

LEGALS

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Gary Knowles, Jr. as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the East Door, Taylor County Courthouse 108 N. Jefferson St., Perry, FL 32347, at 11:00 AM, on January 12, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: COMMENCING AT RAILROAD SPIKE IN CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD #361 AT SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 7 EAST, TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 15 MINUTES EAST 50 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD #361; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 16 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY 213 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 16 MINUTES EAST 210.7 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 420.0 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 16 MINUTES WEST 206.75 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST 420.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.105 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. Property Address: 1924 PISGAH RD PERRY, FL 32347
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.
Dated this 30th day of November, 2022.

Gary Knowles, Jr.
As Clerk of the Court
By: Kathryn Lago
Deputy Clerk
IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Carrina Cooper, Court Administration, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055; Phone: 386.758.2163. Contact Court Administration at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing impaired call 11.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2022-528-CP**

Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF
GINA MARIE BELL,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of GINA MARIE BELL, Deceased, whose date of death was June 17, 2022, and whose social security number is ***-**-3199, is pending in the Circuit Court for TAYLOR County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Taylor County Courthouse, 108 N Jefferson St, Perry, FL 32347. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set

forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 21, 2022.
Personal Representative:
Anthony Joseph Spranger
1407 N. Springfield St.
Perry, FL 32347
Lloyd E. Peterson, Jr., Attorney
905 SW Baya Drive, Lake City, FL 32025
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2022-523-CP**

In Re: Estate of
ELLIS WAYNE CONNELL, Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
The administration of the Estate of ELLIS WAYNE CONNELL, deceased, File No. 2022-523-CP, by the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Drawer 620, Perry, FL 32348. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM (Sections 733.702 and 733.710 of the Florida Statutes).
All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this notice is December 21, 2022.

O. M. HOWARD, III, P.A.
Personal Giving Notice:
SANDY GAIL CHESTER
Personal Representative

2026 S. Dixie Highway
Perry, FL 32348
O. M. Howard, III
Attorney at Law, P.A.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2022-401-DR
PAUL WESLEY WALDRON,
Petitioner/Husband, And
CHRISTY WALDRON,
Respondent/Wife.

NOTICE OF SUIT
TO: CHRISTY WALDRON
c/o Terry Lynn Council
Pinview Apartments
427 Puckett Road, Apt. 8
Perry, Florida 32348

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your answer or other pleadings to the Petitioner's attorney, CONRAD C. BISHOP, JR., Post Office Box 167, Perry, Florida 32348, and file the original answer or pleading in the office of the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the 1st day of February, 2023.
IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
WITNESS my hand and official seal this 13th day of December, 2022.
GARY KNOWLES
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By:Shana Neal
Deputy Clerk
Dates of Publication:

December 21, 28
January 4, 11

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Madison County Community Bank, desires to engage in business under the fictitious name of: Taylor County Community Bank, a division of Madison County Community Bank. Madison County Community Bank, located in the County of Madison in the City of Madison in the State of Florida, intends to register said fictitious name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida pursuant to Section 865.09 Florida Statutes. Dated at Madison, Florida this December 16, 2022.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the fictitious name statute, Chapter 20953 or Section 865.09, Florida of State, Corporation Division, Tallahassee, Florida, upon receipt of proof of publications of this notice the fictitious name, to-wit: Name of business: Laundry Room Wash-N-Fold under which we/I will engage in business. i/we expect to engage in business in Perry, Florida and our address is: 1002 N. Jefferson St., Perry, FL 32347. Perry, FL 32347. The extent of ownership is: 100%. Who are the owners: Studstill's of Perry, Inc.

Beshears, Padgett posted video to calm parents' fears

STUDENTS

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once law enforcement became involved, this was considered a criminal investigation, and the school district does not comment," Beshears said.

"Nevertheless, I felt Sheriff (Wayne) Padgett and his office released all the details possible in a very timely and appropriate manner. As for the young

man in question, the district and the family will work together to ensure he receives the services and supports he needs in another setting. Choices have consequences, and I truly hope this incident will be a learning lesson for us all," Beshears said.

Beshears and Sheriff Padgett posted a video seeking to calm parents' fear on social media last Wednesday.

"We made the video because we wanted to ease the minds of our parents, students and community at large. The arrest that was made on Monday (Dec. 12) was due to our students' timely reporting and our sheriff and police department acting with urgency," Beshears said.

"The school team and I spoke to students the morning of the video to answer questions and

remind them of how important it is to report anything that makes them feel uneasy; to remind them that they all had the 'Fortify' app available if they felt more comfortable reporting anonymously; and in general, just to see our faces and let them know we were available if they needed anything; and that most of all, we were there to keep them safe," she added.

"I asked the sheriff to help

send the message to parents and our community that the threat had been resolved and ease their minds by letting them know they (law enforcement) were providing extra presence.

"I recognize that we as a district can always do better.

Walker will perform Friday

Billy Walker will perform during a Christmas Sing at the Family Worship Center this Friday, Dec. 23, starting at 6 p.m. The church is located at 1304 North Jefferson St.

Hampton: 'I wish we would respect staff a little bit'

HYDRANTS

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here and they have actually repaired the hydrants."

"Yes they do," McAfee agreed.

"I have not seen anything in the budget at all to repair hydrants," Brynes said.

"Wasn't ever allowed to," McAfee said.

"Explain that answer," Landry asked.

"You have a responsibility..." Brynes began.

"May I interject? You have a motion, and we are asking for clarification. I believe something like that needs a defined scope of work because we have to put it out for bid," City Attorney Ray Curtis stated.

"We can't just come back with a contractor. Do you want to amend your motion to direct staff to put together a scope of work so we can put it out for bid?" Curtis asked.

"Well, I want it to come back here before we put it out for bid," Brynes said. "It should not take that long."

"I will not be able to get an accurate number until I do," McAfee said.

"I would like to know a source of funding for that," City Finance Director Penny Staffney asked. "How are we going to fund it?"

"Can this come out of our ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money?" Mayor Shirlye Hampton asked.

"We will figure that out later," Brynes responded. "When you have \$1.7 million in your reserves and you are giving away free gas, there is a way to fund it."

"If you don't fund repair of those hydrants, you are not going to pay for it (pointing to city staff)," Brynes exclaimed. "Those people out there (pointing to the audience) are going to pay it in their insurance rates. It is going to cost them, and you need to fix it. We need to start fixing it!"

Hampton asked for a second to Brynes' motion, and Landry requested a clarification of the motion.

Curtis summarized the motion was to direct staff to develop a scope of work to repair or replace hydrants and valves listed as failed on the report and bring it back to the council.

"If they (hydrants) failed, I am going to ask a contractor to give us a price to fix them," McAfee responded.

Landry seconded the motion, and the council voted 5-0 in favor.

Following the vote, City Manager Taylor Brown asked for "more clarification on what is being asked here."

"This report is so detailed, and has done such a great job of letting us know what we need. I want to make the point that this report is about three years in the making. Staff has been working to do this inventory to identify all these bits of infrastructure and get a handle on any of it. You can't manage what you don't measure. We did not have that kind of inventory before. We did not have a map system or information on how old each valve was or which ones were working. We were basically running from one broken pipe to the next," Brown said.

Brown pointed out the recently-released water facilities report was part of a plan to create a "Master Inventory Spreadsheet" of all city assets and equipment he implemented shortly after being hired.

"It was our efforts to start this process so that the council would have good information to make decisions when it came time to plan or budget or prioritize. The needs in Perry are great. We have been talking about that for several years," Brown added.

"This new program has been developed, and this mapping process is a great leap forward. It is going to be difficult to find all the money that is needed, but we have been talking for the last several years during budget time that all we have been doing is just moving things in the capital improvement plan up one year while we were developing this plan,"

Brown continued.

"We have been doing the homework and all the groundwork to find out what our needs are so that we could populate the capital improvement plan later when we had this data so you can decide what the priorities are. Right now hydrants look awful in this report, but one of the important things Mr. Nally said is they did not make any assessment of any of the pipe distribution system, which is a huge..." Brown said.

"What does that got to do with a fire hydrant?" Brynes interrupted. "What does what you just said got to do with anything we are talking about and fixing fire hydrants? Chester just said they know which ones they are because the fire department flushes and gives them a report. They know already. So we just need to move on."

"I'm saying that there are other needs that are not included in this..." Brown responded.

"Of course there are," Brynes interrupted again.

"So what you decide to prioritize is a policy decision that you have to make, and we are really at the beginning of that stage, not the end. That is what I am trying to say basically. So even now, when you are wanting to attack fire hydrants, I want to make it clear as to what fire hydrants you want, because this report has given us an assessment of the ones that are poor, very poor or that have failed."

"All of them!" Brynes stated sharply.

Curtis attempted to determine if the scope of work should include hydrants and valves rated as "poor" or "very poor" in addition to those listed as "failed."

"That is why it is important, because the report says a minimum of \$3,500 should be budgeted for each hydrant replacement and an additional \$1,200 for those without valves. Every hydrant should have a valve and many of ours do not," Brown explained.

"That has been part of the problem with not replacing them, because without a valve, replacing a hydrant involves cutting everyone's water in an entire neighborhood for the better part of a day. It is a far better approach to do it wholesale by bringing in a contractor - as Bill suggested - and replacing all of them in a neighborhood at one time rather than one at a time, which we do not have the manpower to do," Brown said.

"That way you inconvenience your homeowners the least amount possible. You have to remember that each time we have to shut down the water in a neighborhood or replace a hydrant, you have sediment settled in the pipes that gets stirred up and generates a wave of complaints about dirty water. They think the water is bad and don't realize it is just sediment that gets stirred up," Brown stated.

"I just want to be sure what you are asking for, so we can calculate how many hydrants will be \$3,500 and how many will need the extra \$1,200, so we can provide a scope of work that will eventually go out for bid to get a contractor. I just want to be clear on what the direction is," Brown continued.

"You don't know that," Brynes said.

"I don't know what, Bill?" Brown asked.

"You don't know what you are talking about there because we don't know if they have to be replaced or not," Brynes stated.

"We don't have that information," Landry stated. "We don't know what work has to be done until they are inspected."

"This report is giving us that assessment," Brown pointed out.

"You guaranteeing it?" Brynes asked.

"No. That is what I am asking for clarification on," Brown responded.

"We are looking for somebody to fix these hydrants. That's it!" Brynes

retorted.

Ketring asked about several control panels installed in 1970 for the main water pumps that were listed in "poor" condition on the report.

"Gosh, it looks like a bunch of those should have been done in the 1990's and 2000's...just saying," Staffney stated.

"If those pumps or control panels go out, will that shut our main pumps down?" Ketring asked.

"We have a fail safe," McAfee replied.

"Staff has been good about repairing things as we have found them. I still have to report them because I found them in the assessment. Some of those may have been repaired or replaced," Nally said. "Some of those valves may be replaced with some of these major capital projects you have coming up."

"We have some time, but some could fail tomorrow. We can't plan on time," Landry said.

"You do the best you can with what you have is what it boils down to," Councilman Ward Ketring said.

"Well, you have to get started somewhere, and you have to maintain and keep maintaining. You have to have a schedule and follow it. You can't wait until something breaks down and then go tend to it. You've got to have a schedule to keep that from happening, and that is what we are not doing," Landry replied.

"Remember that for budget time," McAfee said.

"You keep saying budget, Chester, but things can be done to prevent us from having to have such a budget," Landry retorted.

"Do you know how often we change out a hydrant, Ms. Diane?" McAfee asked.

"No, I do not," Landry responded.

"About every other month or every third month. And here is why. In the month of December we had 117 (work orders) in two weeks. I've got two guys doing that - two! Those (work orders) go from Hwy. 19 all the way

to Rocky's, from Hwy. 98 to Hwy. 30 and from Hwy. 30 to Hwy. 27," McAfee explained.

"That is where those 117 jobs were in just the water department. I have just two guys (in the water department) for the first two-and-a-half weeks of every month. We try to schedule hydrant replacements at the end of every month when I am fully staffed with my (other two) meter readers after cut-offs, when everybody has paid and been turned back on," McAfee stated.

"It is about \$3,500 per hydrant at least. Sometimes they don't hold when we test them, and sometimes we do replace them. That takes time. That takes money. I am not scared of the money...it is the time. I don't have the staff to replace two hydrants or three valves every month. Because once you shut off a valve, you are messing with water quality. I am for maintenance. We will see this budget year. We will put it together," McAfee stated.

"I just wish we would respect the staff a little bit better than we do. We are all adults," Hampton said.

"Shirlye, I am talking to him!" Brynes said, pointing to Brown.

"Yes, I know, Mr. Brynes. But you are both adults," Hampton replied. "We do not have to holler and scream."

"I don't have to have excuses and excuses and excuses," Brynes replied.

"OK...OK, Well I respect each and every one of you guys," Hampton said.

"Mayor, if we had a speaker system in here that worked, you would not have to be loud," Brynes replied.

When Hampton called for a vote on the motion to approve the Water Asset Management Plan, it was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Another 5-0 vote adopted a resolution authorizing the city's loan application and a loan agreement with the SRF to fund construction of a new water plant.