

# County approves resolution regarding road closure

For the record

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STAFF WRITER

The Green County Fiscal Court, in a special called meeting Tuesday, November 15, approved a resolution concerning the proposed discontinuance and closure of B. Montgomery Road.

"Following a request by the landowner to close B. Montgomery Road, the Court moved to close the road," said Judge-Executive John Frank. "There is

only one landowner on B. Montgomery Road and the Court felt it was in everyone's best interest to proceed with the closure."

In other business, magistrates approved:

(1) The second reading and adoption of Budget Amendment No. 23003 regarding the road fund with total amended revenues amounting to \$213,900 and total amended appropriations, \$213,900;

(2) The appointment of Patsy Pruitt to the Industrial Development Board (Dec. 1, 2022 - Nov. 30, 2025);

(3) A request for funds regarding the Food Pantry Building Project, amounting to \$38,997;

(4) To accept excess fees from the Green County Clerk's office, totaling \$3,621.25;

(5) Authorization to surplus an old backhoe;

(6) To advertise for bids concerning

the Judicial Center janitorial contract;

(7) To apply for a Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) grant concerning the ambulance service;

(8) To share in the cost regarding pay for the food pantry director with Fiscal Court being responsible for \$25 per week.

Magistrates acknowledged the Green County Clerk's audit for the year ending December 31, 2021.

## Greensburg Police Department

Bruce E. Ginger, 51, 115 Riverview Street, Greensburg, was arrested Nov. 16 at his residence by Officer Johnson on a Green County Circuit Court Warrant for Failure to Pay Child Support. Ginger was also arrested on three Green County District Court Warrant for Failure to Appear for Assault 4th Degree No Injury, Criminal Trespassing 3rd Degree, Receiving Stolen Property, two counts of Operating a motor Vehicle with Expired Operator's License, two counts of Failure to Produce Insurance Card, two counts of License to be in Possession, Careless Driving, No Registration Receipt, Failure to or Improper Signal.

Kira I. Monroe, 34, 309 Durham Street, Greensburg, was arrested at her residence Nov. 16 by Cor-

poral C.R. Davis on a Taylor County Grand Jury Indictment Warrant charging Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree (five counts), Criminal Abuse 1st Degree- Child Under 12 Years of Age (three counts), and Assault 2nd Degree (five counts).

Lillian R. Russell, 20, 111 South McCullum Ave., Greensburg, was arrested Nov. 16 on US68/KY61 by Officer Josh Keltner. Subsequent to a traffic stop, Russell was arrested on a Harding County Probation Violation (misdemeanor offense).

Melissa J. McNear, 47, 100 S. Water Street, Greensburg, was arrested Nov. 16 on Campbellville Road by Officer S. Coffman on a Green County Bench Warrant for Failure to Pay Fines for the charge of Possession of Open Alcohol Beverage Container in Motor Vehicle.

# City meets, seeks lease agreement

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The Greensburg City Council, in a special called meeting Tuesday, November 15, approved a lease agreement between the City of Greensburg

and Merion Haskins' company, South Central Leaf Services.

"Mr. Haskins' company will provide tobacco administrative grading services (TAGS) in addition to buying hemp. We're

excited to have his services available in Greensburg," said Mayor John Shuffett.

In other business, the Council approved Ordinance No. 2022-1212 establishing the schedule for the

Greensburg City Council meetings. Meetings shall be moved from the Greensburg Community Center to the City Hall council chambers located at 110 West Court Street.

# District Court New from Nov. 7, Nov. 14 sessions

**District Court November 14 session Judge Mike Hall presiding**

Cassandra Jo Hollins, 30, failure to signal, expired registra-

tion receipt, no insurance, failure to notify address change to department of transportation an instructional permit violations. \$1000 fine plus costs. Michael Townsend,

33, driving on a suspended license. \$100 fine plus costs. Cynthia Ann Bright, 42, speeding. Pay costs. Traffic school. Abigail F. Brown-

ing, 23, alcohol intoxication in a public place. \$50 fine plus costs. Daniel L. Turner, 31, third-degree criminal trespassing, resisting arrest, second-degree, dis-

orderly conduct, and possession of drug paraphernalia. 20 days to serve, 40 days probated. Pay costs.

**November 7 session Judge Amy**

**Sullivan Anderson presiding**  
John Wayne Lockard, 43, public intoxication controlled substance. Credit time served. \$50 fine plus costs.

# Using his pardon power, Beshear lets people with certain certified health conditions possess up to eight ounces of medical marijuana

**By AL CROSS**  
KY HEALTH NEWS

Kentuckians who meet a detailed set of requirements would be able to possess up to 8 ounces of marijuana for medical use starting Jan. 1, under an executive order Gov. Andy Beshear signed Tuesday. The drug would have to be bought in a state where the sale of cannabis is legal, and the person would need the receipt and a certification from a health-care provider saying that they have at least one of 21 specific conditions, including cancer, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, Crohn's disease, sickle-cell anemia, severe and chronic pain, post-traumatic stress disorder, fibromyalgia, glaucoma or a terminal illness.

Beshear's order is in the form of an advance, conditional pardon. He had not mentioned such a device in his seven months of public deliberation about the issue, which began when the state Senate again refused to hear a House-passed bill to legalize medical cannabis. Republicans control both chambers.

The highest-quality health care is a human right," the Democratic governor asserted. Noting that Kentucky has high rates of cancer and painkiller overdoses, he said "There's another way to manage the pain without the threat of addiction." Beshear created

a Medical Cannabis Advisory Committee that held several public hearings on the issue. It received more than 3,500 comments, 98.6% of which favored of legalizing medical cannabis, he said.

"Kentuckians are leaving this state to access medical cannabis," he said. "Some of them are leaving this state for good." The drug is legal in 37 states.

One commission member, Justice Secretary Kerry Harvey, said cannabis is "a treatment that's already available to the overwhelming majority of Americans but not Kentuckians," some of whom have declined to use the drug because they don't want to violate the law: "What an awful choice that must be."

Jared Bonvell, a veteran from Northern Kentucky, said his use of cannabis gave him "a change of life that is just absolutely astounding," allowing him to stop taking 13 medications.

Paducah contractor Craig Manley said in a video that nothing took away his pain except THC, the psychoactive ingredient in cannabis.

State and federal law define marijuana as containing Delta-9 THC. Products containing Delta-8 THC, a less potent form, are on the market legally. Beshear signed another order regulating Delta-8 THC and said it would provide the legal framework for regulating

cannabis if the legislature legalizes it.

Beshear's cannabis order notes that 8 ounces is the most marijuana that can be possessed under Kentucky law without being a felony, and says the health-care provider's certification "shall not constitute a prescription for medical cannabis."

The order allows the cannabis to be possessed by a caregiver, defined as someone at least 21 and with "significant responsibility for managing the well-being of the individual on whose behalf the cannabis was purchased."

"Today's actions are not substitutes for much-needed legislation," Beshear said. "What we're trying to do is take a measured step to help those who are struggling."

State Rep. Jason Nemes, R-Louisville, who sponsored the unsuccessful bills, called Beshear's order an "unprecedented power grab" that "cannot stand," WDRB reports, adding, "Nemes says he invites the governor to work with lawmakers to develop a legal medical marijuana program." Beshear said he would keep working to legalize medical cannabis with a law.

John Cheves of the Lexington Herald-Leader reports, "There may yet be legal challenges to Beshear's actions. House and Senate leaders did not immediately respond to requests for comment Tuesday. But

the office of Republican Attorney General Daniel Cameron, who often clashes with Beshear, said he's studying the orders."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Green County Fiscal Court, on November 15, 2022, voted to close B. Montgomery Road in its entirety and remove same from the County Road System. B. Montgomery Road begins at the intersection of Ewing-Hicks Road and B. Montgomery Road, and is located in the Bluff Boom Community of Green County, Kentucky. A more particular description can be observed at the office of the Green County Judge/Executive.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

An ordinance amending the Green County budget for fiscal year 2022-2023, to include unanticipated receipts from Miscellaneous Revenue in the amount of \$213,900.00 and increasing expenditures in the area of Reserve for Transfer, was adopted by the Green County Fiscal Court on November 15, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.



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