

Disagreement Board and Members



In last week's issue of the Times Journal, the headline for the school board story was incorrect. There was no disagreement amount board and members. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience this may have caused.

FUNDING

day includes approximately \$77 million in Federal Highway Funding for a major portion of the Highway 127 Relocation Project," Hoover said. "This funding includes \$25.9 million in Russell County, and \$51.3 million in Clinton County to fund construction of the new bridge over the Cumberland River, just south of Wolf Creek Dam, and three other bridges."

The project funded includes relocation of US 127 from north of the KY-3063 and Old US 127 intersection and extending to east of KY 1730 and Manntown intersections.

The Russell County portion of the funding will relocate US 127 from east of the KY 1730 and Manntown Road intersection and extend to the north bank of the Cumberland River.

Completion of this project will tie in with the existing project which is already underway in Russell County.

"For a long time, many of us have worked to make sure a new

Highway 127 between Jamestown and Albany was constructed," Hoover said. "While progress has been made, the biggest funding piece involved the construction of the new bridge over the river and three other bridges to complete the major portion of the Highway 127 Relocation Project."

Hoover said Senator Max Wise is "fully committed to this project and is ensuring funding remains intact as the bill moves through the Senate."

"This funding is available in July and will allow State Transportation Cabinet officials to let contracts for the project as early as this summer or fall," Hoover said. "I am optimistic this funding will become law in the next few weeks and this final, major piece of 127 Project will soon become a reality,"

The state road plan funding bill now moves to the full Senate for consideration and must be presented to Governor Andy Beshear no later than April 15.

PATIENCE



Main St. in Russell Springs was bare during lunch time recently.

save lives.

"But we also have to realize this could hit us," the judge said. "It's important to be calm...to not panic."

Judge Robertson said he is monitoring not only the possible long-term, economic impact of closed businesses, and limited mobility, but the social impact as well.

"People need to help each other...check on each other, check on the elderly, the shut-ins, be sure they're OK," he said.

In the county seat of Jamestown, Mayor Nick Shearer feels a "short term" inconvenience may be worth it "in the long run."

"The fact is, this is something we've got to face, and we've got to do what we've been asked to do," Shearer said. "We need to take the necessary steps to get through this."

"If we do what we're being asked to do now, I believe it will be worth it in the future," he said.

Shearer said Russell County is fortunate to have cooperation between governmental agencies.

"This isn't just a Jamestown, Russell Springs, Russell County, or Kentucky thing," he said. "This is affecting all Americans, and people all over the world."

"We just need to stay calm and work together," he said.

Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas said it's necessary to realize the magnitude of the situation, and to react appropriately.

"We are living in unprecedented times," he said, echoing the thoughts of his peers. "and it is important for us to remain calm, and not panic."

Thomas cautions people "to not make any decisions out of fear or anger."

"We need to follow the advice from President

Trump, Governor Beshear, and emergency management officials," he said.

Although some may feel business closings and restrictions inconvenient, the mayor said they are for a reason.

"We are not only taking care of our own by staying at home," he said, "but also protecting

our emergency officials, first responders, and medical professionals."

Last week, at one of Governor's Beshear's daily press conferences to update the public on COVID-19 developments, he stressed patience and preparation.

"We will get through this together," he said.

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