

\$109G contract awarded for restoration of trolley

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The County of Lackawanna Transit System on Tuesday awarded a \$109,000 contract to a Virginia contractor for the body restoration work on Scranton Transit Co.'s No. 324 trolley.

The award to Keith Bray of Bray's Cabinet & More, Palmyra, Va., represents the last major piece of the project aimed at restoring the 110-year-old trolley car to operational condition, said Maureen McGuigan, Lackawanna County's deputy director of arts and culture.

In 2012, COLTS awarded a \$197,000 contract to Lyons Industries Inc., Ebensburg, to restore the trolley's trucks, the supporting structures that carry the car.

Although it is not directly involved in the project, COLTS is acting as the pass-

through agency for a \$196,000 Federal Transit Administration grant to the county's Electric City Trolley Museum to help restore the trolley.

COLTS finance director Jenn Honick said two contractors responded to the request for proposals for the restoration work. A review committee that included representatives of the trolley museum recommended awarding the contract to Mr. Bray, who has three trolley restorations under his belt, she said.

Ms. McGuigan said it is anticipated Mr. Bray will do the restoration work at the county's trolley shop near PNC Field, where No. 324 has been in storage for several years.

No. 324 is one of only three Scranton Transit cars known to still exist.

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