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City offers land for \$1 Plan Underway To Relocate 911 Center

Staff Report

Discussion is underway to move the Russell County 911 Center to a new location.

Last Monday, at the regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Fiscal Court, Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson read a letter from the City of Russell Springs regarding a “proposed, new 911 facility.”

The letter, dated January 27 and signed by Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas, offered one acre of land on Brian Walters Drive “for the sum of \$1 for the purpose of the future construction site for the 911 Center.”

“We would like to offer

free natural gas, water and sewer hookup for this facility,” the mayor said.

“I know at one time we talked about possibly buying the old library (Now home to ArtWorks on Main)...but we didn’t think that was feasible,” Judge Robertson said.

The judge said he “checked with other counties” who are using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money for “governmental benefits...and that (Construction of a new 911 Center) would qualify.”

The Russell County 911 Center has been housed in

911,

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PLAY ON!



Construction of new playground equipment at the Jamestown City Park is underway. Jamestown City Councilman Barry Coffey said Terry Stephens, of Stephens Pipe & Steel, has donated “a large amount” of fencing for the project, and Mayor Regena Hinton said the playground is expected to be finished as early as next week.

“With Open Arms” Neighboring VFW Post Reaches Out

There’s an old military creed, “Leave no man behind.”

That applies to the battlefield...and beyond.

When VFW posts in the area recently fell on difficult times, Glen Phillips, Jr., of Liberty, responded to the call.

Phillips, a veteran of Desert Storm who has seen active duty three times, and is retired from the Kentucky Guard, took on yet another mission.

He recently assumed the role of Commander for the Green River VFW Post 5704.

“We had 26 members listed,” Phillips said. “Five of those were actually deceased, so that put us at 21 members.”

Through a grassroots effort, Phillips and a devoted crew has worked to restore respect, honor, and dignity

VFW,

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Gov. brings over \$700,000 to Russell County for projects ‘A Good Day’



Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear spoke to a large crowd last week at the Lake Cumberland Area Development District. Beshear brought over \$700,000 to the county for water and road projects.

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An enthusiastic Gov. Andy Beshear brought over \$700,000 to Russell County last week for water and road projects.

“I hope you see this as a good day,” Beshear told a large crowd gathered at the Lake Cumberland Area Development District in Russell Springs Friday.

The governor delivered nearly \$6 million to Russell, Cumberland, Clinton, Wayne, Metcalfe, Barren, Monroe, Allen and Hart Counties to provide cleaner drinking water and improved sewer and wastewater systems.

The funding, part of the Better Kentucky Plan’s \$250 million Cleaner Water Program, is expected to create an estimated 3,800 jobs across the state.

“I’m excited about the Better Kentucky Plan,” Beshear said. “Working



Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas, left, thanked Gov. Andy Beshear, right, for bringing funding to the Lake Cumberland area.

together, we are building a better Kentucky with improved, resilient infrastructure that supports our residents and meets the needs of our growing economy.”

“Every Kentuckian has the right to expect access to clean drinking water,” the governor said.

At Friday’s local event, Beshear handed out what he called “the big checks”

to officials from Russell, Clinton, Cumberland, and Wayne Counties.

The Cities of Jamestown and Russell Springs each received over \$329,000 for two water projects:

JAMESTOWN: “To meet the needs of this growing community, a new,

GOVERNOR,

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From left, Fifth District Russell County Magistrate Larry Holt, Second District Magistrate Mickey Garner, Jamestown Assistant City Clerk Debbie Perkins, Gov. Andy Beshear, Russell County Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson, Jamestown City Clerk Tyler McGowan, and Jamestown Public Works Director Neal Jackson with a \$329,120 check for a new water storage tank on KY. 55. (Not shown but present was First District Magistrate Terry Waddell)

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