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Electrical experiment coming at Road Department

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Henderson Fiscal Court gave approval Tuesday to try out a piece of equipment at the Road Department billed as a way to reduce electric usage and lower maintenance costs on equipment. If It works, the courthouse and judicial center could be next.

And it won't cost anything unless it works, according to Darren Whitesides, owner of Green Electric Conditioning. He said "The Powerhouse" not only reduces kilowatt consumption, it captures electricity lost to the ground and recycles it back through the system to reduce energy costs. Furthermore, he said, it reduces peak load charges, increases equipment lifespan and decreases maintenance costs.

"What is being reimbursed and how is it being measured?" asked County Attorney Steve R. Gold. Whitesides replied \$2,900 would be the maximum, and a comparison of utility bills to historic bills will be the method of measurement. "It is up to you guys whether we did what we said we'd do." If not, he said, "we'll just take it out."

Judge-executive Hugh McCormick said the county might also want to install units in the courthouse and the judicial center. "We constantly change light bulbs at the judicial center. It gets pretty expensive when you're constantly changing light bulbs. Hopefully, something like this will save us some money."

Whitesides estimated it would cost \$13,200 to install a unit in the courthouse, although he added, "You could see in under two years a return on your investment."

McComick said the county doesn't have money in its budget for this fiscal year, but "it surely can't hurt us to try the one at the Henderson County Road Department." He asked that the court to revisit the matter in two or three months to see how the unit at the Road Department has worked.

Other matters before fiscal court on Tuesday included:

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Road repairs: McCormick said the county's new asphalt patching machine is "sitting ready to go and we have ordered the oil and equipment needed to start that patching process. We will be getting started on that as soon as the oil arrives."

Jail fees: The court approved raising booking fees at the Henderson County Detention Center to \$70 from its current level of about \$40. The charge for room and board remains the same at \$30 a day.

Hose testing: The court agreed to indemnify the city of Henderson for testing the fire hoses of the county's 11 volunteer fire departments, which means the county will pay any claims that might arise against the city. "it can be dangerous if a hose bursts," McCormick said.

Water increase: Henderson County Water District Superintendent Pete Conrad informed the court about a pending increase in county water rates. The increase is just under 2 cents per 1,000 gallons. The average residential customer uses about 5,000 gallons a month, which will cost about 10 cents more.

Judge's scholar. The court honored Emma Gibson, a fifth-grader at Bend Gate Elementary School.

Park contests: The court heard a presentation from Henderson County Public Library Director Essy Day and teen librarian Michaia Sage about contests for young people the library is conducting In conjunction with Henderson County Parks and Programs. One contest involves taking selfies at county parks through Instagram, the popular social media site, and the other involves building park-themed creations with LEGOs plastic building blocks.

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