

School board elects officers and sets meeting dates

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Members of the Estill County School board met in special session on January 3rd to elect officers and take care of other business that had to be done immediately after the new year.

Board member Bryan Covey said that board member Donna Isfort had done a wonderful job as the chairperson of the board, and he made a nomination to keep Isfort in that position.

All board members were in agreement.

Isfort said that she appreciated the vote of confidence and would do her best to continue moving the board forward.

Board member Tammy Hardy nominated Bryan Covey to continue his position as vice-chair with all members in agreement.

The board also approved the finance corporation officers.

The board will continue to hold regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Superintendent Jeff Saylor reminded the

board that if the location or time of the meeting was changed for any reason, then it would be considered a special meeting.

Board members were asked to sign the public record/duties under law document that is signed each year.

Saylor said the document pertains to open meetings and the duties of the board member which include budgeting, payment of bills, policies and procedures, and the hiring and evaluations of the superintendent.

A change order and a revision to a BG1 pertaining to the fieldhouse restrooms at the Estill County High School was approved by the board.

Saylor said that facility planning would begin this month on future projects within the district.

Mr. Saylor presented board members with his official resignation during the meeting. He said after 38 years, 8 of which has been spent in Estill County, it was time for him to retire.

He added while it was hard to imagine not get-

ting up and going to work each day, he was looking forward to spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

"I've been treated better in Estill County than anywhere I've ever been in my life," Saylor said.

Mrs. Isfort told Saylor that he would be leaving as a legend in this county. She said he was not a 'lame duck' superintendent and she knew that he would be working hard right up until the time he walks out of the door.

She went on to say that he arrived in this

county with a vision and has done things that have never been done before that will benefit children for years to come.

The board accepted Saylor's resignation and he introduced them to Tim Eaton from the Kentucky School Board Association. Eaton will assist board members in the search for a new superintendent.

Saylor said that board members will work with Eaton, and Andrea Williams will be the point of contact during the process.

Sheriff charges man with burglary on Dry Ridge Road

An Estill County man was arrested December 29 for burglary by Sheriff Chris Flynn.

Mary Brinegar, 420 Dry Ridge Road, Irvine called dispatch at 12:14 p.m. on December 26 and reported that someone had been in her husband's outbuilding and ran over the hill.

Sheriff Chris Flynn arrived at the Brinegar residence at 12:53 p.m. to speak with Paul Brinegar. Mr. Brinegar said he was walking out to his man cave to watch TV when

his dog began to growl. He had a hunch that something wasn't right. To the right of the door is an enclosed area.

"Luke, is that you?" Brinegar said he asked.

"Yeah, it is me." someone replied.

Brinegar said he then went to his man cave and noticed the door was open. When he got inside, drawers on the toolbox and desk were open. The room had been ransacked.

He took out his phone to call 911, and a male

wearing brown overalls and a dark colored beanie ran out of the enclosure and over the hill.

When Sheriff Flynn had been en route to Brinegar's home, he stated that he had noticed a black Nissan Altima sitting on the roadside approximately 1/10 mile from the Brinegar home.

When he left the residence, he stated the Altima was still sitting there. He pulled behind the still running vehicle to investigate.

The driver rolled the

window down. Flynn asked him why he was sitting there. The driver replied that he was eating donuts.

Flynn said he noticed footprints in the snow coming up from the treeline to the driver side of the car. He asked the driver if he had been in the woods, and he replied no.

The sheriff added the man was wearing Carhartt brown bibbed overalls and a beanie matching Brinegar's description.

Flynn said he photographed the driver and released him to continue investigating. He then followed the footprints and took photographs all the way back through the woods to Brinegar's property.

When he got back there, he found two drill cases that were stacked up behind the building and a flashlight at the edge of the tree line. Brinegar confirmed the drill cases and flashlight were his and had been inside the building.

Sheriff Flynn arrested Dustin L. Jenkins, 32, of Walton Road, Irvine on December 29 and charged him with burglary, third degree.

He said that Jenkins' girlfriend brought a pair of boots out of the house and those were like the ones that Jenkins was wearing on the day of the alleged incident.

Flynn added the boots were photographed and matched the photographs of the foot prints in the snow that he had taken the day of the incident.

Public's help is sought for info on recent theft

On 22nd December 2022 Deputy Robert Webb took a theft report from an Electrical Contractor at 75 Substation Road. The total amount of the theft was in excess of \$25,000.

The perpetrators had cut copper wire that had been run by the contractor, and had cut into a cargo trailer that contained several thousand dollars' worth of tools.

Deputy Webb and Deputy Jim Marshall conducted the investigation and with the help of the com-

munity they were able to recover over \$5,000.00 worth of tools.

Sheriff Flynn is requesting the community's assistance with finding and recovering more of the stolen property or any information that may lead to the arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators.

You can help by reporting the information to the Estill County Sheriff's at (606) 723-2323, or (606) 723-2201. You can also find us on Facebook at Estill Co. Sheriff's Office.



The Estill County Sheriff's Dept. recently recovered the two stolen tool boxes and other items from 75 Substation Road. The top tool box is green, and the bottom one is yellow. If you have information, please call the sheriff's office at 723-2323 or 723-2201.



Fiscal court rehires county employees

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Deputy sheriffs will be Joshua Rison, Joshua King, Eric Brad Smith, Kevin Shackelford, Roger Dale Thomas Jr., James Marshall, and Robert Webb. Karen Brandenburg and Sherri Cole will continue to serve as clerks in the sheriff's office. Glenn Carroll remains the court security officer.

Deputy coroners will be Tommy Lane and Gregerey Bailey.

Teresa McKinley is the occupational tax collector. Roy M. Fowler is the courthouse custodian.

Derrick Muncie is fire chief for Estill County. Full and part-time firemen include Franklin Dixon, Shawn Riddell, Jeffrey L. Isaacs II, Jonathan Marshall, Derrick McNew, John Arvin, Hubert White, and Dalton H. Arthur.

Ramona Renaye Merrill is the mapping coordinator for the county. Dispatchers include Michelle Hoover, Jonathan Stone, Steven Isaacs, Jeff Oliver, Kaitlyn Hinds, and Margaret Gross. CSEPP dispatchers include Jennifer Oliver and Timberlee Coffey.

Ashley Collins is an employee of the Estill Animal Shelter. Roy Chad Smith serves as both solid waste coordinator and jail transport officer.

Tamara Flynn is the activities coordinator at the senior center while Billie J. McGee remains the director. Tangelo Tipton is part-time nutrition staff at the senior center.

County road employees include Brad Goolman, road foreman and FEMA agent; Jeff Tipton, Class B equipment operator; Eddie Walling, CDL driver/operator; Gary Marshall, Class A CDL driver; William Boyd Henry and Robert Barnes, road laborers; Ronald Steven McGee II, maintenance/road; Troy Young and James Tipton, road CDS drivers; and Anthony David Adams, road mechanic.

George Henry will be at the recycling center. Tammy McGee, Ronnie L. Means, Billy Sebastian, and Charles Reynolds are jail transport officers.

Ronnie Riddell is CSEPP/EMA director. Melissa Riddell is CSEPP public relations officer (PIO). Amber L. Lee is CSEPP Logistics/finance. Lucas Barnes is CSEPP Planner/HA, and Lou Ann Hall is CSEPP Finance.

Mayor breaks ties

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Mayor Gross was called on to make the tie breaking vote which he said yes to.

Bryant called it a very hasty decision due to the fact that there were two new members on the council.

The occupational tax will not go into effect immediately. City Attorney Rodney Davis said that the council will have to draft an ordinance and hold two readings of the ordinance before it will be in effect.

Tim Burkhart said that he wanted to discuss the insurance tax rate which is not set at 10 percent. He said the rate was actually 11.5 percent, but the city only receives 10 percent. He made a motion to lower that to 7.5 percent.

Bryant seconded the motion and when put to a vote it was once again a tie with two members abstaining. Mayor Gross voted no to break the tie.

Chief Sturniolo said that the city had hired a non-certified police officer. His name is Dalton Campbell and he is from Powell County. Sturniolo added that he hopes to have another officer start within a few weeks.

The council went into closed session during the meeting to discuss pending litigation and Mayor Gross reported that no action was taken.

Ravenna council discusses payment and funds for Veterans Park upgrade

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Snowden explained that the park upgrades has been made on a 50/50 matching grant and that a payment needs to be made on the two items that will be installed soon.

In order to do that money will have to be

borrowed from the Van Huss account.

The council also discussed installing security cameras at the park in the spring to prevent further vandalism.

City Clerk Amy Crowe provided the council with balances on each account that the city holds at this time. She said the Van Huss checking account has \$53,465.30 and a CD has \$100,000.

The Art Long account has 2 CD's which contain \$150,000 each and there is \$14,295 in the Art Long checking account.

The fire fund has \$10,846.70 minus \$2,000 that was used to purchase a building. The Municipal Road fund holds \$59,732.66, and the LGEA account holds \$1,508.49.

Crowe said nothing has been used from the LGEA account since before Estine Tipton was mayor.

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