

Fiscal court reaffirms Mt. Springs Road

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The defendants in the lawsuit, Kevin and Rebecca Moes, were not present.

Judge Watson said he had attended a recent KACO meeting, and they were asking all counties to approve a resolution concerning transportation maintenance and construction.

The resolution, which was passed Monday, says the Ky. Transportation Department needs an additional \$500 million per year for maintenance and construction needs.

Transportation covers 57 airports, 2,600 rail miles, 8 operating river ports, and a statewide travel network of over 14,000 bridges and 80,000 center-line miles of roadways.

In other action, the fiscal

court approved the outgoing sheriff fee and tax settlements from retired Sheriff Gary Freeman. Those settlements are due on March 15 and await Freeman's signature.

Jailer Bo Morris addressed the fiscal court about salaries for three jail transport officers who were formerly his deputy jailers. According to Morris at an earlier meeting, those employees took a cut in pay when they became transport officers.

He added that the current fiscal court gave two other county employees substantial raises recently.

One was a part-time who was made full time at \$13 an hour, and the county road mechanic who went to \$16 an hour upon completing his probationary period. Both

were hired by the previous administration.

The part-time employee was hired to take the place of a retiring employee working with the county's finances. The mechanic is paid out of county road funds, which are earmarked for roads and cannot be spent on jail expenses.

One member of the fiscal court stated the jail budget had been based upon 50 inmates, but that number has jumped much higher.

"The jail has always been a drain on the county," Transportation officer Chad Smith stated.

"I'd like to have longevity in the job," he stated. "I don't want to be retirement age and making \$10 an hour."

"It's not right," Morris stated.

He even added that he was willing to donate part of his salary to the employees.

The fiscal court voted to give the three full-time transport officers a \$1 an hour raise.

Both full and part-time transport officers will be staying at the jail during their shifts. This will not affect their pay. Previously, the officers were paid to stay home until called, but law officers said it was inconvenient for them to wait for someone to arrive at the jail to transport to Three Forks Regional Jail.

Watson said the jail budget for the next fiscal year is due April 1. It doesn't take effect until July 1, but the county will look at giving the transport officers an additional raise in that budget.



Jailer Bo Morris stood Monday night as he asked for pay raises for jail transport officers.

Irvine employees to get pay raises

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Captain John Sturniolo informed the council of how much it cost the city to send an officer to the academy. He said that when the process of seeking a new officer begins they go through a training and screening process.

If they pass then they are sent to the academy and two sets of uniforms have to be purchased, one for the academy and one for doing ride-alongs with an Irvine officer.

He said then there is al-

ways that possibility that the person in training fails while they are at the academy and then the process has to start over again.

He stated the entire process is around thirteen months long and the problem is that the city is spending money to send them to the academy and then they leave to pursue higher paying jobs.

"We have some really good employees here, and we need to do something to retain them," Sturniolo stated.

Mayor Gross also said that the city spends a lot of money on overtime pay when the IPD is shorthanded.

He added the city would be better off to give the current officers a raise and work on a contract for the officers rather than continue losing officers, sending new hires to the academy, and paying out overtime wages.

"I appreciate the officers we have now and think they are some of the best we've

ever had, and I don't want to lose them," stated Councilman Billy Arthur.

He went on to say that the numbers that was presented by Mayor Gross were in the ballpark of neighboring cities and hopefully this would make the employees stay.

All council members who were present at the meeting were in favor of the pay raises, and Gross said he would have Attorney Rodney Davis make amendments to the pay ordinance and get it going as soon as possible.

Police Activity Report

Brian C. Holbrook, 44, of Richmond was arrested February 18 on an Estill County warrant, charging him with flagrant non-support.

Aaron P. Riddell, 36, of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine was arrested February 19 by Trooper T. Robinson on a warrant, charging him with making false statement to prevent reduction of benefits.

Elizabeth Sandlin, 39, of Crooked Creek Road, Irvine was served with an arrest warrant on February 22 in Richmond.

IPD Capt. John Sturniolo had obtained the warrant on Sandlin. It states that on December 5, she sold methamphetamine to a confidential informant working for the Irvine Police Department for \$100.00.

Sandlin was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

She was arraigned on Monday and pled not-guilty. Judge Leach scheduled a preliminary hearing for her on March 1. Sandlin's bail was set at \$1,500 cash.

Tobie W. Kirby, 32, of Hardy Road, Irvine was traffic-stopped on Richmond Road early Monday morning by Officer Cloyd Lewis.

He charged Kirby with failure to or improper signal, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Four Montgomery County warrants were served on **Stevie N. LeMaster**, 32, of Mount Sterling on Sunday by Officer Lewis.

The four warrants were from 2008 and were for theft by deception including cold checks under \$500.

Johnnie R. Abney, 39, of Dry Ridge Road, Irvine was arrested February 19 on Turner Ave. by Officer Jason Conrad. Abney was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Erica Ray Coffey, 36, of Crooked Creek Road, Irvine, was charged February 19 by Officer Conrad with alco-

hol intoxication in a public place.

Mark D. Durbin, 56, of N. Madison Ave., Irvine, was charged with public intoxication and possession of marijuana Feb. 21 by Capt. John Sturniolo.

Charles Glen Walling was arrested February 22 by Officer Conrad on a parole violation warrant.

A parole violation warrant was served Friday on Charles Glen Walling.

The parole violation warrant states that Walling has absconded parole supervision and failed to complete halfway house program.

Brianna D. McIntosh, 23, of White Pine Lane, Irvine was arrested on an Estill District Court bench warrant Saturday by Officer Conrad.

The warrant says she failed to appear in district court on a charge of public intoxication of a controlled substance. No bail was set.

An Estill District Court bench warrant was served Saturday on **Devin T. Coffey** of Glory Street, Irvine by Officer Conrad. The warrant says Coffey failed to appear for probation violation.

Brian Hall, 46, of Cantrill Street, Irvine was charged Saturday with resisting arrest by Capt. Sturniolo.

Sturniolo also served a mandatory reentry supervision violation warrant on Hall.

A Madison District Court bench warrant was served Saturday on **Tammy Riddell**, 46, of White Oak Road, Irvine by Officer Conrad.

Charles S. Reece, 44, of Dunaway Road, Irvine was arrested March 3 by Officer Colton Lewis and was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place.

On March 3, Officer Lewis arrested **Owen Woolery**, 58, of Woolery Lane, Irvine on Richmond Road. He charged him with public intoxication, second degree disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

A Rockcastle County bench warrant was served February 28 on **Kelly Jones**, 34, of Richmond by Officer Lewis.

Jerry Lee Prater, 21, of Meade Drive, Irvine was charged with public intoxication on Feb. 27 by Officer Lewis.

Dakota Shawnee Horn, 23, aka Dakota Collett, of Cantrill Street, Irvine was charged Feb. 26 by Officer Jason Conrad with operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

An Estill Circuit Court warrant was served March 1 on **Jacob Cain**, 20.

Cain was serving a diverted sentence for public intoxication, possession of marijuana, and trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

A Jackson County indictment warrant was served March 1 by Capt. John Sturniolo on **Erica Sizemore**, 40.

She was charged with failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. Her bail has been set at \$5,000 cash.

Capt. Sturniolo charged a driver at Witt's Country Store on March 1 following an Attempt to Locate (ATL) an intoxicated driver.

Dan Smith, 50, of McKee Road, Irvine was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offenses, and public intoxication.

Bail for Smith was set at \$1,000 cash.

Danny G. Smith, 50, of McKee Road, Irvine was served with a bench warrant on March 1 by Capt. Sturniolo. He allegedly failed to appear for a review of a charge of non-support. No bail was set.

A husband and wife were each charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence on March 1 by Capt. Sturniolo.

The citation states that an ATL was issued for a driver with children in the vehicle.

The captain wrote the vehicle was located on Geneva Ave., where it left the roadway and went onto a lawn area.

The male driver registered .314 on a breath test but was unable to complete field sobriety tests. He refused a blood test.

Sturniolo charged **William Caudill**, 51, of Geneva Ave. with operating a motor vehicle under the influence and two counts of first degree wanton endangerment.

The two children reportedly called their mother to be picked up.

A citation states that **Bonny Caudill**, 49, also of Geneva Ave., came to the arrest location to pick up the couple's children.

Capt. Sturniolo stated that she failed field sobriety tests and registered .204 on a breath test.

The children were placed in care of a family friend. Bail for William Caudill was set at \$2,500 cash.

On March 1, Officer Lewis charged **Peyton B. Rice**, 19, of Geneva Rd., Irvine, with rear license not illuminated, no registration plates, operating vehicle with expired operators license, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (Heroin), and operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

Rice's bond was set at 10% of a \$5,000 cash bond.

Man charged with forgery **Aaron Riddell**, 36, of Pea Ridge Road, Irvine was arrested February 27 by Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris on a charge of criminal possession of a forged instrument second degree.

Riddell's mother had contacted the sheriff's department on February 25 and stated that her son had cashed several forged checks at Stop and Shop.

The deputy stated that a cashier at Stop and Shop identified Aaron as the one who had cashed the checks between December 20 and February 19.

His citation states that 22 checks were cashed. Riddell's bail was set at \$2,500 cash.

Arrest after pursuit **Brian Howard**, 31, of Gross Cemetery Road, Irvine was charged February 28 by Deputy Morris with fleeing or evading police, first degree (motor vehicle), operating on a suspended or revoked license, and wanton

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"Where did this originate? How did this come about?" Flinchum asked Mayor Estine Tipton.

Tipton said at a regular Ravenna meeting and during a closed session for personnel, it came up as a question only.

She added that Ravenna's only officer and police chief, Ken White, has been asking for a job with the Irvine Police Department.

"As a resident and taxpayer, I'd like to see us keep our police department," Dobson stated.

"If Ken wants to leave, we can find a police officer," the group stated.

Dobson stated that he knew two certified officers who would be interested in the position, and Flinchum said she knew one was willing to volunteer.

Mayor Tipton stated the officers' certifications had to be up to date.

The vote was unanimous to reject the interlocal agreement with Irvine. Councilwoman Amy Crowe was unable to attend because of her employment.

Councilwoman Howell asked if Ravenna could schedule its special meetings at 4:30 or 5 instead of noon. She said she also worked, but was able to attend Thursday's meeting

endangerment, first degree of a police officer.

Morris was dispatched to Woodward Ridge Road to two intoxicated males who would not leave the property.

When the deputy turned down Mt. Springs Road, dispatch notified Morris that one of the men had left the residence in a black jeep.

The citation states that he was about a mile out on Mt. Springs Road when he saw headlights coming. He stopped and turned on his blue lights.

Morris said that Howard pulled up beside him and asked if he could help him. When asked for a driver license, he told Morris that he did not have one.

Howard allegedly left the scene with Morris pursuing him. Morris said he stopped the pursuit and turned his lights off because he was afraid that Howard would wreck and hurt himself or someone else.

He attempted to locate Howard later that night at his home, and located him at a nearby residence where Howard was arrested.

Howard's bail was set at \$10,000 cash.

Two injured in wreck

Two people were injured during a collision on Winchester Road on March 1, around 4:24 p.m.

Deborah Barnes of Hargett Road, Irvine told Deputy Russell Morris that she saw a vehicle coming toward her sideways.

She stated that she tried to avoid the collision but the other vehicle crossed into her lane and struck her car in the driver's side door.

The other driver, Ryan M. Kidd of Lock 11 Road, Irvine, told the deputy that

Barnes' vehicle came into his lane of travel and struck him.

It was raining at the time of the wreck. Witnesses told the deputy that Kidd's car was sliding down the roadway and struck Barnes' car.

Kidd's vehicle, a 2004 Ford Victoria, sustained minor to moderate damages.

He was not injured.

Barnes was driving a 2012 Toyota Camry, which was severely damaged.

Barnes and a child passenger were transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital by Estill County EMS.

Burglary Third Degree

A third degree burglary was reported February 27 by Sadie Tipton of Spout Springs Road, Irvine.

The burglary is being investigated by Deputy Russell Morris.

The report states that someone broke into a rental house owned by Tipton.

The deputy said the perpetrator forced open a back door with an unknown tool and made entry.

The house had been ransacked and damages were reported throughout the home.

Tipton reported that three air conditioners were taken. An inventory of missing items was unknown.

Estill Circuit Court February 22

Hank Campbell pled guilty to trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree and first offense. He was sentenced and a diversion order entered.

Jonathan Walling pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine).

He was also sentenced by Judge Michael Dean, and a diversion order was entered.