

...out around regular commission meetings.

Ed and Bob will be honored for their work and service at the commission's regular meeting tonight.



Knoxville Focus Publisher Steve Hanley, center, visits with At-Large Commissioners Ed Brantley, left, and Bob Thomas, right, at Ed and Bob's last Commissioners' Night Out Thursday evening at Wright's Cafeteria.

The local homeowners, joined by the Bearden Council and others, objected to the first reading and then protested along the busy connector road recently

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KCSD pension dispute going to court

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Should pensions for former and future Knox County Sheriff's Department employees carry on the vacation days that have been added to pension calculations? Or should the pensions only include 75% of their regular monthly salaries for the last two years served?

That's the question that will be before Chancery Court on Friday, September 7. Because the Knox County Law Department cannot legally sue a division of Knox County the law director hired an outside firm to sue the Pension Board for including those unused vacation days in calculations. The difference could be thousands of dollars in increased pension, some more than 85% of their salaries.



Above, Protestors gather at Halls Elementary School Friday afternoon to protest Governor Bill Haslam's "Listening Tour" regarding a myriad of problems with the state TNReady testing program for students. Below, Governor Bill Haslam, center, and Tennessee Department of Education Commissioner Candice McQueen, left, listen to facilitator Wayne Miller during the listening tour session at Halls Elementary School.

Teachers protest Haslam's 'Listening Tour'

By Focus Staff



"We are all here for the same reason. It isn't working — what can we do to make