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A large crowd filled the courtroom on Monday evening as the fiscal court discussed Mt. Springs Road. Also in attendance was Powell Judge/Executive James Anderson because the road continues into Powell County. It is also part of the multi-county Hollerwood ATV Park.

Fiscal court reaffirms Mountain Springs Road

The courtroom was packed and several people were standing during Monday's special meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court.

They had come to hear discussion on the Mt. Springs Road and pending litigation.

Members of the fiscal court passed a resolution, written by County Attorney Jason Riley, reaffirming Mountain Springs Road as a county road.

The road was mentioned as a county road as early as 1955 and was 9.4 miles long.

The resolution states the road serves a public need by private citizens and provides access to Hollerwood ATV Park from Estill County.

The road has been surveyed by County Surveyor Justin M. Rogers and Stuart W. Spencer.

Riley said if a county road closes, the property reverts back to the adjacent property owners.

He stated that a hearing is scheduled for this Thursday. He plans to ask for the lawsuit to go into mediation and ask the judge to postpone the April trial date.

Tyler Hensley said he has received 2,000 signatures online to keep the road open.

"We don't want anybody hurt," Judge/Executive Donnie Watson told the crowd.

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Ravenna keeps police dept.

Ravenna City Council rejected an inter-local contract with Irvine to provide police protection for Ravenna.

Irvine had passed the agreement at their last regular meeting. Ravenna met at noon in a special session on Thursday to pass or reject the agreement.

"I'm afraid it will cost us more than it does now," stated Councilwoman Tammy Smyth-Howell. "It looks like Irvine has total control."

"It averages out about \$6 an hour. That's not a bad deal to cover Ravenna 24/7," said Councilwoman Valerie Flinchum.

Howell added that agreement appears that the Irvine Police Department would not be enforcing Ravenna's ordinances.

She then made a motion to not accept the interlocal agreement, which was seconded. This opened the issue up for further discussion before a final vote.

"You're giving them all your equipment," said Bryan Thompson, son of Councilwoman Beverly Thompson.

He asked what happened if two years down the road, Ravenna wanted to go back to having their own police department.

Resident Joey Dobson mentioned the steam engine project is expected to bring growth to Ravenna.

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Irvine to give pay raises to retain city employees

by CATHY DAWES
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A special meeting was called on Thursday evening for members of the Irvine council to discuss pay raises for city employees.

Mayor James Gross had brought the subject up during the regular council meeting on Monday night because he said several employees were considering seeking other employment due to the low wages that they are currently earning while employed with the city.

As of Thursday, Gross said one of the city employees had submitted their resignation effective immediately and there was a good possibility that another street worker as well as a police officer would be leaving.

Gross said that Officer Colton Lewis was in the second or third phase of training

for the Department of Fish and Wildlife but had said that he would stay if they could get the pay up. Gross added that Lewis had told him that he loves his job and Irvine, but he has to do what is best for his family.

Mayor Gross presented the council with numbers that he had researched that would allow each person that is employed with the city with the exception of Chief Brad Smith, John Sturniolo, and Fire Chief Tony Murphy to get a pay raise.

Gross said that with the loss of a street worker that it freed up approximately \$42,000 per year that was the employee's salary and benefits package. He added that the city would have to transfer around \$15,000 out of the ABC fund to make up the difference on the policeman's salary and that would leave the city to come up with \$737 out of their budget.

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Driver is transported to UK hospital after a three-car collision

One person was injured February 28, around 3 p.m., on Richmond Road, a mile west of Irvine.

Deputy Chris Coffey investigated the three-car collision.

Aaron Riddell of North Madison Ave., Irvine was attempting to turn left into the Save-A-Lot parking lot when a vehicle driven by Theodore

Gross struck Riddell's in the passenger side.

The impact caused Riddell's vehicle to strike a vehicle driven by Rhonda Conrad of Old Fox Road, Irvine. The deputy said that Conrad was in front of Riddell's vehicle.

Riddell was injured. He was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital before being transferred to UK Medical Center.

His vehicle, a 96 Ford Ranger received minor to severe damages.

Gross was driving a BMW which was severely damaged in the front.

Conrad's auto, a 2007 Dodge Caliber, received moderate damage to the front.

Estill Middle Science Olympiad Team Wins First-Ever Regional

Estill County Middle School Science Olympiad Team won the region for the first time ever on Saturday, March 2, 2019 in Lexington.

ECMS came in first place overall out of eight teams at the Bluegrass Community and Technical College and brought home a nice trophy. In the past, Estill teams have won a second place trophy and several third place trophies, but this is the first time for a first place trophy.

The team was composed of four freshmen from last year's team (which is allowed) and five middle school students. These nine students covered 23 science related events

and by combining the points from their individual efforts, they obtained first place as a team.

Here is how they did in their top events: Kristen Caudill and Hunter Parks first in Boomilever. Anna Robinson and Kristen Caudill first in Circuit Lab. Hunter Parks first in Density Lab. Trinity Fay and Nancy Stidham first in Fossils. Kate Alcorn and Nancy Stidham first in Potions and Poisons. Anna Robinson and Hunter Parks first in Road Scholar. Kristen Caudill and Baylie Riddell first in Solar System. Nancy Stidham and Trinity Fay second in Crime Busters. Olivia Figeley and Bay-

lie Riddell second in Meteorology. Makayla Mosley and Olivia Figeley second in Roller Coaster. Trinity Fay third in Disease Detectives. Nancy Stidham third in Elastic Launched Glider. Olivia Figeley and Baylie Riddell third in Game On Programming. Makayla Mosley and Anna Robinson third in Water Quality.

Congratulations to the team and coaches Linda and Tony Belcher. The team qualifies for state competition at the University of Kentucky, April 13. This will be the first year UK has hosted the state tournament which was previously held at Western Kentucky University.



Left to right, front row: Trinity Fay, Makayla Mosley, Kate Alcorn, Baylie Riddell, Olivia Figeley, Anna Robinson. Back row: Hunter Parks, Dr. Koffi Akakpo (BCTC President), Nancy Stidham, Kristen Caudill.

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