



# County Executive's Newsletter to the Roane County Commission

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## 2018 Budget is Ready for Commission

by Ron Woody

Special thanks goes out to your Roane County Budget Committee members; Carolyn Granger, Junior Hendrickson, Darryl Meadows and Steve Kelley. The Budget Committee held their annual Public Hearing on June 22 with only one public request.

The Public Hearing was followed by the Budget Committee making their final recommendations for the 2018 Budget. A lot of time at the Budget Committee was devoted to discussion on the school building program and the potential timing of borrowing funds. The committee was given ample time to consider and amend the tax resolution if the school building plan desired to start in the 2018 fiscal year. No amendments were made.

The committee discussed the fiscal /financial plan of the county and that due to school debt being paid off in the 2022 budget available revenue could be assigned to new debt or capital projects in the 2023 year.

Additional revenues would be needed during this time frame allowing the project to start prior to or about 2019 or 2020.

The biggest issues that the committee addressed regarding the potential school program was the timing of the project and interest would need to be paid beginning within 12 months of borrowing funds and both principal and interest would have to start being paid between 36 and 48 months.

Articles about school capital project fund can be found on the County's website. [www.roanecountytn.gov](http://www.roanecountytn.gov)

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**The Roane County  
Courthouse and Courts  
will be closed on Tuesday,  
July 4th in observance of  
Independence Day!**

**Grants. . . Alphabet Soup for the Budget (part 2)****by Melanie Townsend**

In the May newsletter, the importance of grant funding to county operations was discussed. A few of the grants which play an integral part in county operations are discussed below in more detail.

The **Roane County Recovery Court** is a new endeavor which is a partnership among the General Session Judge, the District Attorney, the Public Defender and a third party treatment provider, WestCare Tennessee. The Recovery Court is funded through a federal Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Recovery Court Implementation Grant (DRUG) in the amount of \$350,000 over three (3) years. This money is used to provide intensive out-patient treatment for the Recovery Court participants. The participants agree to enter the Recovery Court in lieu of prosecution within the justice system. The State of Tennessee, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse also provides a grant of \$50,000 which pays for our Recovery Court Coordinator, travel expenses for the court team, and other supplies necessary to the running of the program. Additional funding is received from Drug Court Fines which are levied through the General Sessions and Circuit Courts. The court has been operating for 15 months and has graduated (2) two participants with (2) two more scheduled to graduate in the next month. While this may not seem like much accomplishment, it is important to remember that Recovery Court is designed to be at least a 12-month process. There were 16 participants enrolled in Recovery Court as of March 31, 2017. Recovery Court is making a difference in Roane County with the help of grant money.

The **Office of Emergency Services** receives several grants from the Department of Military/Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. The county receives a total of \$104,733 from (4) four grants annually in grant funding to aid in the mission of the Office of Emergency Services (OES). OES serves the citizens of Roane County through the planning, coordination, and implementation of all Emergency Management and Homeland Security related activities for Roane County. OES is responsible for controlling the response to emergencies within their jurisdiction. Their mission is to lessen the effects of a disaster on the lives and property of the people of Roane County through leadership, coordination, and support in the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. OES uses the grant funding (DOE, HSG, TEQ, EMPG) to pay salaries, purchase necessary response equipment, and conduct training exercises. These activities which are vital to the county are made possible through the grant funding process.

***Roane County Highway Department Update....*** By Brian Matthews

It is a busy time at the Roane County Highway Department. In addition to mowing and taking care of the other daily activities, paving season is upon us.

We are also continuing to work on storm cleanup from the May storm. We are very thankful for all the volunteers that have helped us by working with us or providing food for us. We were honored to work along side the local utility companies and other groups to keep everyone safe.

We had the honor of hosting the Roane County Youth Leadership class at the Roane County Highway Department. They asked a lot of great questions and we believe that the future of Roane County is bright with student leaders like the members of the RCYL.

As always, if you need to us, give us a call at 865-882-9782.

## Roane County Agricultural Happenings...by Jessica Wilkinson

**Private Applicator Certification Courses and Recertification Courses are now being offered!**

ROANE COUNTY



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**Private Applicator Initial Certification Training Dates**

This is for applicators who do NOT have a current pesticide card  
The cost for initial certification is \$75 (bring 2 checks one for TDA and one for UT Extension)

Friday, July 7	12:00 – 4:00pm
Monday, July 10	2:30 – 6:30pm

**Private Applicator Recertification Dates**

If your Pesticide Safety Education Program Certification is still current you can attend a one hour recertification training to extend your PSEP Certification through June 20, 2020 Cost for recertification training \$25

Wednesday, July 12	2-3pm
Monday, July 24	12 – 1pm
Friday, July 28	9:30 – 10:30am

**All Training will occur at the Roane County Extension Office**  
For more information please contact the Roane County Extension Office at (865) 376 5558 or email Jessica Wilkinson at [jwilki21@utk.edu](mailto:jwilki21@utk.edu)

Programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources, 4-H Youth Development, Family and Consumer Sciences and Resource Development  
The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, US Dept. of Agriculture and County Governments cooperating.  
UT Extension Provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

### Roane County Livestock News

**Livestock Judging:** Practice will Resume August 11th and continue weekly until contest September 28th.

**Chick Chain:** Chicken Show and Sale will be August 5th at AgCentral Co-Op in Midtown.

### **East Tennessee Endangered Eight**

East Tennessee Preservation Alliance recently reported the East Tennessee Endangered Eight list and returning to the list from 2016 are five sites listed below.

- **Old Jefferson City Hall**, Jefferson County was built in 1868 by John Roper. In 1882 the site became the community's first public school—a precursor to today's Carson-Newman University. Eventually the City Hall would locate there, but relocate in 1989.
- The **Oliver Springs Southern Railroad Depot** was built in 1893. It features wood with writing still visible from 123 years ago. In 1983, Southern Railway planned to demolish it, but the town rallied to move it to a new location. The depot is currently home to the Oliver Springs Library and Museum.
- **New Salem Baptist Church**, Sevier County, was built in 1886 by Isaac Dockery, a noted African American builder. It is Sevierville's oldest surviving building and the only historic African American Church in the county.
- **Tennessee Military Institute** formally known as the Sweetwater Military College, Monroe County was established in 1874. The 144 acre campus includes ten buildings with the main and most iconic building dating back to 1909. In 1988, TMI was closed and sold to Meiji Gakui University which operated a Japanese high school there. In 2007 the school was permanently closed.
- **Stonecipher-Kelly House**, in Morgan County, was built around 1814 by Ezra B. Stonecipher. In 2013 the house and property were added to Frozen Head State Park.

### **County Owned Back Tax Property Management & Sale of Property...by Carol Maines**

Roane County's "County Owned Back Tax Property Committee" has been extremely active over the past 12-24 months. The committee was active in helping change state law that would allow the County to evaluate properties prior to county ownership and if the county determines financial risk are greater than potential value then the county could have their bids rescinded. The County Owned Back Tax Property Committee also approved a checklist and implementation schedule which would insure properties acquired are managed and disposed of in a timely fashion, which put the property back on the tax rolls.

Here is our success story:

- 410 properties considered delinquent 2012 tax properties by Clerk and Master in 2016.
- 224 of those properties has been redeemed by their owners (paid taxes due)
- 186 properties sold at Back Tax Sale
- 123 were sold to other parties
- 63 were bid in by Roane County and are under evaluation
- 40 properties recommended to Chancellor for bids to be rescinded
- 23 properties are under the period of redemption and management/maintenance

Currently, the county executive's office have no properties for sale, while purchasing has 19 properties pending sale on Govdeals.com.

If you are interested in purchasing County Owned Back Tax Property please contact Roane County

Purchasing's Carol Maines @ 865-717-4209.

### **Non-Profit Organization Applications...**

Roane County Commission is now accepting Non-Profit Organization Applications for FY-18 County Funding. Applications must be submitted by July 11, 2017.

Applications can be found on the home page of the County's website at [www.roanecountyttn.gov](http://www.roanecountyttn.gov)

#### **Mail application to:**

Non-Profit Committee  
P.O. Box 643  
Kingston, TN 37763

Applications will also be accepted in the County Executive's office at the Roane County Courthouse.

### **Office of Emergency Services Update.....by Scott Stout**

The Memorial Day weekend storm caused approximately \$2.2 million in damage to public infrastructure and in debris removal throughout the county. Governor Bill Haslam announced a disaster declaration and has requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration so the county will receive federal funds to offset the expenditures incurred during and after the storm (Pictured on the left). The Office of Emergency Services has purchased a new fire/hazmat apparatus for \$15,000. The 1996 Spartan Firetruck was purchased from the Harriman Fire Department. (Pictured on the right)



#### **Training –**

- Chuck Hiatt began coursework at Kaplan University in January for his Bachelor's degree in Fire Science and Emergency Management.
- Traci Cofer completed all required coursework for her Bachelor of Science degree in Emergency Management. Graduation will be at Bethel University on Saturday, August 5, 2017.
- Josh Taylor completed the Driver Operator training courses #1, 2 and 3.
- Brad Goss is in the final stage of his Fire Instructor II course.

### ***TACIR– Tennessee's Public Infrastructure Needs to Increase to \$43.4 Billion***

#### **Roane County's Share is \$390.0 million**

NASHVILLE, TN, June 2 - Tennessee needs at least **\$43.4 billion** of public infrastructure improvements to be in some stage of development during the five-year period of July 2015 through June 2020. Public infrastructure improvements for **Roane County** total **\$390.0 million**, a decrease of **\$18.7 million (4.6%)** since last year's report, according to a new report released by the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR).

#### **Officials report Roane County's top three areas of need as**

- Transportation at \$248.9 million
- New public schools & additions at \$50.0 million
- Recreation at \$23.9 million

The county's total estimated cost for new or improved infrastructure is \$7,393 per capita, compared with \$6,578 per capita statewide. Roane County's estimated transportation needs per capita amount to \$4,717, higher than the statewide estimate of \$3,702 per capita. Roane County reported new public schools & additions infrastructure needs at \$948 per capita, higher than the statewide average of \$369 per capita. As for recreation infrastructure improvements, Roane County reported \$453 per capita, which is higher than the statewide average of \$178 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, officials are confident that \$12.5 billion (37%) of that amount will be available. About **\$205.3 million (54.2%)** of the **\$378.6 million** total funding needed to meet **Roane County's** infrastructure needs has been identified.

Officials in Roane County did not rate any of their school buildings as less than good overall. This compares favorably with the statewide figure of 8.1% of school buildings that are in less than good condition. Local officials estimate the cost to upgrade or maintain existing schools to good or better condition at \$3.7 million for the Roane County school system. The cost to bring all areas of all Tennessee public school buildings up to good condition is \$2,314 per student statewide compared with **\$763** per student in **Roane County**.

The full report can be found on TACIR's web site at <http://www.tn.gov/tacir/article/tacir-infra-2015-2020>

### **Did You Know ... about the time that the University of Tennessee football team played in Harriman? by Robert L. Bailey**

Even though it is a few months away from the start of the football season, it is interesting to note that the University of Tennessee football team played a game in Harriman, Tennessee.

The American Temperance University in Harriman, under Chancellor John A. Tate, fielded both a football team and a baseball team beginning in 1903. From 1903 to 1906 the football team played the University of Tennessee three times. In Knoxville, on October 7, 1905, the teams met and the final score was 104 for the U.T., 0 for the American University. The next year the teams played again in Knoxville and surprisingly enough U.T. only scored 10 points. Unfortunately, the American University didn't score any points. Fifteen days later another game was played between U.T. and the American University. This time it was in Harriman. It was to mark the dedication of the football field at Harriman. A fight broke out during the game and the American University players walked off the field and refused to play. The game was forfeited when the American University players would not come back onto the field. U.T. was declared the winner by 6-0 by virtue of the forfeit. After this the teams never played again.



### ***Roane County Hazardous Waste Day Totals... by Ralph Stewart***

From your Friends at the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, we would like to express our sincere thanks for contributing to the success of your **Household Hazardous Waste Event** for 2017.

*Because of your participation, 113 households attended the event.*

- 831 pounds of Flammable Liquids (Lighter Fluid, Gasoline, Lamp Oils)
- 825 pounds of Poisonous Material (Pesticides and Herbicides)
- 381 pounds of Aerosols (Spray Paint and Cleaners)
- 121 pounds of Fluorescent Tubes
- 501 pounds of Corrosive Material (Oven Cleaner, Bleach, Drano)
- 341 pounds of Oxidizing Materials (Peroxide, Pool Chemicals)
- 1 pound of Elemental Mercury Containing Material
- 12 pounds of Sharps

All of these materials of total waste were kept out of the environment by your commitment and taking your time for attending the event. We wish to congratulate you on your participation and diligence for keeping the environment safe for you, your family and all the citizens of Roane County. We thank you again for all you did to make this event a successful one.

## Smokin' the Water 2017

### July 4th 2017 Schedule

#### River Channel will be open until fireworks begin

#### July 4th

7:00 a.m. Close off Road  
 9:00 a.m. Car Show on the Dike  
 12:00 p.m. Parade Down Kentucky Street  
 1:30 p.m. Gates Open  
 2:00 p.m. BBQ Cook off Contest  
 4:00 p.m. Raft Race  
 4:45 p.m. Music Starts  
 At Dark Fireworks (soundtrack broadcast on 106.1 The River)

#### Music Schedule

4:45 p.m. Royal Hounds  
 6:15 p.m. Johnny Neal  
 7:45 p.m. The Temper Evans Band  
 9:00 p.m. Cereus Bright



### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
July 4th	Courthouse Closed		
July 6th	ERB	Conference Room	6:00 pm
July 10th	County Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
July 11th	Public Utility Board	Wastewater Plant	5:30 pm
July 11th	Fire Board	QCR	6:15 pm
July 13th	Emergency Services	OES	6:15 pm
July 17th	Building & Codes	QCR	6:30 pm

#### JOINT OPERATION



A free event to provide Veterans and their families with a one-stop shop to access local resources and services.

- Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 9a.m. until 2pm
- Jacob Building at Chilhowee Park
- 3301 East Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN.
- Hosted by: Senator Bob Corker  
 Senator Lamar Alexander  
 Congressman Jimmy Duncan  
 Mayor Tim Burchett  
 Mayor Madeline Rogero

*Services include VA assistance, education, vocational rehabilitation, employment, mental health, housing, Business loans and more.*

Contact Senator Corker's office for more information at 865-637-4180.

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