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## County commission approves raises for eligible employees as part of new budget

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

The Franklin County Commission approved a \$14.33 million budget for the upcoming fiscal year at a special meeting held September 29.

Commissioners unanimously approved the budget that includes \$7.72 million in the General Fund, \$4.09 million in the Franklin County Highway Department and \$2.52 million in the Solid Waste Department.

The budget includes a four percent cost of living raise for all eligible permanent and temporary employees, as well as any step raises due in the upcoming fiscal year. A 5.9 percent increase in health insurance premiums for single and family coverage will be absorbed by the county in the

budget with no premium increases passed on to employees.

The budget also included the conversion of Tier II employees to receive Tier I state benefits from the Retirement Systems of Alabama, a move that was approved by the commission earlier this year.

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office budget, along with the budget for the Franklin County Jail, are contained within the \$7.72 million General Fund. The FY 21-22 budget includes \$2.064 million for the Sheriff's Office, an increase of \$21,215 from last year, and \$1.905 million for the Franklin County Jail operational budget, an increase of \$66,636 from the previous year. Those costs represent approximately 51 percent of the

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## Phil Campbell council votes to increase garbage collection fees at October meeting

John Pilati  
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At its October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Phil Campbell City Council voted to increase garbage collection fees that will take effect January 1, 2022.

The council voted unanimously to increase residential garbage fees from \$14/month to \$16/month, and dumpster monthly fees from \$100/month to \$110/month for four-yard dumpsters, from \$130/month to \$140/month on six-yard dumpsters and from \$160/month to \$170/month for eight-yard dumpsters.

Extra dumps also will increase from \$50 to \$60.

The changes came in response to the Franklin County Commission's recent approval of a \$3/ton increase in household garbage fees. The Town of Phil Campbell will now pay \$39/ton rather than the previous \$36/ton fee.

"As a result of the county's increase, we need to increase our fees to compensate for that," said council member Phillip King. "That's why we are doing this. With Franklin County going up on us, we have no choice."

The Franklin County increase came as the result of an increase in transfer station fees charged to the

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approval. Those 8.5 employees will also receive the cost of living raise. The difference needed to balance this year's budget will come from transfers from the Capital Improvement Fund, Public Buildings Fund, Public Highway and Traffic Fund and a fund balance carried forward from last fiscal year, Franklin County Probate Judge Barry Moore said.

Capital outlay items for the Sheriff's Office will be purchased through the Sheriff's Office. Capital outlay items for the Highway Department will be purchased through the Highway Department capital outlay items for the Solid Waste Department through the Solid Waste Department.

Moore expressed his appreciation to Franklin County Administrator Leah Mansell for her work preparing the budget.

"You are very much appreciated, and we thank all the county employees for the job they do in each department, Moore said. "We appreciate all our department heads for staying in budget last year on into this year's budget and keeping within the line items."

In other agenda items, the commission: —approved a low bid of \$18,000 for a used 2003 dumpster truck to be purchased from Turby's Trading.



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# My take on this... Spruce Pine Day is finally here!

Hi friends!

I hope you have your calendars marked for Saturday, the 16th. The weather is supposed to be beautiful. I have some great music lined up. A few are new to our stage. I'm excited to see some from last year that are returning. I enjoy spending the day with them and the people who gather around in front of the stage.

Come ready to spend the day! Look at all the arts and crafts, try out the food vendors, look inside our museum, enjoy the car show and come early for the bean dinner.

Hang close enough that you can hear your name drawn from the dozens of door prizes that have been donated. Once again, I'd like to personally thank you for your continued generosity.

We are also selling gun tickets again. Ten dollars for three chances on drawings for a Taurus GTC 9MM pistol. A Rossi Gallery .22LR Pump and a Citadel Boss Hog Semi Auto 12 Gauge. I have a few chances to sell and if all aren't sold, you will have a chance to buy Spruce Pine Day. You do not have to be present to win.

We have our shirts in and will be selling now and at Spruce Pine Day, if not sold out before then. They have the museum on the front again this year because of its popularity. Next year, the picture could change so you might want to buy now. Shirt prices will continue to be \$10 this year no matter the size.

As of now, we still have a variety of colors: green, daisy yellow, gray, pink, red, turquoise blue and stone gray-blue. Sizes are limited in each color so you should buy soon to get the color you want. You can call me to buy a shirt at (256)-483-1131. Shirts will need to be picked up the day called or no later than the following day.

We are hoping to set up at Yogi's Citgo in Spruce Pine or Phil Campbell Piggly Wiggly this week if time allows.

We still have our final decorations to be put out for Saturday but Thursday



Gail Motes

and Friday are our busiest days. We would appreciate any help you can provide.

Friday afternoon at the center is the longest hours because that is the night all preparations are made for our popular bean dinners. If any ladies will be available to help slice cabbages, look over beans before being cooked, icing cakes and helping to clean after it's all cooked will be gladly appreciated.

For the last few years, the ladies have had to stay so late and then arrive early the Saturday of Spruce Pine Day to get ready for the crowd. Needless to say, they are exhausted!

It would be so nice that these ladies could get help the Friday night before and to help clean up after the bean dinner. They have been so tired afterwards, they weren't able to go around and look at the other vendors and get the joy that this day brings. Please help these hard-working women. They deserve all the help they "need". This is not the night to bring children or grandkids. They are working, not socializing.

Thank you for your consideration.

At the closing of Spruce Pine Day, a new crew would be appreciated to help clean up.

The same limited few who have worked all week and all day are so exhausted. Please come help pick up signs that have been used to block roads. Hay bales will need to be picked up and delivered to the owner. All trash will need to be picked up as well.

Please come out and help!

This can be the time that the town can show their appreciation. This day was set aside for everyone to enjoy. Just remember a few volunteers beat none. A lot of volunteers show us that Spruce Pine really matters to you!

Please, tell everyone you know about Spruce Pine Day. get the word out from here, to Hamilton, to Florence.

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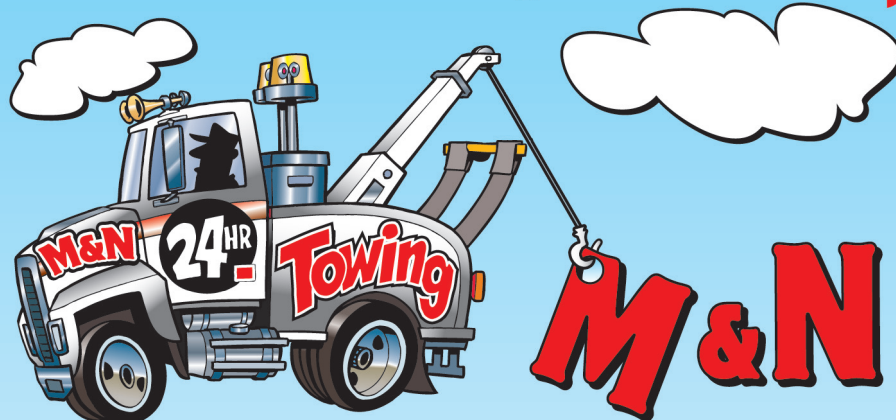


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Registration will take place at three locations this year. Florence registration will be held in the Academy parking lot, Colbert County registration will be held at the National Guard Armory in Muscle Shoals, and Franklin County registration will be held at the Tractor Supply store in Russellville. Registration will take place on Thursday and Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM and on Saturday from 8:00 AM until 11:30 AM. Appointments will not be scheduled this year; it is a first come first serve basis. Please call 211 for more information.

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If you have already registered for another Christmas Assistance program, you DO NOT qualify to participate for Toys for Tots. Children over the age of 12 years old do not qualify.

Please bring the following items to registration:

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- Please do not bring any children to registration.

To register, please bring all required documents to the above referenced location during registration hours. You may also register online, at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

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## 'COUNCIL,' from page 1

county by the Morris Farms Landfill in Hillsboro.


In other agenda items, the council:

- approved paying more than \$700 to the Phil Campbell Volunteer Fire Department for fire calls from May 6, 2021 through September 17, 2021..
- approved a \$2/hour pay increase for Phil Campbell Police Chief Jessica Clement, effective November 1, 2021. Clement's six month probationary period ends at the end of October, so her rate of pay will increase to \$18.48/hour as of November. The vote was 3-2 in favor of the raise, with Mayor Mike McQuery and council members Lynn Landers and Eddie Marbutt voting in favor and Phillip King and Barry King voting against.
- agreed to purchase a power scrubber to be used at the Phil Campbell Community Center to clean the floors. The scrubber will be purchased for \$3,330 and the expense will be reimbursed through the city's COVID-19 funds.
- discussed changing the deposit and/or requirements to rent the Phil Campbell Community Center after two recent rentals left the building 'trashed,' according to McQuery. The council will consider an increase in the deposit and/or requiring a credit card to be on file in order to recover any cost of cleaning/damages. The council will also solicit bids for cleaning the center on a per job basis.
- heard an update on property located on Hwy. 237 that will be purchased by the city from Barry Pounders. The land will adjoin the city's splash pad and community center. The transaction will be finalized once the title insurance is prepared.
- tabled agenda items to consider the status of Phil Campbell's Building Inspector (Mike Rice), Fire Chief (Mike Rice) and Assistant Fire Chief (Eric Rice).


A large crowd attended the meeting anticipating some potential action by the mayor or council regarding these positions, but after a 20 minute executive session, the council returned and voted to table the agenda items on the three positions and no action was taken.

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## Bobcats look to rebound with sights set on top-2 region finish

Brady Petree  
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Last Thursday might not have ended with a victory the way that the Phil Campbell Bobcats had wanted against Lauderdale County. But rest assured, head coach Kevin Barnwell has the Bobcats trending in the right direction.

In a matchup that has been heavily dominated by Lauderdale County in recent years (including a 92-0 outscoring over the previous two matchups between the two schools), just keeping it competitive would have certainly been a step towards progress against the seventh-ranked Tigers.

But Barnwell's Bobcats did more than just keep it competitive. Going up against a Lauderdale County squad that has run through the first six games of their schedule with relative ease while scoring over 30 points per game on average, the Bobcats didn't back down in the moment.

And while a 13-6 loss on the night leaves something to be desired moving forward, the progress of the Bobcats certainly isn't lost on Barnwell.

But finding a way to get to the next level is something that he and his staff are looking to implement in the coming weeks, months and years as they go along.

"We're making progress as a program but we've got to find a way to make it over the hump to beat those kinds of teams. We had the ball 1st and goal and didn't score. A lot of that falls on me and I've got to do a better job when we get into the red zone," Barnwell said. "I hate the fact that our kids played as hard as they did and didn't have anything to show for it but that's part of the game and it's a part of life too.

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# Bringing home a title

Fresh off of a conference championship, head coach of the Russellville Middle School Golden Tigers Corey Flanagan is hopeful this is just the beginning of string of success.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Golden Tigers beat teams such as Ardmore, West Morgan, East Limestone among others en route to a 6-1 record on the season and a conference championship as well.

Brady Petree  
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It didn't take long for Corey Flanagan to experience his first championship as a head coach.

After spending years as an assistant coach over the years for Deshler and Russellville High Schools, Flanagan got the nod earlier in the year to take over the Russellville Middle School program after longtime head coach Larry Gilmer announced his retirement.

After a 6-1 season, the RMS football team came away with a clean sweep in the Northwest Alabama Conference playoffs to bring home the conference championship.

With wins over Sheffield, West Morgan, Lawrence County, Ardmore, East Limestone and Brewer, the Golden Tigers found multiple ways to win en route to that 6-1 record.

However, things weren't perfectly smooth this season. Following a jamboree win over Priceville and their first regular season win over Sheffield, a loss to Deshler on the road forced the Golden Tigers to readjust some things and shore up some shortcomings, something that can be difficult to do at the middle school level.

But according to Flanagan, once the changes were implemented, and those changes were needed by his own admission, the Golden Tigers took off and never looked back.

"In hindsight, looking back at it, it was kind of a point for us to check ourselves and go back and fix some things and really focus on tackling and improving at the line of scrimmage," Flanagan said. "You never want to lose, and I hate losing more than anyone. But looking back on the year, it was kind of a blessing in disguise because it

revealed some things we needed to do better and we certainly focused on those things going forward."

After the loss to Deshler by a final of 20-6, the Golden Tigers opened up conference play with West Morgan, a game in which they won 12-6. And with that victory over West Morgan, the Golden Tigers continued their winning streak all the way to the finish line including a high-scoring game against East Limestone by a 56-40 final, a score not commonly seen at the middle school level, or high school level for that matter.

The turnaround that the Golden Tigers showed following the Deshler loss is what set the tone for the rest of their championship season. And now with one championship in the Flanagan era, the first-year head coach is hoping that this is only the beginning of the championship standard.

"My whole career before this point has been as a varsity assistant both at Deshler and here at Russellville. But this season has just been so special and rewarding. It's certainly been a lot of work but it's rewarding," Flanagan said. "And I kind of think back to how our season went but after our Deshler game, the commitment from the players and staff to do what we needed to do was phenomenal. And I believe that if you're going to play in a conference, your goal should be to win that conference and establish that standard."

Whether it be by defensive prowess or by a shootout on offense, the Golden Tigers middle school team found ways to come away with a victory.

And oftentimes, middle school teams typically succeed on one side of the football with some work to be done on the opposite side, as to be

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expected with players that young. It's very rare that teams in middle school are capable of having great success in all aspects of the game. But the ability to win football games in multiple fashions is what set this Golden Tiger team apart and ultimately brought home a conference championship.

"I've always thought that good teams have to find different ways to win. And throughout our season, whether it was the West Morgan game where we didn't play where we knew we were capable of playing offensively but the defense stood up and helped us win that game or it's like the East Limestone game where it's an absolute shootout offensively, our guys found different ways to win," Flanagan said. "I was very proud of this team because they were incredibly resilient. We were very battle-tested and the kids really bought into what the coaches were selling and we put in a lot of time and effort so I was just extremely proud of our players and our coaches."

Part of being a coach, whether it be at the middle school, high school or any other level, is attempting to ensure that players become better players of their respective sport while also attempting to make sure that the players grow off the field as well.

And coming into this job, making sure that he along with his coaching staff focused on both on and off field matters was something of a priority for Flanagan. And the response he got from coaches and players alike was one of a positive note and undoubtedly played a vital role in the success of the RMS program this season.

"One of the main reasons that I took this job was because I wanted to help these kids on *and* off the field and help prepare them both as a Golden Tiger and as a person. My coaching staff was willing to do anything that I never asked them to do anything that I wouldn't do myself, I've always been big on that aspect," Flanagan said. "The coaches bought in, the players bought in and we were able to really prepare well every single week."

Getting a massive amount of support from coaches at the varsity level, fans in the stands and the administration has certainly shown in recent years both at the middle school and varsity levels.

Flanagan says that the support from all involved with the program, inside and out, has been a major source of help this season and is what makes the Russellville system one of the more special ones around, in his opinion.

"One of the things that separates Russellville from most of the other systems out there, and that's not knocking any other system, is the support that we get. Knowing that when you do your job and you work hard, the things that you need in order to be successful are going to be put into place by the administration and people that make those decisions," Flanagan said. "It's a phenomenal feeling knowing that you're going to have that kind of support."

The success that the middle school team had this season is a positive note for a Russellville program that has had a recent string of winning seasons at both levels.

And as the Golden Tigers prepare to play for their second straight region championship this Friday night, the influx of talent that has come through the middle school system over the years is currently coming to fruition at the school's highest level.

Aligning the schemes at the middle school level to replicate what is being done at the high school level is something that Flanagan and his staff are trying to instill as they go forward. And the dividends that the Golden Tigers could see in the coming years could be rather massive.

"When you look at what our varsity program has done and how they've been successful, our job at the middle school level is to enhance that and help our kids prepare from a scheme standpoint. We don't try to freelance and throw in off-the-wall things," Flanagan said. "I have a pretty good idea offensively of what coach Ritter's scheme is as an assistant under him. And my defensive staff works very closely with coach Balentine as well. We're very competitive and want to win but we also don't want to get them used to something that isn't going to fit the scheme they'll see down the road."

Of course it takes a team effort to bring home a championship. However, there are always a few standout performances over the course of the season that can propel a team forward and give them an extra boost.

For the Golden Tigers, there were a few names that stood out with some more memorable performances. Those performances are part of the reason that this season will always stand out to Flanagan as part of his first season as the head coach of a prolific program.

"Ben Pounders was pretty much our emotional leader. He played quarterback, receiver, running back, punter, safety and even held for extra points. He went down in the East Limestone game and went down with an ankle injury and Cam Phinizee stepped up and had a phenomenal game. He had 34 carries for 380 yards and seven touchdowns and I don't care what level of football it is, that's an amazing performance," Flanagan said. "Tripp Cleveland stepped in and played quarterback for us and in the championship and played with great poise. Brayden Hatton was another guy that stepped up for us at wide receiver late in the year and was huge for our offense. If I could sum this team up with one word, it would be resilient. They were tough and it didn't matter what happened because it was a next man up mentality. Someone was stepping up and making plays. I'm just really proud of this team because they fought so hard and we had a really great season."

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But I'm going to go back to work this week and do what I can to put our kids in a position to succeed so that we *can* get over that hump."

All-in-all, the Bobcats, who are 4-3 on the season, have lost three games by a combined total of 15 points and were arguably just a few plays away from going into last week with an undefeated season of their own.

Helping his players learn from the tough losses they've had this season is something that Barnwell is focusing hard on this year.

"If we make those plays, we are about three plays away from being 7-0 right now. But we're going to go back to work this week," Barnwell said. "In coaching, you try to teach your kids how to succeed but you also have to teach them how to deal with failure and use it as a learning experience. And as a coach I need to learn from those mistakes as well and move forward and see if we can get better week to week."

Making such a significant stride from year-to-year against a formidable opponent as Lauderdale County is huge for a Bobcat program that looks to increase its turnout and retention rate in the coming seasons.

And one thing that certainly helps in that department, was the feeling in the air for a midseason game in October at Phil Campbell. The feeling of excitement and postseason implications were in the air and the feeling certainly couldn't be missed.

"That's a top-5 team in the state (3A) and we were right there with them, blow-for-blow. That was a playoff atmosphere without a doubt and I think it just speaks volumes as to how far our kids have come in this program," Barnwell said. "And now our next step is to try and get them over the hump to be one of those top-5 teams eventually."

The Bobcats won't have long to dwell on the loss to Lauderdale County as they now have to turn their attention to other matters at hand, which is playing for the second seed in 3A region 8 and more importantly hosting a first round playoff game.

But according to Barnwell, soon after the loss, the Bobcats had already turned their focus towards East Lawrence.

"We have a 24 hour rule in our program. Once those 24 hours are up, whether it's a big win or if it's after a loss, we have to learn from our mistakes and move forward," Barnwell said. "So we've got to take those learning experiences that we were dealt with on Thursday night and move forward."

The next two weeks will be pivotal for the Bobcats as they try to ensure that

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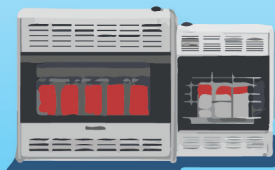
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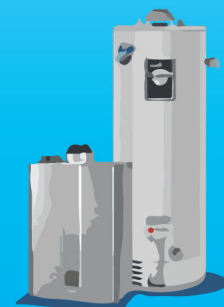
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The performance by the middle school team over the course of the season has garnered the attention from both fans and coaches and most notably, varsity head coach John Ritter.

Ritter says that there's no doubt that Flanagan was the ideal person to take over the program and while they both share the same goals for the program, Flanagan is off to an exceptional start in achieving those goals.

"Coach Flanagan was the right man for the job because he's taking the best parts of the program that's been in place the past couple of years and kept those the same and he's also expanded and changed some things which was a goal of both of ours," Ritter said. "I'm very proud of the product that they have put out on the field. We have outstanding coaches for the middle school and I don't think people understand just how blessed we are to have a coaching staff on that level that's as good as they are. They are great men but they are great coaches as well and they have put a phenomenal product on the field."

The coaching staff for the aforementioned RMS program includes: Jason Walker, Jermaine Groce, Kyle Taylor, Jake Ward, Jacob Wallace, Jonathan Odom, Chris Boatwright, Terrell Groce and Will Rushing.

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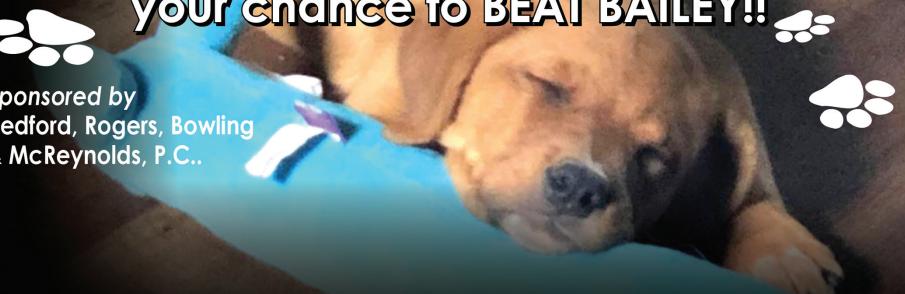
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...aforementioned second seed in their region. With games against East Lawrence and Danville, followed by a tuneup in the final game of the season against Hackleburg, Phil Campbell will look to do something they haven't done since 2002: host a playoff game.

"All of our goals are still in front of us. We still have the opportunity to come in second in our region and to host a playoff game and that's huge for us as a program to be able to do that," Barnwell said. "We've got our next two games as region games and then our final game against Hackleburg so we need to win these next three and put ourselves in a position to start the playoffs and after that it's a one week season every week."

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Missouri vs. Texas A&M	Texas A&M	_____
Georgia vs. Kentucky	Georgia	_____
North Carolina vs. Miami	North Carolina	_____
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