

Fiscal Court agrees to bring natural gas to sports complex, surplus old Sheriff's cruisers

BY CHARLES MYRICK

The Knox County Fiscal Court tackled a full slate of county business at its regular February 26 meeting.

The fiscal court approved the January 2025 County Attorney's Delinquent Tax Report of \$5,673.83.

The fiscal court voted to approve entering into an agreement with Delta Natural Gas to extend natural gas services to the new Knox County Sports Complex at a cost of \$16,677, and to authorize Judge-Executive Mike Mitchell to sign any and all documents necessary. This action will grant an easement to run parallel with the railroad to get to the sports

complex.

Executive Order 20250215-01, a retroactive action declaring a state of emergency in Knox County, effective February 15 due to damaging winds and rainfall that occurred. The order states, in part, "Whereas damaging winds rainfall have endangered the residents of Knox County, and whereas the situation creates considerable hardship for the citizens of Knox County, whereas local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to mitigate the effects of this notification." The fiscal court approved the order in a unanimous vote.

Next, resolution 20250226-01 for a Taser Grant for the Knox County Sheriff's Office was approved. The resolution authorizes the sheriff to apply for law enforcement protection program grant funds through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to purchase tasers for the Sheriff's office for \$94,180.65.

A motion for resolution 20250226-02 was approved by the fiscal court. The resolution's purpose is to state that the Fiscal Court will be opposing any legislation that provides for the state collection of local occupational business fees and or taxes by the Commonwealth of Kentucky,

meaning the fiscal court is voting to keep the tax dollars collected locally and not send them to the state.

A motion approving payment for completion of 40 hours of training, for certification requirements of House Bill 810. The amount for Tier 3 levels for Sam Miller and Jeff Ketcham totaled \$3,976.59, and Tier 4 levels for Roger Mills, Tony Golden, Mary Hammons, and Mike Mitchell totaled \$5,302.12.

The fiscal court approved the first reading of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget amendment.

Also approved was funding of \$275,000 - \$150,000 for the Knox County Sheriff's Office for updates of its fleet

management and \$125,000 to be applied to purchasing an Energreen Alpha Eagle boom mower.

A surplus of vehicles from the Knox County Sheriff's Office was approved, to include a 2010, 2014 and 2016 Dodge Charger. The proceeds will be applied to update the fleet management for the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

In regular business, the fiscal court approved budget transfers, the treasurer's report, interfund transfers and claims.

The next regular meeting of the Knox County Fiscal Court was changed to Tuesday, March 25 due to a scheduled conference.

Nolan Group Media celebrates 100 years



Nolan Group Media was honored on the floor of the Kentucky Senate on Wednesday, February 26 for 100 years of serving Kentuckians with newspapers across southeastern Kentucky. A plaque was presented to James Nolan, Jr., joined by his son, James F. Nolan III "Jay" and wife Claudia, and Glenn Gray to receive the honor. Pictured above, from left: Glenn Gray, Claudia Nolan, Jay Nolan, James Nolan, and Senate President Robert Stivers.

Taylor selected for inaugural 'Teaching Kentucky History Institute'

BY CHARLES MYRICK

A Knox County teacher has been named one of the teachers selected for the inaugural 2025 Teaching Kentucky History Institute (TKHI). Knox County native Corri Taylor, who works for Kentucky Virtual Academy, was among 22 teachers chosen for the program.

In July, educators will dedicate five days to an in-depth study of Kentucky's early history. They will collaborate with academic experts from state universities,



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"I am thrilled to have been selected for the

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