

GRC, from 1

Following the coin toss, Scott County elected to receive the opening kickoff, and ended their opening drive with a 6-yard touchdown run by junior Timmy Emongo.

Yet GRC wouldn't wait long to strike back.

On the ensuing kickoff, senior Santi Guerrant fielded the ball at the 8-yard-line, and returned it nearly 80 yards to set up the offense inside the red zone.

A few plays later, junior Braylon Nester ran the ball in from one-yard-out for a touchdown, though a blocked extra point kept the score 7-6 in favor of Scott County.

The Cards' defense stymied an ensuing drive.

However, with GRC looking to take the lead, an interception followed and Emongo scored once

more on a 26-yard TD run on the first play of the second quarter.

He added a third touchdown run from 5 yards out for a 21-6 advantage with 4:05 left before halftime.

GRC was able to drive to Scott County's 30-yard line just beforehand, but a turnover resulted in Scott County regaining the ball and - after Emongo's third touchdown - GRC drove to SC's 16-yard-line.

With less than two seconds remaining before halftime, they tried to score once more on a hook-and-ladder play, but came up short of the endzone.

"We [have] got to sustain our ability to sustain drives and protect the football," Chirico said.

In the second half, Scott County all but put the game out of reach early on.

Emongo - who also had an

interception on defense - accounted for his fourth score of the game on a 31-yard touchdown reception from sophomore quarterback Charlie Ellison with 8:21 remaining in the third quarter.

"I never had a season opener like this," he said. "I just worked really, really hard...from winter to spring to summer for this opportunity to go out here with my teammates."

They'd score twice more on fourth quarter touchdown runs of 22 yards and 47 yards by juniors Skyler Way and Jayden Garrett.

GRC (1-0) returns to action in game three of the Clark County Hall of Fame Bowl against Hurricane (WV) on Saturday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark County Hall of Fame Bowl.

"[We've] got to go practice hard [and] go back to work," Chirico said.



GRC and Scott County team captains meet at midfield for the coin toss prior to Friday's season opener. (Photo by Matt Cizek)

BUSINESS, from 1

Multiple City Commissioners expressed interest in representatives of the companies being present for future discussions, with City Manager Shannon Cox expressing frustration that they were not.

Regarding TIF funds, the email stated that business owners - among other issues - had limited visibility into how downtown TIF funds are collected, managed, and spent, with - among other effects - no public reporting or clear process to request funding for projects benefitting downtown.

Manley responded.

"The TIF funds are generated from incremental revenues from the city, real property, ad valorem tax and occupational tax. It is not sales tax nor corporate income tax...I want to reiterate that the TIF funds are no extra tax on any property or business owners," he said. "The current TIF amount in the city's funds is \$137,924.30 and this has been clearly stated...if anyone [is] interested in reviewing detailed reports on the TIF funds, they may request them by filing an Open Records Request Form."

Adam Kidd, Project Manager of DAM Holdings, expressed frustration over finances - which

also included Downtown Development Investment Fund (DDIF) grants.

"We should have brainstormed the grant. You're asking people to do book-ings, [that] they may never even [have] done in their life before...or even know what you're talking about," he said. "I can guarantee you that if I was at a meeting, and I may have been before you told me that you were requiring a financial statement to receive relief funding, I would have been the voice of 'that's ridiculous.'"

Other business owners expressed concerns and frustration, while the city explained its position as well.

Regarding code enforcement consistency and fairness, property owners expressed thoughts of inconsistency and stated - among other points that included a discussion about blighted properties - that evidence suggested certain ones were being targeted for minor issues.

"The city takes its responsibility for code enforcement seriously, and the approach is fair and consistent," said Manley. "We recognize that code enforcement can feel subjective, and for that reason, we strive to apply the rules with fairness and consistency."

Criticizing one of several slides in the presentation, Kidd responded.

"We all agree there's lots of room for potential improvement."

A fourth of five points, considering a downtown reopening plan, stated that there was no clearly communicated plan for when downtown would be reopened - thus, among other issues, causing businesses to risk missing an opportunity to capitalize on renewed public interest.

"We are planning a ribbon-cutting event, and we are currently in the brainstorming phase of that event," Manley said. "There is no set date because the project is still ongoing."

Manley did credit the efforts of City of Winchester Strategic Communication & Downtown Development Director Whitney Leggett to increase collaboration, and highlighted that Main Street continues to remain open amidst construction.

Laura Freeman, founder of Laura's Lean Beef and operator of The Mercantile on Main, expressed that businesses would struggle in the interim.

"We need a real ad agency...here that knows what to do, or the businesses are going to continue to fail," she said.

Certainly not least,

the fifth and final point concerned long-time downtown collaboration, respect, and inclusion - with some business owners expressing frustration over a feeling that they were excluded from decisions impacting their businesses.

Freeman spoke.

"Respect and inclusion is not just a word. It needs to be reality. Collaboration needs to be reality."

Manley also addressed the topic.

"Our approach is to ensure that no one is excluded from the process. I feel like everyone has a voice," he said. "'We also recognize that each business is unique and there's no one size fits all solution. Our goal is to work with the owners...to address different needs.'"

Amanda Adams, owner and founder at Hamilton Brooks Design, expressed her thoughts.

"I moved downtown to thrive, and everyone around is closing," she said, speaking emotionally at times. "There are more people [and] more [businesses] who express that they may not make it until November. 'Do you all plan to protect us, or is this going to continue to the end of the project?...' That is what I'm asking."

Adams also expressed gratitude for the city's willingness to listen.

Jon-Paul Martin, founder of Whiskey and Wiles Photography, provided some final thoughts from business owners.

"Understand [these] are very real points. They weren't made to make you squirm...we want to be here. We don't want to fail," he said. "All we really want is people who are our teachers, leaders, or whoever to say, 'Hey, it's still okay, guys. We still have your back.' That's all anybody ever wants."

Winchester Mayor JoEllen Reed spoke as well, and requested with approval from City Attorney Bill Dykeman that the City Manager and City Treasurer "look for ways to...up the ante and to revisit all potential allocations that we can do, and we'll see if we can't move this forward in a positive way with this issue."

"It's been good to hear everyone's opinions," she said. "It's not been easy for the five of us sitting up here. We've lost a lot of sleep and a lot of headaches, and we feel your pain, and I swear we do."

To hear more about the meeting - as well as comments from fellow City Commissioners, Clark County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) Jada Brady, Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce President Tim Duncan, and more - visit the City of Winchester, KY Community Information Facebook page or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtECO4KR5P8>.

COMISSION, from 1

"We have obtained, through AOC...\$68 million to be able to construct a new courthouse center," he said, with AOC being an acronym for Administrative Office of the Court.

"We will conduct that first meeting

on August 29 at 1:00. It will be in the physical courtroom across the street, and it's open to the public...that will be at least a six-year project."

As a Board Member, Kirk stated that his hope is to have the building's location - which is yet to be determined - located downtown.

Clarifying further, Kirk noted that the new building would not lead to tearing down the current courthouse.

"That courthouse is a dual purpose courthouse that will go back to the ownership of the county," he said. "All that will become county offices."

From the archives - Jean Brody

VIEW FROM THE HILL

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I started to say, "I'm spraying Jasmine cologne on my hair" when I reached up with my hand to touch the white globs of goo. It was not cologne at all. It was body lotion and my hair was full of it! All this slimy stuff was coming off onto my fingers. Quickly I glanced into a cosmetics mirror and saw these sticky white streaks and the more I rubbed, the stickier and stiffer it got.

And the people watching, they weren't "View" readers at all. They saw a demented old lady acting very confused. They pitied me.

Tell me — at what point does one need to worry about oneself? I may have just passed it.

The view from the hill is wondrous.

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