founder's Day where those worthy seven, including my momma, Una Coffman, were honored.

From the opening words to the benediction, that celebration felt pure Roane County. It felt like the best of Roane County, not only the people honored as Treasures, but the people who spoke for them. I was moved by heart and sincerity, history and humor that got loose during it all. You set the tone for it and you did a wonderful job.

I'm so grateful to you for seeing Momma was honored for her work for the County. She deserved it.

All best,

Lisa Coffman

P.S. Please pass along my gratitude to Arlene, Melanie and Amber.

Highway Department Update... by Brian Matthews

We have been BUSY! at the Roane County Highway Department! We are making brine, checking plows, and salt boxes all to be prepared for any winter weather.

We have participated in the Harriman, Kingston, Oak Ridge, Oliver Springs, and Rockwood Christmas Parades.

We want to say, "Thank you!" to Jamestown Assisted Living for being a great recycle partner with us and for inviting us out to their Festival of Trees event. They had a great "recycle tree."

As always, if you can help you out or you want to know more, feel free to call us at 882-9782 and follow us on Facebook to keep up with what is going on!



Parade Photos! We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and is looking forward to a Happy New Year.

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

Check out the Roane County website... www.roanecountytn.gov

Did You Know About the “Rules for Teachers” in 1872?by Robert L. Bailey

One can see that the job for a teacher in the 1800s involved many things besides teaching by this list of “Rules for Teachers” which was dated 1872. If a woman got married then she had to quit being a teacher. It is not known when this policy stopped. One can also see the different ways that female teachers were treated as opposed to male teachers.

The rules were:

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining evening time reading the Bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his intention, integrity and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay providing the Board of Education approves.

Paint Rock School below



Roane County Recovery Court Helping Keep Roane Beautifulby Ashley Freeburg

Roane County Recovery Court program took part in TDOT Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pick-Up on Sugar Grove Valley Road in Kingston. The group voluntarily cleaned 2-miles on this stretch of road and collected 37 bags of trash during their October 27, 2017 litter pick-up date.

Great Job Everyone involved and let's all do our part to Keep Roane Beautiful!



Driver License Duplicates and Renewals

As of October 19, 2017 the Roane County Clerk's, office located in the Roane County Courthouse, will be processing duplicate and renewals of NON-Commercial (Class D, M, or ID) licenses.

ALL transactions for Commercial (A, B or C) must still go to a State Driver Services Center such as the one in Rockwood, Athens or Oak Ridge.

Also, all "New Residents" exchanging out-of-state driver's license and any type of original or testing applicants MUST go to a State Driver Services Center.

This service will be available during scheduled business hours in the Roane County Courthouse.

2018 HOLIDAYS

<u>2018 HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DAY/DATE OF HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DAY OFF</u>
NEW YEAR'S DAY '18	MONDAY, JANUARY 1	MONDAY, JAN. 1
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	MONDAY, JANUARY 15	MONDAY, JAN. 15
PRESIDENT'S DAY	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19	MONDAY, FEB. 19
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, MARCH 30	FRIDAY, MARCH 30
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY, MAY 28	MONDAY, MAY 28
INDEPENDENCE DAY	WEDNESDAY, JULY 4	WED. JULY 4
COUNTY GENERAL, STATE & FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION	THURSDAY, AUGUST 2	THURSDAY, AUG. 2
LABOR DAY	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3	MONDAY, SEPT. 3
COLUMBUS DAY	MONDAY, OCTOBER 8	MONDAY, OCT. 8
STATE & FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6	TUESDAY, NOV. 6
VETERAN'S DAY	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12	MONDAY, NOV.12
THANKSGIVING DAY AND HOLIDAY	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23	THURSDAY, NOV.22 FRIDAY, NOV. 23
CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTMAS DAY	MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25	MONDAY, DEC. 24 TUESDAY, DEC. 25
NEW YEAR'S DAY 2019	TUESDAY, JANUARY 1	TUESDAY, JAN. 1

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
January 1st	<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Courthouse Closed</i>	<i>CLOSED</i>
January 4th	ERB	CR	6:00 pm
January 8th	County Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
January 9th	Public Utility Board	WWP	5:30 pm
January 9th	Fire Board	QCR	6:15 pm
January 11th	Emergency Services	OES	6:15 pm
January 15th	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	<i>Courthouse Closed</i>	<i>CLOSED</i>
January 17th	Board of Zoning Appeals	QCR	6:00 pm
January 17th	Planning Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
January 18th	Road Committee	QCR	6:30 pm
January 22nd	Codes Enforcement	QCR	6:30 pm

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