

American Legion to hold flag retirement Aug. 14

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Do you have an old American flag in poor shape, but don't know what to do with it? Take it to American Legion's annual Flag Retirement Ceremony. The ceremony will be taking place this coming Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 5 p.m. A potluck dinner will be provided by American Legion's Ladies Auxiliary prior to the ceremony. The event will be held at Rock Island State Park picnic area No. 2 and it's estimated more than 3,000 flags will be retired.

According to American Legion Post

173 Commander Kevin Killea, there will be markers set up to help guide members of the community to their destination. He encourages everyone to attend.

"We will conduct the retirement ceremony and properly burn the old flags," said Killea. "It's a solemn thing retiring our nation's flag with honor."

Any old American flags will be accepted by American Legion and they request you help promote civic responsibility in the community.

For more information, contact Harold Lough at 931-205-4596.



A flag-burning ceremony to retire old flags is set for Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Rock Island State Park.

Raises

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Bell, who said commissioners have not received a monthly pay raise in 20 years, made a motion to move \$12,000 into that salary line item.

Per the 75 cents, full-time county employees will receive approximately \$1,500 per year. Teachers are slated to receive an \$800 raise. Other school system employees will receive \$520 on the salary schedule and a \$300 bonus.

State-mandated raises of 4.66 percent:

- County executive \$86,941 up to \$90,992
- Road superintendent \$82,802 up to \$86,661
- Sheriff \$82,802 up to \$86,661
- Trustee, clerks of courts, county clerk, and register of deeds \$75,274 up to \$78,782
- Assessor of property \$75,274 up to \$78,782
- Administrator of elections \$67,747 up to \$70,904

Bell's initial declaration was accurate. His measure died due to lack of a second.

"I appreciate what Terry tried to do," said Commissioner Scott Rubley. "However, I do not feel comfortable voting myself a raise. I do feel like that everybody on the county commission for the last four years has gone above and beyond and worked really hard. I think that a \$40 raise wouldn't touch what they've done and the work they put forth, but I did not feel comfortable voting myself a raise."

Also on the committee are Road Superintendent Levie Glenn, Director of Schools Bobby Cox, and outgoing County Executive Herschel Wells. Those three, as well as Bell, would not

have benefited from a salary increase for commissioners, alleviating any concerns for a conflict.

Wells said he would have voted in favor of the motion, if it had received a second and had been brought to a vote.

"It's not my place to second a motion," said Wells. "I would have voted for it, if someone had seconded it. It wouldn't have passed. We tried to give everyone a raise in 2004 or 2005. It didn't make it that time. I doubt it would have this time. We did get a raise a few years back from \$15 to \$25 per meeting."

Commissioners currently receive \$260 monthly as a fixed salary. That amount does not include the \$25 per committee meeting. Unlike the monthly commission meeting, commissioners have to be in attendance and assigned to that committee in order to be paid. In the event of a special called meeting, commissioners are paid \$30 for their attendance.

Cox stated, "I looked at this as I try to look at all items asking myself 'was this a justified expense and good use of taxpayer dollars?' I assume since there was no second to the motion by any committee members, which included members of the commission, the answer to that question was no from all on the committee. If the commission would like to vote an increase in pay for their members, that is certainly a decision they can make."

The consolidated budget was approved, as well as the property tax rate of \$1.9661. It will be presented to the full Warren County Commission on Aug. 20. Changes can be made at that time.

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CITY OF MCMINNVILLE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019			
GENERAL FUND	ACTUAL 2016-2017	PROJECTED 2017-2018	PROPOSED 2018-2019
Estimated Revenues			
Local Taxes	9,182,581.00	9,010,758.00	9,098,900.00
State of Tennessee	1,684,517.00	1,739,828.00	2,622,500.00
Federal Government	126,570.00	124,155.00	130,650.00
Other Sources	1,104,161.00	1,376,674.00	1,230,600.00
Total Estimated Revenue	12,097,829.00	12,251,415.00	13,082,650.00
Estimated Expenditures			
Salaries	5,155,897.00	5,637,446.00	6,194,450.00
Other Costs	6,397,184.00	7,258,338.00	10,586,729.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	11,553,081.00	12,895,784.00	16,781,179.00
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	6,217,624.00	6,762,372.00	6,118,003.00
Estimated Ending Fund Balance	6,762,372.00	6,118,003.00	2,419,474.00
Employee Positions	116	116	119
STREET AID FUNDS			
Estimated Revenues			
Local Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
State of Tennessee	379,164.00	441,553.00	415,000.00
Other Sources	557.00	1,114.00	800.00
Total Estimated Revenue	379,721.00	442,667.00	415,800.00
Estimated Expenditures			
Salaries	41,431.00	43,598.00	45,700.00
Other Costs	273,477.00	267,095.00	491,820.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	314,908.00	310,693.00	537,520.00
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	247,435.00	312,248.00	444,222.00
Estimated Ending Fund Balance	312,248.00	444,222.00	322,502.00
Employee Positions	1	1	1
DEBT SERVICE FUND			
Estimated Revenues			
Local Taxes	728,506.00	738,049.00	768,806.00
Other Sources	37,300.00	36,400.00	35,200.00
Total Estimated Revenue	765,806.00	774,449.00	804,006.00
Estimated Expenditures			
Other Costs	765,806.00	774,449.00	804,006.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	765,806.00	774,449.00	804,006.00
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	3,136.00	3,136.00	3,136.00
Estimated Ending Fund Balance	3,136.00	3,136.00	3,136.00
Employee Positions	0	0	0
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL			
Estimated Revenues			
Local Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
User Fees	1,231,358.00	1,404,524.00	1,400,000.00
Other Sources	10,340.00	21,189.00	10,300.00
Total Estimated Revenue	1,241,698.00	1,425,713.00	1,410,300.00
Estimated Expenditures			
Salaries	351,664.00	239,974.00	252,800.00
Other Costs	994,135.00	906,775.00	1,292,150.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	1,345,799.00	1,146,749.00	1,544,950.00
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	301,181.00	197,080.00	476,044.00
Estimated Ending Fund Balance	197,080.00	476,044.00	341,394.00
Employee Positions	8	7	7

GRAND JURY

A man accused of leading officers on a high-speed chase from Centertown to McMinnville, and reportedly swerved in an effort to hit a deputy on foot, has been indicted by the Warren County grand jury.

Howard Eugene Brown has been indicted for two counts of theft of property over \$1,000, reckless endangerment, reckless driving, evading arrest, aggravated assault, and driving on a revoked license.

Brown reportedly stole two vehicles during his run from the law and was able to elude two sets of spike strips. Officers chased him through Newtown all the way to downtown McMinnville, but called off the chase as Brown passed Hardee's because of the risk to public safety.

Brown escaped initially but was captured days later at a home in Centertown.

In its regular August session on Friday, the grand jury also issued these indictments.

Patricia Jean Ashburn was indicted for manufacture, sale, or delivery of meth.

Michael W. Cagle was indicted for intentional tampering with a GPS device, and violation of the sex offender registration law.

Lucas Ray Collins, Matthew Justin Collins and Robert N. Ghrist were indicted for aggravated robbery. They are charged with storming a local hotel room and demanding cash from the occupants.

Angela Darlene Craven was indicted for possession of a schedule II drug and possession of meth.

Frankie Lee George was indicted for two counts of aggravated assault, aggravated domestic assault, and six counts of reckless endangerment with a weapon.

Joshua Wayne Goff was indicted for driving on a suspended license second offense, resisting arrest, vandalism and evading arrest.

Yasminda C. Gonzalez

was indicted for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Allen Lee Hale was indicted for criminal simulation.

Justin Toye Hicks was indicted for possession of drug paraphernalia, driving on a suspended license, evading arrest, possession of meth for resale, and driving while in possession of meth.

Richard Hise was indicted for aggravated assault.

Krista Shanae Hodges and Timothy Duane Thomas were indicted for vandalism.

Gary Lee Johnson was indicted for aggravated domestic assault, preventing a 911 emergency call, unlawful drug paraphernalia, and vandalism between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Joshua Paul Johnson was indicted for driving on a revoked license sixth offense, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, and driving while restriction in effect.

Douglas Matthew Lundy was indicted for driving on a suspended license, refusal to sign citation, felony evading arrest, and leaving the scene of a crash.

Franklin Dewayne Nicholas was indicted for driving on a revoked license second offense.

Clayton Owen Nichols was indicted for domestic assault.

Christina Faith Price was indicted for possession of meth for resale.

Sonja Maria Smith was indicted for shoplifting.

Eddie C. Southard was indicted for driving while license suspended, evading while operating a motor vehicle, and reckless driving.

Johnny Miles Tindell was indicted for driving on a revoked license eighth offense.

Michael Anthony Wright Jr. was indicted for unlawful possession of a weapon, driving on a revoked license, reckless endangerment and evading arrest.

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