

# POOL

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But not everyone was on board, Bryant said, noting that former Trigg County Judge-Executive Hollis Alexander was not in favor of those efforts.

He directed magistrates, she said, essentially losing that pot of money for the project.

“If you didn’t have that pot of money too, you couldn’t do it,” the commissioner noted of those previous efforts to bring a pool to the community. “It had to be everybody.”

Bryant said a pool is a very expensive venture, and she noted that it would require financial support from all entities in the community as well as additional funds to bring it to fruition.

The commissioner said officials looking into the matter had previously also discussed other things in addition to a pool, things like a splash pad, basketball goal and pickleball courts.

“We were looking at multiple things you could do on the kind of land we were looking at,” Bryant noted. “You might not start with a swimming pool because that’s costly.

“But there are other things you can do that would also bring people,” she continued.

Bryant said her interest in a pool for the com-



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**Tourism Commissioner Matt Ladd (left) listens as fellow Commissioner Susan Bryant talks about the need for a swimming pool in the community.**

munity was piqued again after she saw recent news reports about pools that are opening for the summer in surrounding areas.

Large and small communities have pools, she said, noting she wants to offer “food for thought” for local discussions in the future.

The commission also last week approved a \$740,000 budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Tourism Executive Director Beth Sumner said \$118,000 of that amount is from transient room taxes, and she noted that there will be a reduction of approximately 25% in those taxes because of renovations and upgrades taking place at the Lake Barkley State Resort Park.

The director added that an increase in matching funds is helping to offset that loss.

She also said the

restaurant tax is expected to generate \$530,000, and Sumner noted that Tourism, as a part of its expenses, will pay back to interlocal revenue sharing \$132,500, or 25%, to Cadiz-Trigg County Parks and Recreation.

The director said other expenses are in line with what Tourism has done in past years.

She said she feels like this budget is an appropriate budget for the upcoming year.

The commission further approved a contract with Gray Digital Media for a marketing campaign from August through October.

Sumner said the contract is for three months of service at a cost of more than \$5,000.

Among other things, the company will be able to identify visitors to the community, allowing Tourism to target

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# PROGRAMS

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Vincent said the district is also working with national associations of which it is a part “to make sure we’re all speaking the same message,” he said of his agency’s ongoing efforts on behalf of aging services.

Vincent said it’s business as usual with services for the senior adults right now until the district receives something formally notifying officials that its programs will be impacted.

But he also noted that the district is looking at options in case something does happen.

“We’re always planning for the future, and we’re taking these programs into consideration when we think about how we may have to conduct programs in the future,” Vincent said.

He said the programs will see no changes now.

At the same time, the director said his agency is looking at how any changes could impact it budget and is researching whether there are any funds aside from federal funding that will fund senior meals and transportation.

Additionally, he said officials are looking at how funding might be transferred within the organization budget to make sure the programs would be sustainable for the foreseeable future.

“If Congress does pass reductions to these programs, then we will have a plan in place to continue the programs,” Vincent noted of the district’s efforts. “That’s our goal is to sustain these programs for as long as we can.”

Vincent said the district is always

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looking for ways to make its programs more sustainable and cost efficient, whether it concerns the Older Americans Act, Workforce efforts, Community and Economic Development and regardless of potential reductions his agency might be facing.

“The more efficient we can be, the more individuals can receive services,” he noted. “We’re constantly trying to do that.”

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He noted that the meal and transportation services are provided to clients through a partnership the development district has with Pennyrile Allied Community Services.

Vincent said officials ultimately are trying to keep people in their homes as long as possible because they’re happier in their homes and because it’s a lot more cost effective for people to stay in their homes in comparison to a longterm care facility.

He noted that allowing people to remain independent longer is the basis behind the Older Americans Act.

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# OFFICER

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his move from assistant police chief in Cadiz to city administrative officer has been a quick one.

He learned about the open position from Hyde while doing some police work at city hall.

“They seemed to be looking for more of an administrative role,” he said, noting that his duties will primarily include record-keeping for the city, seeing to requests for public records and maintaining records for city meetings.

“I’ll be stepping into a leadership role as far as the city government is concerned,” he added.

Lingenfelter said he’s had the opportunity since he’s been in Cadiz to grow personally.

During that time, he has obtained a bachelor’s degree in history from Liberty University and a master’s degree in justice administration from the University of the Cumberland.

Currently, he also is pursuing a graduate certificate through Austin Peay State University.

At the police department, Lingenfelter said he’s reached his professional zenith, and he

notes that his new position at city hall will offer him continuing opportunities for growth.

“For me to continue growing, I need to add some more tools to my tool belt,” he observed. “This new position has done that for me.”

Among other things, Lingenfelter said he wants to make decisions for the city’s future and bring the city closer to the 21st Century.

He’d like to see department heads that he said are very capable be more involved in decision-making; they have a far better perspective on what their departments need, and they need to have a role in those decisions, Lingenfelter said.

In a press release from the city, he said he was humbled to be entrusted with his new responsibilities and committed to honoring Hyde’s legacy by serving with integrity, accountability and a focus on community needs.

The mayor said the decision to hire Lingenfelter aligns with the city’s values

of investing “in the people who have shown dedication and leadership within our organization,” he said in the press release.

Hyde’s transition to assistant clerk will take place over the next few months, during which she will continue working closely with city leadership to ensure the continuity of operations and provide guidance throughout the transition, again according to the press release.

Lingenfelter’s selection as the new city administrative officer follows a recommendation from the city’s personnel subcommittee.

Lingenfelter joined the local police department in 2015 and previously served as a school resource officer for the department.

He has served in law enforcement for more than 26 years, according to Lingenfelter.

King said he believes the new city administrative officer will be very good in his job, and he noted that both Hyde and Booth performed well in their previous roles.

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# DAYCARE

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For the past few months, since November, Dawn has been offering drop-in pet visits, grooming and bathing on a limited basis.

People have been

reaching out, and Wortham says she sees a need for services like hers.

“Those in existence stay booked up and are hard to get into last minute,” she says of pet daycare facilities, noting some that are boarding in the local community aren’t doing much of it.

When her facility is complete, it will include 18 kennels for boarding, overnight boarding primarily for dogs and cats, as well as full- and half-day daycare services for dogs, she said.

Wortham will continue to offer grooming and

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