

## NELSON FISCAL COURT NATIONWIDE MARKETING OF INDUSTRIAL PARK TO BEGIN SOON

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CB Richard Ellis, a national marketing firm, will begin recruiting industry for the Nelson County Industrial Park as soon as the firm receives the contract with the county, which Nelson Fiscal Court authorized Judge Executive Dean Watts to sign at its meeting Tuesday.

The firm brought Flowers Foods to Bardstown and recently brought Magnum — and 400 jobs — to Shepherdsville, Watts said at the Feb. 15 fiscal court meeting. It has a business relationship with 5,000 companies, Watts said.

The contract allows local realtors to be involved. The firm will get 6 percent commission. Land at the industrial park is priced at \$35,000 per acre. A minimum of \$15,000 per contract is required as a safety net, Watts said.

“A lot of communities practically give land away to get industry,” Watts said.

The City of Bardstown is also working on a contract with CB Richard Ellis to market the Wilson Industrial Park. The Bardstown Industrial Development Corporation and Nelson County Economic Development Agency are involved as well.

In other news at Tuesday’s meeting:

- Road Department Supervisor Jim Lemieux said the bulky item pickup had been light so far, likely because of the rain. The pickup started in the Louisville Road area and will go clockwise around the county. Phase 1 of the pickup began Feb. 28. Phase 2 begins March 14, and Phase 3, March 28.

During bulky item pickup, the landfill will accept large items at no charge.

Bulky items commonly seen during pickup include couches, appliances such as refrigerators, and tires, Solid Waste Director Brad Spalding said. He asked customers to separate tires from the other items because they do not go in the landfill and must be transported to another location.

- Fiscal court approved a list of county road projects for Watts to submit to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The magistrates told Watts which roads in their districts needed attention. The state’s Rural Secondary Road Program will fund the projects.

Roads receiving blacktop overlay will be 4,750 feet of Jim Clark Road, beginning 0.9 miles north of KY 457; 3,390 feet of Mt. Moriah, beginning at the asphalt joint 0.37 miles from KY 61 and ending at the end of the road; 1,640 feet of Edwards Avenue, beginning at Petersburg Road and ending at KY 61; 4,300 feet of Whiteside Road, beginning at U.S. 31E and ending at the low-water crossing; and 4,650 feet of Greens Chapel Road, beginning at Ockerman Lane going south and ending at Timbercreek.

Slated for widening is 6,400 feet of Pottershop Road, beginning at Pottershop Loop and ending at Ed Brent.

- Watts said the spring roadside cleanup is April 2-17. Nonprofit groups can earn \$125 per mile for clearing the roads of litter. The program is funded by a \$1.75/ton tax required at all landfills in the state. The money is pooled in Frankfort, then distributed back to the counties for litter abatement. Watts said 25-40 groups typically participate. For more information, call (502) 348-1800.

- Fiscal court authorized Watts to advertise a repair to a box culvert 0.630 miles west of U.S. 62 on Lawrenceburg Loop. In the flooding last May, the culvert failed right at the edge of the pavement, Lemieux said. The area has been barricaded off.

- Lemieux reported that the county has enough salt to handle a blizzard, although he hopes that doesn't happen.

- Spalding reported that a surplus garbage truck sold at GovDeals.com brought \$10,910.

“We were only offered \$2,000 trade-in on that truck, so good job, Brad,” Watts said.

An Athey loader also sold at GovDeals.com brought \$2,075, which is more than it would have been worth in scrap.

Spalding also told fiscal court that Mack Tire had been selected to haul tires away from the county landfill. The company charges \$100/ton, roughly \$2 per tire, he said.

- Fiscal court approved the second reading of rezoning request No. 2346 — Jesse Earl and Deborah Lynn Newton and Susan Cox Development, LLC, 2.02 acres in Boston — to change from P-1, Professional Office District, to B-3, Regional Retail Business District. The request was previously approved by the planning commission.

The rezoning will allow a Dollar General store to be built.

- Fiscal court approved the second reading of an amendment to the ethics code ordinance. The amendment makes the county ordinance mirror the City of Bardstown's. The Joint Ethics Board serves Nelson County, Bardstown and Fairfield.

The amended ordinance removes some excess language and removes the definition of “candidate.” It also removes the statement that an officer of the county or any county agency who violates the conflict of interest in contracts clause shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The fines for the offense remain unchanged.

The amendment also removes the requirement that candidates for office must file a financial disclosure statement. Elected officials must still do so, as well as members of public boards and commissions. Also concerning financial disclosure statements, the amended ordinance requires that changes in someone's financial interests be reported within 90 days instead of 30.

Expenses incurred by the Joint Ethics Board are divided correctly in the new ordinance. The math in the former ordinance was incorrect. Now Nelson County will be responsible for 75.38 percent of expenses, Bardstown 23.58 and Fairfield 1.04.

An advisory opinion issued by the Joint Ethics Board is no longer required to be kept confidential.