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Other programs including needle exchanges and mobile outreach programs are controversial but provide assistance in reaching the most vulnerable areas.

The Kentucky State Police Angel Initiative, launched in 2016, allows any individual suffering from addiction to walk into any KSP Post and ask for help. To date, there have been 198 individuals placed in treatment through this program (KSP.gov).

Some programs are adding more mental health services and providing job

training for recovering individuals to help them regain stability and independence.

Treatment Facilities

In Kentucky, eight state-funded treatment centers offer people facing addiction low-cost and free treatment options. They offer both residential and outpatient treatment. These programs may be in high demand and have a waitlist.

The eight state-funded facilities:

- Arc Counseling Centers - Mt. Sterling
- Center for Behavioral Health - Richmond

•Ethan Health - Richmond

•DeNova - Lexington

•KVC Behavioral Healthcare - Lexington

•New Vista - Richmond

•Roaring Brook Recovery - Lexington

•Stepworks Recovery Center - London

Recognizing the Signs of an Overdose

- Blue or grayish lips and fingernails
- Clammy, sweaty skin
- Shallow or raspy breathing, snoring, or gurgling sounds

•Won't wake up to yelling their name or to a sternum rub

If the person is semi-conscious and breathing, stay with them. Keep them talking and alert. Watch their BREATHING. Someone can slip into an overdose hours after they have used drugs.

Have your Naloxone (Narcan) kit close by. It just might save a life.

Keep reading the *Herald-News* for updates on treatment plans and facilities to help fight opioid addiction.

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unit out there. It seemed like every time we turn around, something unexpected is coming up."

Just shortly after Judge Wilson took office, he received a call from the Barren River District Health Department, "I was notified we're going to have to cut y'all out if you don't get caught up."

Metcalf County fiscal court then had to authorize 3 payments totaling \$71,191.66 for the past due account. Currently, Metcalf County makes quarterly payments to Barren River Health. That payment equals \$139,561 per year.

Magistrate Ronnie Miller jumped into the conversation, "If you look at the Library Board and the extension office board, their tax rate is right at 11 or 12. If they would lower, one of them would lower their tax rate? Would you say 2.5 or 1.25, if they just lowered it a little bit, then you wouldn't have no more. I mean, you know, you're going to have a taxing district...If we went

in there and talked to that board and explained to them. It's worth a shot."

"Why don't we try that before we raise taxes? Why don't we see? I've asked you about that before. That's ridiculous, that they get more money than our county to operate."

Miller then looked up some of the tax rates on his cell phone, "Personal Property the county is 10% the library, 16.3. Real property the library's at 12.9, counties at 9.2."

Judge Wilson made a suggestion, "Instead of meeting with them, why don't we have them come to the fiscal court? Because our physical court, we live stream.... Before we tax the entire community, I say, we approach them and see if they will voluntarily drop their tax, because they get, they get more money than the county."

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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shelter at the firehouse. The door don't shut. We need to get that fixed."

Wilson stated that Gary (Fancher) was supposed to be getting information on it because they are specialized and Bragg pointed out that Gary had been asked for the last several years and asked if they could just fix it so the door would stay closed.

Wilson explained that technically the shelters are still owned by FEMA for about 50 years.

Bragg suggested, "... even if you can't lock the door if you can fix the door to where it will latch when you shut it, you'd at least be safer than in a tornado with the door flopping open. I think we've reached the point of this official FEMA fix is not going to happen. And so, let's come up with a solution where this door will latch right now." He added that there are about 6 people that always use it and it's important to them.

The next item was

the reappointment of Dalton Bragg to the Metcalf County Board of Assessment Appeals for another 3-year term.

Road Supervisor Chris Compton advised the court that he is waiting on an estimate from John Deere for the purchase of two bush hogs and will bring those estimates to the next meeting.

The approval was given to close the account for Homeland Security and transfer the small dollar amount over to the General Fund as

suggested by the recent audit.

The auditors suggested opening a separate bank account for the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) funds. That was approved and it was also approved to leave \$10,000 in the revolving payroll fund.

The regular financial statement, budget transfers, and claims were all approved before the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10th at 9 a.m.

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