

Trump signs \$1.3 trillion spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump grudgingly signed a \$1.3 trillion federal spending measure Friday and averted a midnight government shutdown — but only after undercutting his own negotiators and setting off a mini-panic with a last-minute veto threat.

Trump said he was “very disappointed” in the package, in part because it did not fully pay for his planned border wall with Mexico and did not extend protection from deportation to some 700,000 “Dreamer” immi-

grants due to lose coverage under a program the president himself has moved to eliminate.

But Trump praised the bill’s provisions to increase military spending and said he had “no choice but to fund our military.”

“My highest duty is to keep America safe,” he said.

The bill signing came a few hours after Trump created his latest round of last-minute drama by tweeting he was “considering” a veto.

With Congress already on recess, and a government shut-

down looming, he said that young immigrants now protected in the U.S. under Barack Obama’s Delayed Action for Childhood Arrivals program “have been totally abandoned by the Democrats (not even mentioned in Bill) and the BORDER WALL, which is desperately needed for our National Defense, is not fully funded.”

Trump’s veto threat put him



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at odds with top members of his administration and Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan, who had said publicly Trump supported the bill. with his threat and believed he was likely just blowing off steam.

He warned Congress, “I will never sign another bill like this again.”

Three arrested by TBI for myriad of drug charges

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A Rock Island woman was among three people arrested Wednesday by the TBI during a multi-agency drug sting in Cookeville.

Sharlinda Turner, 25, was arrested for her part in the drug trafficking operation and was booked into Putnam County Jail.

Her alleged partners in crime include Spender resident Kenneth Bayless, 38, and Cookeville resident Billy White, 32.

According to information provided by the TBI, agents conducted surveillance at a hotel on Jefferson Avenue in Cookeville, where an individual with an active warrant was



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known to stay. While the surveillance was ongoing, that individual, Billy White, exited his hotel room and was taken into custody in the parking lot.

Agents found on White cocaine, methamphetamine, and a large amount of cash. A

search warrant of the room where he was staying was subsequently executed and officers found a large quantity of processed marijuana, scales, packaging material, a loaded handgun and a rifle.

The TBI said Turner and Bayless were arrested for their part in the operation but did not further specify their involvement.

Agencies participating included the Drug Investigation Division of the TBI, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Middle Tennessee Task Force, FBI, DEA, Putnam County Sheriff’s Office, Cookeville Police Department, and 13th Judicial Drug Task Force.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, county meetings are held at Warren County Administrative Offices located at 201 Locust Street and city meetings are held at City Hall located at 101 E. Main Street.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

The city Parks and Recreation Committee will meet at 5:45 p.m. to discuss declaring River Trail East and River Trail North part of the city parks system.

The city Water and Sewer Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Among the items to be discussed: 1) Consider a Leak Adjustment Policy, and customer complaint; 2) Discuss disposal/ sale of Gas Tank from 2002 Bell Street property; 3) Consider Utility Bill format/ card versus letter.

McMinnville officials are slated to receive a presentation by Design Sensory on a new tourism logo. The meeting is being held on the third floor of City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

McMinnville Board of Mayor and Aldermen will hold its regular session at 7 p.m. Two resolutions are on the agenda: 1) Authorize the city of McMinnville to accept the bid from Kidd Ford for a pickup truck for McMinnville Parks and Recreation Department; 2) Ratify and affirm the action taken by Warren County Chamber of Commerce on hiring Griggs & Maloney to create an Adventure Tourism Plan for a fee of \$10,000. Officials will also consider a letter from Relay for Life organizers to use Main Street decorative poles to hand sponsorship banners during the event May 31, and a letter from Main Street McMinnville requesting permission to use The Lot on Main Street for 2018 Spring Clean.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- SUNDAY, MARCH 25**

The annual meeting for Banks Cemetery in DeKalb County will be held at 2 p.m. at Banks Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Financial information will be presented. Trustees and officers will be elected and other business will be discussed as necessary.
- MONDAY, MARCH 26**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of McMinnville Housing Authority will be held at the Rebel Hill Community Room. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**

The midweek Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church begins at 12:05 p.m. with speaker Rev. Paul Roberts, pastor of Christ Community Church. Soup and sandwich luncheon to follow.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 29**

McMinnville Electric System is taking orders for its Relay for Life brown bag lunch. The cost is \$6 and includes BBQ sandwich, chips, drink and dessert. Orders of five or more can be delivered. Call 473-3144 to place your order.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 30**

The 25th annual Project Graduation Nursery Sale at Bobby Ray Elementary is Friday from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m., and Saturday, March 31, from 8 a.m. till noon. This is an opportunity to purchase quality plant material donated by local nurseries. All proceeds benefit the Class of 2018’s Project Graduation.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

Bethel Hill Baptist Church in Centertown is holding a community egg hunt beginning at noon. The hunt is open to children 2-11 with age categories within that range. Everyone is welcome.

- Midway CIC’s annual egg hunt starts at 10:30 a.m. Please bring dessert, chips or drink. Hotdogs will be provided. Be sure to bring a basket. No eggs required.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A revival begins April 1 at 6 p.m. at Sunny Hills Baptist Church, 2216 Robert Wilson Road. Bro. Eric Bohman will speak. Weekday services at 7 p.m. The church will also hold an Easter sunrise service April 1 at 6 a.m. with Bro. Robert Brown speaking.

SkillsUSA is holding a spring festival with dinner and live auction Friday, April 6 at Tennessee College of Applied Technology, 241 Vo-Tech Drive. BBQ dinner and open house begins at 4:30 p.m., with auction following at 6 p.m.

Midway CIC will have a Relay for Life breakfast April 7 from 7 to 10 a.m. All donations benefit Relay for Life.

A gospel meeting is April 8-11 at Berea Church of Christ located on Francis Ferry Road. Bro. Dan Gulley will speak. Everyone is invited.

The 4th annual Special Games Spring Fling at The Redemption Center is Friday, April 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. This event is for children and teens ages 17 and under with special needs. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. RSVP by texting 931-808-8816 with the child’s name and number of guests or email hollymcbride82@gmail.com.

East End Church of Christ is holding a gospel seminar Friday, April 13, from 7 to 8 p.m., Saturday, April 14 from 10 to 11 a.m. with lunch provided and Sunday, April 15 from 9 to 10 a.m. with a meal provided following morning worship. Eric Lyons from Apologetics Press will be the speaker.

The 7th annual Autism Awareness 5K will take place in downtown McMinnville on April 21. This event honors those impacted by autism while also raising funds and awareness for autism. Register online at www.signmeup.com/124073, or at USA Gym, Chamber of Commerce, Civic Center or Trustee’s office.

The WCHS class of 1977 is planning a reunion. If you are a member of this class and have not been contacted, call 808-4489 or email wheelthrower@gmail.com.

WEST WARREN-VIOLA UTILITY DISTRICT OF WARREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE			
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION			
December 31, 2017			
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$	8,394,220.62
Accounts receivable (net)			516,136.32
Interest receivable			92.38
Due from Warren County			24,736.48
Inventory			81,390.93
Prepaid expenses			34,896.72
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$	9,051,473.45
CAPITAL ASSETS - net			18,650,604.84
OTHER ASSETS			430,309.28
			\$ 28,132,387.57
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$	1,006,585.91
LONG-TERM DEBT - net of current portion			4,439,379.40
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	5,445,965.31
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	\$	13,612,812.92	
Restricted for capital activity and debt service		535,514.26	
Unrestricted		8,538,095.08	22,686,422.26
WEST WARREN-VIOLA UTILITY DISTRICT OF WARREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE			
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION			
Year ended December 31, 2017			
Operating revenue		\$	4,719,392.45
Expenses			3,658,383.66
	OPERATING INCOME	\$	1,061,008.79
Non-operating revenues (expenses):			
Interest income	\$	46,465.87	
Gain on equipment		37,002.93	
Interest expense		(39,907.24)	43,561.56
INCREASE IN NET POSITION BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS			1,104,570.35
Capital contributions	\$	34,481.63	
Tap fees in excess of cost		8,450.48	42,932.11
	CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$	1,147,502.46
Water and sewer rates as of December 31, 2017:			
Domestic water rates:			
First 2,000 gallons	\$23.20 minimum bill		
2,001 - 500,000 gallons	\$7.40 per 1,000 gallons		
All over 500,000 gallons	\$6.50 per 1,000 gallons		
Domestic water rates for Pocahontas Pump Station:			
First 2,000 gallons	\$26.50 minimum bill		
All over 2,000 gallons	\$8.80 per 1,000 gallons		
Domestic sewer rates:			
135% of domestic water rates			
Travel costs/expenses associated with members of the Board of Commissioners	\$	6,695.67	
Travel costs/expenses associated with members of management		5,606.14	
Travel costs/expenses associated with other employees		5,511.98	
		\$	17,813.79

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Kaimen Collins

You are missed more than you can imagine. It has been 4 horrible birthdays without you here on earth. We know you are in a better place but we sure do miss you! Happy 22nd Birthday, Son! We sure do love you beyond anyone's imagination!!

Love, Mom, Steve, and Kaitom