

updates on new county recreational facilities

The new gun range is moving forward, the commissioner said.

"We're waiting now for the Department of Natural Resources," Paris said. "They're working on the design and the cost estimate of the facility.

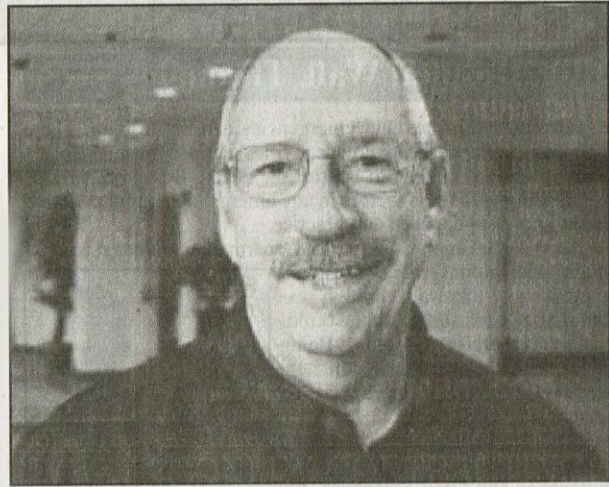
"So, we anticipate, probably in March, hopefully getting a final plan from them, and then trying to come up with how we're going to fund it – what the total cost will be and where all of those funds will come from."

Paris said there is a pot of money from DNR for these kinds of projects that comes from state and federal sources. But there is a caveat attached to that funding based on the percentage of time the range will be available for public use, as opposed to exclusive use by the Union County Gun Club and Union County Sheriff's Office.

Paris said DNR is estimating the cost to be somewhere between \$1.75

million and \$2.5 million, so the caveat in the DNR funding will be of great significance.

These details have yet to be worked out, but the project, after well over two years of studies and tests, is finally underway.



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