



# WINCHESTER CITY COMMISSION WRAP-UP

Information from the Tuesday, Jan. 28, 4:30 p.m. special meeting

## Commission approves 2 resolutions

Resolutions address CDBG funds, possible bills in Frankfort

During a special-called meeting Tuesday, Jan. 28, the Winchester Board of Commissioners approved two resolutions – one relating to guidelines for the Winchester-Clark County Industrial Authority (IDA) and another relating to proposed legislation.

The first resolution addressed IDA guidelines for accepting and approving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. According to IDA Executive Director Brad Sowden, the guidelines were adopted by the IDA in 2007, but were never formally approved by the commission. The guidelines detail how to utilize CDBG funds appropriately.

"The guidelines were never presented to the commission," Sowden said. "But they didn't have to be back then."

Now, applications for CDBG funds ask for signatures from the Mayor and Judge-

### DON'T MISS THE NEXT MEETING!

The next meeting of the Winchester Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025.

There will be a 4:30 p.m. special meeting and a 5:30 p.m. regular meeting.

Executive along with the date the guidelines were accepted. Approving this resolution provides an official date of acceptance by the commission, which can be used on future applications.

The other resolution opposes bills that may be brought to the Kentucky Legislature that involve the centralized collection of local occupational fees or taxes by the state.

Winchester Mayor JoEllen Reed explained to the commission that at a recent Kentucky

League of Cities Board meeting, discussion occurred that indicated a bill may be brought to the Kentucky Legislature that would send all collected occupational license taxes to the state level and then have them disbursed to local governments.

"It would hurt us having to wait for those funds," Reed said. "We don't want our money leaving here."

The resolution states, "The City of Winchester strongly believes that mandated state or third-party collection of local occupational license taxes and fees would be detrimental, ineffective and would have a severely adverse effect on the fiscal condition and economic development of Winchester and all local government entities if mandated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky."



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