

Fiscal court passes resolution in support of gun rights

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"I never missed a shot when I got my concealed carry," he stated.

He told the audience that he hopes that a church shooting like the one that occurred the day before in Texas never happens in Estill County.

"This court is for you to have a gun. This court is for you to carry a gun," Watson stated.

Riley stated that he had talked with 91st District State Representative Cluster Howard about Second Amendment rights. He added that Howard is in support of those rights.

"A lot of this Second Amendment right comes down to state law," Riley stated. He told the audience that state law has more teeth than county law.

"The battle is not in the counties. It is in the state," Riley concluded.

"This is a way to get our foot in the door," stated Tammy Terry. "We just want to show a united front."

"Right now, we're fighting the domestic enemy," said Terry's husband, Corky.

Sheriff Chris Flynn said he would resign before he would take weapons from people in violation of the Second Amendment.

He added there are a few instances of domestic violence now where weapons are taken temporarily. He recently served a warrant on Fayette County where the judge had checked to remove weapons from the violator. Flynn said the person was a convicted felon and did not possess weapons.

Jacob Estes who is coordinating the Estill County movement invited those present to go to the state Capitol for a rally on Tuesday.

Riley stated that approximately 110 counties were passing resolutions in support of the Second Amendment.

A motion was made to table the resolution, but it died for lack of a second.

The fiscal court then passed the resolution.

Throughout the meeting, Watson reminded the audience the fiscal court could come back later and amend the resolution.

In other action, the fiscal court passed an amended annual budget for Sheriff Chris Flynn of \$382,000. He said that his office will have more receipts coming from the School Resource Officer (SRO) program.

He stated that his office must start the year with a balance of \$0. He asked for approval to receive a \$75,000 state advancement which will be paid back at

0 percent interest during the year.

Judge Watson opened bids for generators for CSEPP, but no action was taken. The fiscal court will accept a bid or reject all of them after they are reviewed by Ronnie Riddell, director of Emergency Management.

Jack Stickney was reappointed as water commission for the Estill County Water District.

The fiscal court usually meets on the third Monday of each month at 5 p.m. and meetings are open to the public. Because of Martin Luther King Day, the meeting is rescheduled for January 27.

Attorney Riley said because the meeting is rescheduled, it is a special meeting. All items on the agenda must be placed on it at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Local Police activity report

Latonya J. Myers, 31, of Elm Street, Ravenna was charged with public intoxication on Main Street, Irvine on Dec. 23 by Irvine Officer Jason Conrad.

Two warrants from Estill County were served on **Jacqueline M. Riddell**, 41, of Broadway, Irvine on Dec. 29 by Officer Conrad.

An Estill County warrant for non-payment of court costs, fees or fines was served Dec. 31 on **Justin Todd Clark**, 30, of Campbells Branch, Ravenna by Officer Conrad.

An Estill County warrant for receiving stolen property under \$500 was served Dec. 31 on **Jeremy K. Edmonson**, 29 of Hwy 2004, Irvine by Officer Conrad.

Officer Conrad cited **Tenicia C. Hays**, 27, of Richmond for improper passing and operating a motor vehicle under the influence on Main Street, Irvine on January 1.

Nina F. Johnson, 50, of Furnace Junction, Ravenna was charged January 2 by Officer Stewart Morris on Main Street with no or expired registration plates, no or expired registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

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charged **Cheryl Rene Fox**, 44, of Churchhouse Hill Road, Irvine on January 4 with public intoxication and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. She was a passenger in a vehicle stopped on River Drive in which the driver was arrested for DUI.

An Owlsey County parole board warrant was served January 5 on **Travis McIntosh**, 24, homeless of Irvine by Officer Conrad.

Officer Marshall charged McIntosh on January 5 with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) and possession of marijuana.

The citation states that when arrested, McIntosh was leaving the scene of a fight at the intersection of Estill Ave. and Broadway.

Steve Dana Hoover, 49, of Old Landing Road, Irvine was cited for improper equipment, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) and possession of marijuana Jan. 5 by Officer Conrad.

The arrest was made following a traffic stop on South Irvine Road because vehicle was allegedly all over roadway.

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January 1 on Main Street by Sheriff Chris Flynn.

Flynn stated that he arrested Fowler earlier that same date for public intoxication. Fowler was adamant about leaving his jackets and personal property at the Estill County Detention Center.

When Transport Officer Bradley Conrad returned to the detention center, he began to store Fowler's property. Conrad felt something in the outside zipper pocket of the camouflage jacket.

The sheriff said Conrad notified him. The sheriff said there were four individually wrapped pieces of paper containing a light brown substance, which was suspected heroin. A set of digital scales were also in Fowler's possession.

Flynn charged Fowler with trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (heroin).

Damian Harris, 43, homeless was cited for a traffic offense January 4 on Richmond Road by Deputy Coffey.

Felicia Lewis, 29, of Crestview Court was charged with public intoxication by

Deputy Coffey on River Drive.

A warrant was served January 3 on **Sarah Muncy**, 42, of Family Circle, Irvine by Deputy Coffey.

Deputy Coffey cited **Denice Fenger**, 61, of Hargett Road, Irvine on January 2 to not let her cattle run at large.

Eldin Barnes, 58, homeless, was cited January 1 by Sgt. Josh Rison for third degree criminal trespassing and menacing.

Rison received a call that Barnes was trespassing on private property on Richmond Road. He had been told not to be on the property at Family Dollar by the store manager.

The citation states that Barnes was going through the store's dumpster. He reportedly told the store manager that he would hit her if she did not leave him alone.

Rison said Barnes stated he would not leave the area and would not go to jail.

Barnes was arrested. **Marsha Maggard**, 30, of Rockaway Road, Irvine was served a criminal summons in a civil matter by Deputy Coffey.

The deputy served two warrants on **Debbie Flynn**. One was from Madison County for failure to appear and the other was Estill County.

Chase Becknell, 19, of Carhartt Ave., Irvine was cited December 27 at Shell Mart by Deputy Coffey.

Coffey said he was working a hit and run at Shell Mart and asked Becknell if he had seen anything. Coffey added he smelled marijuana.

The deputy charged Becknell with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Rocket Docket Dec. 19, 2019

Four waived indictments and entered pleas on December 19 on the Rocket Docket of Estill Circuit Court.

Julian Cain Jr., 44, of Mountain Crest Drive, Irvine, entered guilty pleas to possession of a controlled substance third offense (opiates), tampering with physical evidence, and public intoxication on November 16.

Judge Michael Dean entered a diversion order for Cain.

Stacy Dailey, 31, of Hall Abney Cemetery Road, Irvine plead guilty to possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth) and drug paraphernalia on December 5.

She was also sentenced by Judge Dean.

Charlsie Neria, 34, of Clear Creek Road, Irvine waived an indictment for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth), possession of a controlled substance, third degree, and drug paraphernalia on December 6.

She was given a deferred prosecution order.

Crystal Rawlins, 41, of Campbells Branch, Ravenna waived an indictment for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth on December 10) and drug paraphernalia.

A diverted sentence was entered.

Lewis Dee Willis pled guilty and was sentenced to trafficking in a controlled substance first offense (heroin), tampering with physical evidence, drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance, third degree.

Jacob B. Smith pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and drug paraphernalia. A diverted sentence was given.

Candidates begin filing for offices at all levels

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January 28 is also the deadline for persons to file for state and U.S. Representatives, and state and U.S. senators. Filings for those offices take place in the office of Secretary of State Michael Adams.

As of Monday, republican Andy Barr has filed for re-election to a two-year term as 6th U.S. District Representative.

Also filing for U.S. Representative are Chuck Eddy, republican, and Josh Hicks and Daniel Kempf, both democrats. All four are from Lexington.

Twelve candidates, six democrats and six republicans, have filed to run for U.S. Senator.

The democratic candidates are Jimmy C. Ausbrooks, Franklin; Mike Broihier, Stanford; Andrew J. Maynard, Georgetown; Amy McGrath, Lexington; Eric Rothmuller, Louisville; and John R. Sharpsteen, Bonnieville.

The incumbent Mitch McConnell of Louisville has filed on the republican ticket. Other republicans who filed are Nicholas Alsager of Campbellsville; Wendell K. Crow, Coxs Creek; John Paul Frangedakis, Lexington; Louis Grider, Elizabethtown; and C. Wesley Morgan, Richmond.

Estill County is part of the 91st district state representative. Filing for that position are Paula Clemmons-Combs, a democrat of Jackson, and republican Billy Wesley, of Ravenna.

The current representative, Cluster Howard, announced several weeks ago that he was not seeking re-election.

State Senator Albert Robinson, a republican from London, has filed for re-election.

County Clerk Crowe said that Friday, January 9 is the deadline for presidential candidates to file in Kentucky. On January 16, a drawing will be held for their positions on the ballot.

As of Monday, five democrats had filed in Kentucky to run for U.S. President. They are Joseph R. Biden, Washington, D.C.; Pete Buttigieg, South Bend, Indiana; Tom Steyer, San Francisco; Elizabeth Warren, Cambridge, Maine; and Andrew Yang, New York.

Agent Orange Benefits for Blue Water Veterans

VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

As of Jan. 1, 2020, the Department of Veterans Affairs has extended presumption of Agent Orange herbicide exposure benefits with the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019. That means it is now taking disability claims with the presumption that veterans were exposed to Agent Orange while offshore, not necessarily on the land or the inland waterways.

Here are some particulars: It covers 12 nautical miles off the coast of Vietnam from Jan. 6, 1962 to May 7, 1975 and between Jan. 1, 1967 and Aug. 31, 1971 in the Korean Demilitarized Zone. Additionally, verified service in Thailand at a certain time is covered.

There are 14 medical conditions that are covered for presumption of exposure to Agent Orange: AL amyloidosis, chronic B-cell leukemias, chloracne, Type 2 diabetes mellitus, Hodgkin's disease, ischemic heart disease, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Parkinson's disease, peripheral neuropathy, early-onset porphyria cutanea tarda,

prostate cancer, respiratory cancers and soft tissue sarcomas.

Veterans who were there do not have to prove they were exposed; it's assumed they were. The VA has assembled tons of records. For example, see va.gov (put "blue water navy" in the search box) for lists of ships (updated October 2019). Scroll down the ships page to see various ways of herbicide exposure, such as supply trips, picking up Bob Hope, salvage operations, mapping surveys, mail runs, liberty leave ashore and more. The list is nearly 40 pages long.

To file an initial claim, you'll need VA Form 21-526EZ, Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits. If you filed and were turned down, use VA Form 20-0995, Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim. Because of the new law, the VA will automatically review claims in the pipeline or under appeal. When you first filed.

Go online to www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/blue-water-navy.asp for more information.

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