

County redevelopment authority OKs agreements

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The Fayette County Redevelopment Authority entered into several agreements on Wednesday as it continues to aid municipalities and county services.

Andrew French, authority executive director, said that an agreement with the county will allow the authority to seek a \$500,000 grant through the state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to add water service to the Mt. Tabor Road area in Springfield Township.

“The grant will provide the bulk of the funding,” said French, adding that the total cost is about \$650,000. “(The municipality) is looking to the Indian Creek Valley Water Authority and the state Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, to help with the remaining amount.”

The 11,500-foot water line will service 12 homes and complete a water line loop.

“The completion of the loop will also provide better water service in the area,” said French.

In an unrelated matter, the board also approved an agreement with City Mission-Living Stones Inc. of Uniontown, to fund the third phase of construction at Liberty Park.

The six-unit project is located on Nutt Avenue in Uniontown and provides housing for low-income families.

The \$600,000 funding through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program will be added to other revenue received by the agency to complete the construction, said French.

In reorganization matters, the board agreed to retain the current board officers, including Kenneth M. Finney Jr., chairman; James S. Wolesslagle, vice chairman and assistant secretary; Paul Bortz Jr., treasurer; Odilia A. John, secretary; and Raymond C. Polaski, assistant treasurer.

The board additionally agreed to conduct meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.

In other matters, the board also took the following action:

n Authorized the submission of an application to the DCED, Emergency Solutions Grant, in the amount of \$200,000.

If approved, the funding would aid the Community Action Agency in its assistance to the homeless or those in jeopardy of losing their home with counseling services and vouchers.

n Approved a lease agreement with Jason Turngate to operate a business at authority owned property at 86 W. Main St., adjacent to the authority office.