

Resurfacing From Front

and the county's retained FLEX funds, which total \$488,775.

"This is your FLEX funds. We decided when the transportation cabinet came down, I think in March, we decided to keep our FLEX fund," Elleman said. "We did make the proposal to use it this year for blacktop and they have approved that. So this agreement would accept that \$488,775."

A motion to accept the agreement was made and seconded without further discussion.

A second motion was then introduced to approve the Rural Secondary Program resolution, which encompasses the full agreement with the state for the 2026 fiscal year. The motion, introduced and seconded by Magistrates Chris Davis and Chris Butner respectively, passed unanimously.

This meeting followed the court's April session, during which Garrard County formally approved the state's proposed Rural Secondary (RS) road improvements while voting to retain its full FLEX allocation for local use. The FLEX program al-

lows counties to divert a portion of state RS funding for maintenance of county roads, providing critical support for infrastructure outside of the state-maintained network.

Under the plan endorsed earlier this year, the county's \$488,775 in FLEX funds will be used to resurface Poor Ridge Pike from Jack Turner Branch Road to KY 1971. The court's decision to retain and allocate FLEX funds locally comes amid a broader countywide push to address road deterioration, with Judge Elleman emphasizing the need for sustained investment.

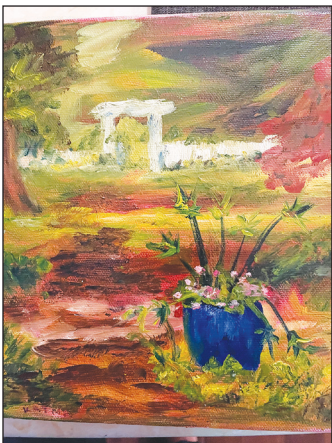
"We've tried to do a good job to build that account up to help with some of our county roads," Elleman said during the April session, referencing the importance of fiscal planning in meeting infrastructure demands.

The Fiscal Court plans to continue working closely with the transportation cabinet and will revisit road funding allocations following the next project evaluation cycle in September. Magistrates have been encouraged to submit locations of concern so that the cabinet can assess local road conditions and prioritize repairs more effectively.



Plein-Aired

I recently hosted a group of Plein Air Artists(artist inspired by nature in the open air or painting outdoors) at our farm and gardens in Lancaster. One of my dear friends asked many months ago if they could spend a day in my flower and tree filled gardens. I of course said absolutely they could come. And they did! Slowly at first early in the morning after the sun had made her appearance as a hazy glow in the East. They pulled out small stools to sit on, they opened their easels, and paints, and brushes galore to begin the day. I noticed that all of them slowly wandered among the beds and the trees, peering through leafy branches and gazing at the vivid colors of sum-



mer. Several located a spot fairly quickly and began to settle in. Others continued the search for the look that they desired to capture. I was busy myself preparing flowers for a funeral the next day and didn't pay a lot of attention to the 'walk-about'. I saw several of them pass by with such a peaceful look that I finally put down my clippers and began to 'visit them'. It was an Aha moment as I peered over the shoulders of such gifted artists and saw my gardens in a completely different light. Gone were the stark boundaries that I work within from flower bed to flower bed. They were able to see beyond my critical eyes and into the natural beauty of nature. Where I see work, they saw peace. Where I see change, they saw beauty. As I began to see what they saw it changed everything for me. They created a glorious space full of color and shadow, depth and contrast. I returned to my work on a cool and shady porch and began to see differently how I placed each flower in the arrangements. I felt peaceful and content just as they were. Later as they began to 'pack up' I took turns looking at what they had accomplished. The artistic renderings were amazing and so beautiful. One of the artists gifted her painting to me after I offered to buy it. What a delight to have such a memory of the day. I share this with you so that you can possibly take the time to 'stroll' through your garden with new eyes. Let go of everything that has to be done and just be in the garden. Look at the different shades of green, the loud color of reds and oranges and the softness of pink and lavender. Breathe in the lush smell of summer and feel the breeze as it passes around you. Hear the rustle of the leaves and the song of birds high above.

There will be another time to 'work' in the garden, another day to harvest and plant and maybe even dream. See your garden as your artistic impression of all that you love to grow and nurture each and every day. Take delight!

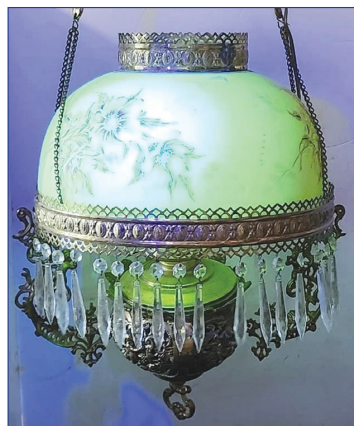
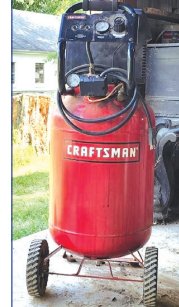
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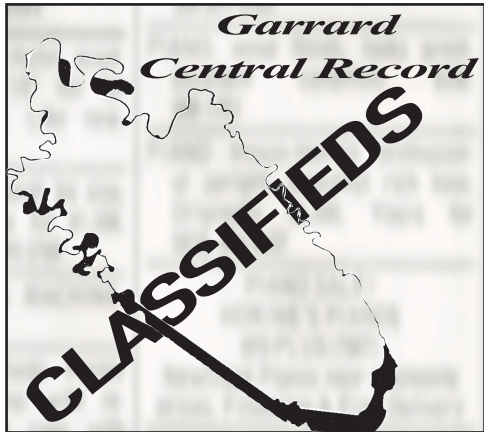
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