

# Irvine Council discusses Turner Ave. bridge

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Powell said the city currently owes \$49,993 on that line of credit. She added that the council could agree to put a freeze on all departments from making purchases if they had to because they had done that in the past.

Councilman Tobo Bryant made a motion to borrow \$30,000 from the line of credit to meet payroll and other bills and said that property tax bills would go out around the first of October so they would be able to pay on the loan from the revenues.

Powell told the council that she had received a list of properties from the PVA that the city would no longer be able to collect property tax money on. She said there were

several factors that could change the status of a property such as homestead exemption or the fact that several homes that were damaged by storms had been torn down.

The apartments located in the old Irvine grade school property is just one of the many properties that the city will not be able to collect taxes on this year and their tax bill from last year was \$3,000.

The council discussed a problem on Turner Avenue with a bridge that had recently collapsed on one end and destroyed a culvert. The bridge has been temporarily repaired but Billy Williams of Irvine Municipal Utilities suggested that the city replace it with a one lane bridge similar to the one located on Millers Creek.

Bryant said he would like to get estimates on how much it would cost to build a two lane bridge and a one lane bridge before making a final decision. Councilwoman Nelle Williams said she wanted it fixed right and not held together with Elmer's glue.

All council members welcomed James Gross as the new mayor of Irvine. Gross was appointed as mayor last week after the sudden illness of W.J. Noland. Gross said that he would like to get some committees formed like the city had in the past. Rodney Davis told Gross that as mayor he had the power to form those committees and appoint people to them.

Councilwoman Janice Bush said that she

had a list of the previous committees and she would drop that by city hall.

Police Chief Brad Smith said that he had looked into the property on 622 Cantrill Street that was missing its' roof. Neighbors had complained about the smell coming from the house since the weather had warmed up, and Smith said he had now turned the property over to the city attorney for a possible abatement.

The regular meeting adjourned and the council moved into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

The council meets twice a month on the second and fourth Monday at 7 o'clock. Meetings are open to the public.

## School Board Meeting

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Mueller added that two of the wings were just about complete and he had nothing but good things to say about the construction workers.

Mr. Saylor added that he felt confident that the construction workers are doing their best to make sure that school will start back on time. He said opening day for staff is scheduled for August 6th, they will have a work-day on the 7th, and students will return on August 8th. That is one day later than originally planned.

Saylor said that a solution to the preschool contract had been made so they could begin hiring teachers and aides. The \$330,000 will allow for nine teachers and aides for this school year. Saylor went on to say that 40 students had been added to the preschool program this year and he is proud that the district has been able to expand that program.

He said that there were seven preschool classrooms when he first came to work in Estill County and that he is extremely proud that the program has grown and that more students are able to take advantage of the preschool program.

A new bus will be added to the fleet this year according to Saylor. \$95,000 will be taken from capital outlay funds to make the purchase. Saylor explained that the KDE had tightened the strings on what exactly capital outlay funds could be used on during their last legislative session and one time purchases can be used for those funds. He said that the purchase of a bus or a one time maintenance cost is something that the money could be used on but not on salaries.

Beckley questioned what the insurance money had been used on that the district received from roof damage. Saylor said that money had been added to the general fund and was helping to pay for buses that had been previously purchased by the district.

## One injured in wreck

One person was injured during a two vehicle wreck on the Richmond Road, about a mile from Irvine, on July 19.

The crash was investigated by Deputy Chris Coffey.

His report states that a vehicle driven by Stacey

Young of Elm Street, Ravena pulled in front of a vehicle driven by Thelma Hensley of Substation Road, Irvine.

Hensley was reportedly injured in the wreck and was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital for treatment.

# Jail likely to stay closed

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Williams negotiated with Three Forks Jail to house Estill prisoners, both male and female, for \$32 a day. The state pays \$31.34 to local jails for housing state prisoners.

Williams has also negotiated on inmate's medical bills to get them lowered, some from back in 2016.

(There was also no road fund money, because it was owed to Hinkle's for past paving.)

Thorpe returned to Estill County on Monday to certify employees of the road department and animal shelter to supervise inmates working.

The Three Forks Jail already has a pool of inmates who are eligible to work at community service.

Thorpe said state inmates are given one day off their sentences for each 40 hours they work.

In the past, a local inmate was given two days credit off their sentence for each day worked.

County attorney Rodney Davis said at last Wednesday's court day, 180 persons were on the docket. He added the judge could have sent at least 30 of them to jail.

"Most of them, you don't want out on work release," he stated.

Davis added the fiscal

court budgeted \$30,000 for the Rocket Docket program. It reduces the time an inmate serves in jail.

He estimated that it has saved the county \$400,000 after its first year.

Davis said it is very hard to rehabilitate a drug user while they are in jail, because they are often sentenced to only 30, 60, or 90 days.

The inmates who are sentenced to drug rehab for eight months or longer are given credit for jail time.

Some of them are sentenced to West Care, a local drug rehab center, but Williams said the county pays that bill, when it is court ordered.

At West Care, a day treatment center, the now former inmates are taught life skills, given drug and alcohol counseling, financial counseling, and perform community service.

When inmates from Three Forks begin performing community service work in Estill County, Williams said that jail will send lunches for those on work release.

He stated that jail currently sends lunches for inmates on their court dates in Estill County.

Davis added that another cost to taxpayers of the drug problem is children are removed from homes and placed in foster care.

## Local Police Activity Report

A parole violation warrant was served on **Jody Riddell** on July 15 by Irvine Chief Brad Smith.

The warrant says Riddell was convicted in Estill Circuit Court of receiving stolen property over \$500 and was paroled in Sept., 2016.

The warrant says Riddell has absconded parole supervision, failed to complete treatment for substance abuse, used marijuana, used a controlled substance, and failed to report to a parole officer as directed.

• Bench warrants from Madison District Court and Estill Circuit Court were

served on **Daniel Bowling**, 46, of July 17 by Officer Colton Lewis.

Bowling was found guilty April 19 in Estill Circuit Court of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. The bench warrant states that Bowling failed to appear.

No bail was set. He was placed on the fugitive document in Madison District Court for failing to appear on charges of two counts each of theft by unlawful taking under \$500 and contempt of court. Bail was set by Judge Earl Neal at \$300.00 cash.

• **David Ray Strange**, 39, of Clay City, was charged July 17 by Officer Lewis of operating a motor vehicle under the influence, rear license not illuminated, and possession of a controlled substance, third degree.

• A criminal summons and a warrant were served July 18 on **Alisha Jones**, 26, of Richmond by Officer Lewis charging her with terroristic threatening, third degree. The summons states that Jones threatened to kill Irene Neal and burn her house down on Jan. 28. It adds that she also threatened to get a gun in which to kill Irene.

The Madison District Court bench warrant says Jones failed to appear on charges of public intoxication and contempt of court.

• **Bertha L. Jones**, 47, of Scott Court, Irvine was served with an indictment warrant on July 18 by Officer Lewis.

The warrant states that Jones was indicted in Estill County on charges of forgery, second degree, three counts of theft by deception, including cold checks, second degree burglary and theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

• An indictment warrant was served on **Ashley N. Plowman**, 22, of Mountain Crest, Irvine by Sgt. John Sturniolo.

She was indicted in Estill Circuit Court for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and possession of marijuana.

• **Christy Henry**, 32, of Rosebud Avenue, Irvine was arrested July 18 by Officer Lewis on a charge of public intoxication.

• **Vanessa Jones**, 40, of Church Street, Irvine was served with two bench warrants July 19 by Officer Lewis.

The Estill District Court

warrant says that Jones failed to appear on a charge of drug paraphernalia.

A second warrant says that she failed to appear on a charge of fleeing or evading police second degree (on foot).

• **Steven Scott**, 39, of Broadway, Irvine was arrested July 19 for alcohol intoxication by Officer Lewis.

• An arrest warrant was served July 22 on **Justin Ballard**, 36, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine by Deputy Roger McIntosh. The warrant charges Ballard with flagrant non-support. It states that he has failed to pay court ordered child support and is in arrears of \$6,535.98.

He will be arraigned on August 15.

• An arrest was made July 18 in the theft of a concrete saw valued at \$1,100 from the Walker Company. That company has been doing road construction work on the Winchester Road.

Chief Brad Smith charged **Jacob Harrison**, 26, of Wall Street, Irvine with that theft. The saw was returned to the construction company.

Harrison was placed under a \$5,000 cash bond.

He will be arraigned on August 15.

## Estill County Courthouse News

### Property Transfers

Robert H. and Audrey Arnold, Jerry M. Arnold II, and Christy Arnold to Billy and Patty Riddell, \$9,000, 8.03 acres in Vashon Estates.

Martha Sue Brandenburg fka Martha Sue Jones to Jamie Neal, \$32,000, lot on KY 499.

Delphia Rice to James Tyler Glasson, \$200,000, 81 acres, more or less, on waters of Red River.

Tracy and Sara Curtis to Tracy and Sara Curtis Living Trust, for love and affection, 11.76 acres in Estill County.

Christian Worship Center, Inc. to Harlen O. and Jody L. Gilbert, \$147,500, 8.79 acre tract in Phase I of Quail Run Estates.

Lucille Coffey to Jamie Coffey, for love and affection, two tracts on South Irvine - Buck Creek Highway.

Glenville and Dorothy Case to Willie Case, \$50,000, three tracts in Estill County.

Deborah Kay King to Susan Kay Napier, for love and affection, an acre three miles west of Irvine.

Clarence and Emma Jane Wallace to Providence Baptist Church, Inc., \$8,000, an acre in Estill County.

Richard and Lora Canter to Joseph Lee and Jessie Faye Ledford, \$18,000, lot #18 in West Lawn Addition to Irvine.

Joseph Lee and Jessica

Faye Ledford to TLWJC Properties, LLC, \$23,000, lot #18 of West Lawn Addition to Irvine.

Patsy J. Purkey Living Trust to John W. Purkey, quit claim to eight leases in Estill and Lee counties.

### Marriages

Alexandria Charlene Marshall, 21, CMA of Richmond, and Nicholas Dean Clapper, 23, carpenter of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine, married July 18, 2018.

### District civil suits filed

Kirby C. Roberts vs. Jimmy and Rosetta Snowden, seeking eviction.

Capital One Bank USA N.A. vs. Retha L. Young, seeking judgment for \$2,672.56 plus interest and court costs.

Baptist Healthcare System, Inc. vs Larissa S. Muncy, seeking judgment for \$4,254.07 plus interest and court costs.

Jared Kiser vs. Lauren East, seeking eviction.

Capital One Bank (USA) N.A., vs Heath Waugh, seeking judgment for \$4,130.36 plus interest and court costs.

### Circuit Civil Suits Filed

Tangela J. Warner and Russell F. Warner, joint petition for dissolution of marriage.

Estate of Imogene Brandenburg by and thru its administratrix, Connie Smith, vs. Mercy Health - Marcum & Wallace Hospital, Inc. and others, seeking judgment for alleged negligence and care-

lessness.

Margaret Ann Edmonton and Danny Johnson, joint petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Ky. ex. rel. Deloris A. Dunn vs. Scott C. Dunn, petition for child support.

America's Car Mart Inc. vs Stacy Damrel, seeking judgment for \$5,210.17 plus interest and court costs.

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Brooke Lee, seeking judgment for \$6,011.75 plus interest and court costs.

### Operator permit

Billie R. Brooks.

### Road Test

If you would like to schedule a Drivers License Road Test, please call Jennifer Couch at (859) 623-1099.

### CLARIFICATION:

From the County Judge's Office

The tourism/transient room fee ordinance discussed and passed at the last Estill County Fiscal Court meeting is not a new tax. It is an update and reorganization of an ordinance first passed in 2004. It is also not a tax to be paid by the residents of Estill County. The 3% transient room fee is charged on the rental of tourist lodging such as hotels/motels, bed & breakfasts, vacation rentals, etc. The money collected from this tax is to be used for tourism development and promotion of our community to travelers.

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