

Team Monroe

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ty of this was great saying, "I am very encouraged."

Pyles added that the site already has handicap accessible bathrooms and a pavilion overlooking the Ohio River.

Gagin will continue evaluating the site's possibilities.

At 11 a.m., Tom Scott, Dan and Sue Greenlee, Don Pollock and Dennis Ward met with commissioners regarding ongoing discussions about funding an economic development office in Monroe County.

Scott spoke on behalf of those members of Team Monroe present.

"Is there any possibility of the monies that are in existence available and unencumbered in the 2010 budget that could be considered to be subsidized as part of the economic development efforts within the county?" asked Scott.

"Do you know how much it is going to take to run an economic development office and if so how much were they expecting the commissioners to put forth?" asked Pyles.

Scott answered, "We [Team Monroe] are committed to trying to run an economic development office as far as Tom

Scott being responsible for that duty with whatever funds we can accumulate. Right now we do not have anything."

Commissioner Davis said, "I know one of the big things that is looming ahead of us is the roof on the jail. The roof replacement is going to have to come from our unappropriated money and we are not sure how much that is going to cost at this time."

Scott replied that his years as a township clerk in northeastern Ohio allowed him to face the same issues. He added that he knew that when he was reviewing projects such as the one facing the county, he knew it could not exceed a certain amount.

Commissioner Price discussed with Scott the issues facing the county at this time and said, "I, for one, don't see at this point any money available from the 2010 budget."

Davis, referring to the federal government's spending, said, "We can't spend money we don't have. On December 31 we have to have a balanced budget. As Tim said, I am willing to look and see if there is going to be any money there."

But again, these doors, the roof, and prisoner housing; those are things that we're required by law that we have to do. We have got millions of dollars in 911 equipment that are basically right under where the roof is leaking. We are going to have to put a roof on that jail."

Following Scott's remarks, Greenlee told the commissioners he was disappointed in their response to Team Monroe's questions and said that he believed the commissioners had a lack of communication and do not take economic development seriously.

In regards to a comment Scott made in earlier remarks, Price said, "I don't feel that a lack of funding from the county's part necessarily equates to a lack of vision on the county's part."

Following Price's remarks, Ward stood and said that the commissioners should be ashamed for not putting money towards economic development because private citizens are funding it.

Scott said that he found Price's remarks, "disheartening."

Monroe County Commissioners and JFS Settle Ongoing Pending Litigation with Covert

Upon the advice of counsel, and with input from the county's insurer, Monroe County has decided to settle the pending litigation with former Jobs and Family Services employee Rhonda Covert. The case has been in court since 2008 and Ms. Covert was terminated in

late 2006. The county has been advised by its legal counsel that the litigation process is unpredictable and, due to Ms. Covert's right to appeal, the chance for this case to proceed for a number of additional years is possible.

The county firmly believes

that all actions taken in this case were appropriate and necessary. It is also important to note that Ms. Covert's termination was upheld by the court and that only one issue remained to be resolved. Although one issue remained, continuing to fight the matter

would have resulted in a continued expenditure of employee time and attention. Because of the county's current economic state, employee time and attention must be safeguarded.

We also believe it is important to note that the funds

expended to settle this matter are submitted by the County Risk Sharing Authority and do not come from the Monroe County General Fund. Therefore, the general fund will not be affected by this decision.

The case was settled for

\$45,000 with roughly one third of it going towards attorney fees and costs. According to Jeanette Harter, JFS director, if anyone wants to see the settlement agreement, it is a public document that will be on file in the next few weeks at the office of the clerk of courts.

~ YARD SALES - GARAGE SALES ~

- YARD SALE**
July 29 6 - 8 p.m. July 30 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and July 31 8 a.m. - noon
52792 Belmont Ave., Beallsville
 Oak table, women's clothing, nursing uniforms, bedding, dishes.-----18-1tp
- INSIDE YARD SALE July 30 8 a.m. - ?**
1 mi. east of Malaga off SR 145 on Malaga Twp. 111 Signs Posted
 3 Family Yard Sale: Set of heavy pine bunk beds, TV, lots of Longaberger (baskets, pottery, iron), kids' clothing 2T-4T, girls' clothing 6-16, women's clothing, items too numerous to list. Call Krista West at 484-1854.-----18-1tp
- YARD SALE Aug. 5, 6 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
432 Locust Lane, Woodsfield Across from pool/Marathon Gas Station
Signs Posted
 Wood jointer/planer, art supplies, dresser, pre-lit Christmas tree, women's, men's clothes and shoes, lots of misc. items. -----18/S35-1tp
- YARD SALE July 29, 30, 31 8 a.m. - ?**
184 Andover Rd., Woodsfield
 Stove, buffet, radial arm saw, miter saw, Nascar stuff, bows, hunting stuff, toys, scroll saw, router table, table saw, TV, computer monitor, car parts, weed eater, riding and push mowers, misc. items. -----S34/18-1t
- YARD SALE July 30 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
203 Berkley Dr., Woodsfield
 Girls', men's and women's clothes, household items, couch, 2 recliners and much more. -----18-1tp
- GARAGE SALE July 30 8 a.m. - ? & July 31 8 a.m. - Noon**
31262 TH 232 Lewisville Logan Norman and Gyl Miracle
Sealand's house halfway between Baker's Farm Equipment and Skyvue on Hanson Ridge
 Longaberger new/used baskets, pottery; Mary Kay products, washer, electric dryer, couch, chair, shoes, purses, misc. items, children's - 2T, shoes, winter, summer, new, toys, sled, puzzles, high-chair, men's S-L.-----S34/18-1tp
- YARD SALE July 28, 29, 30, 31**
2 1/2 mi. west of Lewisville SR 78
Red Mail Pouch Barn and cornfield. Preston & Tisha Brown
Signs and Balloons Cancelled if rains
 Clothing all sizes some new and brand names, purses, shoes, toys, glassware, books, lots more.--S34/18-1tp
- YARD SALE Aug. 5 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
211 Green St., Woodsfield
 Boys' and girls' clothes size 6X and up, kids' shoes, toys, knick-knacks, lawn mower, seasonal decorations, twin Martin bird houses, lawn roller.-----18/S35-1tp

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