

County attorney: 'If they won't do it, we'll do it'

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time as subject property is brought into compliance," the order stated.

However, according to Bishop, the violation, consisting of "a bunch of junk" that is "very close to the road," remained.

He also provided copies of a letter he sent to Hudson in January requesting that the issue be corrected within 30 days of receipt of the letter.

"This is one where they got an order and fined the person for not cleaning up like they were supposed to," Bishop told the commission.

"I looked at it, and I think...if you want to get it cleaned up, the quickest way to do it would be for you to tell me to file for an injunction to enjoin,"

Bishop told commissioners. "I sent the lady letters," Bishop said. "I've got pictures of where the problem is. There's a bunch of junk, and it's very close to the road."

"If the court were to grant the injunction telling the person they have got to move it, and then they don't do it, then we've got contempt power on it," he said.

Bishop added the same was true for the second case involving a property owned by Robert Jackson located at 16320 Royal Oak Drive.

According to an order filed by Code Enforcement Magistrate C. Hope Demps on May 1, she found Jackson was in violation of Section 30-72, "Prohibited generally. Accumulation of junk, trash, et al." and Section 30-74, "Keeping

unserviceable vehicles prohibited."

The order gave Jackson 30 days to correct the violations before daily fines of \$25 would be levied against him.

"Years ago, I did (an injunction) on a guy who was putting stuff out in the water, and we were successful in getting it moved out by the injunction process," Bishop said.

"It's up to you, and, of course, I can't guarantee that we'll be successful, but we've been successful in the past by doing that," he said.

Commissioner Pam Feagle made a motion to move forward with Bishop's recommendation to file for injunctions in both code enforcement complaints.

Commissioner Jim Moody seconded, and



A photo taken in May by County Code Enforcement Officer Troy Keen shows the alleged violations at 3809 Alton Wentworth Road. In an order filed by former Code Enforcement Magistrate Leenette W. McMillan in 2024, Ashli Hudson was found to be in violation of county's ordinances Section 42-889 regarding prohibited use of county right-of-way. At the Taylor County Commission meeting on June 17, County Attorney Conrad Bishop told the board that the violation still had not been corrected and recommended the county file for a court injunction in the case.

the measure passed unanimously.

"I'll keep you informed," Bishop said.

Feagle asked what a court injunction would say if granted by the court.

"The injunction says you need to move it, or get rid of it or clean it up," Bishop said. "It's not an order of the hearing officer, it's an order of the court, and if they don't do

it, then, number one, they can be held in contempt. Of course, I'm going to ask for the authority for us to go ahead and do it for them. If they won't do it, we'll do it."

County's oldest roll-off truck has 790,000 miles

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years.

Earlier this year, several of the county's roll-off trucks were down for repairs at the same time, resulting in numerous complaints as roll-off sites filled up and were temporarily unable to accept additional garbage.

At that time, the county purchased a new truck with funds that had been budgeted for the current fiscal year.

According to Wambolt, the county currently has six roll-off trucks, with mileage ranging from 3,426 miles to 790,058 miles.

The model years of the trucks and their respective mileage include: a 2007 truck (790,058 miles), 2009 model (643,149 miles), 2014 model (558,980 miles), 2020 truck (287,011 miles), 2020 model (281,544 miles) and a 2025 truck (3,426 miles).

"We're in need of some new trucks," Wambolt told the commission.

"There was one roll-off truck in the budget," Pemberton said. "If you recall, about the time we had so many issues with our trucks, one of the trucks became available. That was purchased with the funds that were in the budget."

"There is another truck that should be available in July, which was the truck that we had originally wanted to order," Pemberton said. "The question is, will you consider utilizing one-cent sales tax reserves to purchase the truck now?"

"We did not include it in next year's budget. We can, but then we will have to start the process all over again to purchase another truck," Pemberton said.

The cost of the truck and required equipment is \$230,234.

"Is time of the essence?" Commissioner Pam Feagle asked.

"The problem we've got

with these trucks is they are being built by Mack, and they can't get parts for them," Wambolt said. "I don't know how they're surviving selling trucks today, but it used to be there would be 500 trucks out there. Well, (now) there's a list, and they say we'll have 200, and that may be 10-12 months down the road. They do not have anything sitting out there on the lot where you can show up and say we need a truck."

"It's basically got to be forecast a long time out," he said. "I asked if he thought it would get any better, and he said with the tariffs and stuff, they are not sure."

Commissioner Michael Newkum asked if the new truck would replace the oldest 2007 model in the fleet, and Wambolt said

that was the plan, adding that they would probably transfer it to the county's public works department, which is in need of a truck.

"That '07, this week we had a turbo go out, and it was \$4,800 just for that," Wambolt said. "After the mileage gets so high, if the transmission goes out, is it really worth fixing? The truck may only be worth \$8,000, and a new transmission is \$16,000."

"You saw what happened when our trucks were down," he said. "We were struggling countywide. I know you guys were getting the calls." Wambolt added that they do perform maintenance on the trucks, but the life expectancy is usually around 800,000 miles.

Feagle asked about the

possibility of a lease option. Pemberton noted that the county tried the lease option back in 2020, but it did not end well after the company that was supposed to provide replacement trucks under the lease went out of business.

Feagle noted the county's financial issues, suggesting that staff look at all available options.

Commission Chairman Jamie English said he could support purchasing a truck while one was available, since the solid waste collection roll-off sites were a service the county provided to residents.

Commissioner Jim Moody made a motion to approve the purchase of a new truck using \$230,000 in cash reserves. Newkum seconded, and the measure passed unanimously.

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HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

City of Perry

The holiday schedule for garbage pick-up during the Fourth of July will be as follows:

The City of Perry will be closed Friday, July 4th



- Monday and Tuesday customers will be regular schedule
- Thursday customers will receive service on Wednesday, July 2nd
- Friday customers will receive service on Thursday, July 3rd

LEGALS

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MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE to file with the clerk of the above styled court a written statement of any claim or demand they may have. Each claim must be in writing and must indicate the basis for the claim, the name and address of the creditor or his agent or attorney, and the amount claimed. If the claim is not yet due, the date when it will become due shall be stated. If the claim is contingent or unliquidated, the nature of the uncertainty shall be stated. If the claim is secured, the security shall be described. The claimant shall deliver sufficient copies of the claim to the clerk to enable the clerk to mail one (1) copy to the personal representative.

All persons interested in the estate to whom a copy of this Notice of Administration has been mailed are required, WITHIN THREE CALENDAR MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE to file any objections they may have that challenges the validity of the qualifications of the personal representative, or the venue or jurisdiction of the Court.

ALL CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL FOREVER BE BARRED.
Date of the first publication of this Notice of Administration:
THE HARDEE LAW FIRM, PL
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/s/ Michelle R. Kriz
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 25-017CA

DIVISION: CIVIL

KEVEN DIX and KAITLYN DIX, Plaintiffs, vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST H.B. PEMBERTON, deceased; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST CLETOUS DALE PEMBERTON, deceased; and UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST H.B. PEMBERTON, JR., deceased Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST H.B. PEMBERTON, JR., deceased, and to all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against Defendants, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein

described. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been designated as defendant in a legal proceeding filed against you for quieting title based upon a tax deed of sale to Plaintiff. The action involves real property in Taylor County, Florida, more fully described as follows:

LEG 0001.15 ACRES - STEINHATCHEE SUB - LOTS 6 7 8 9 10 BLK 95 - SUBJ TO LIFE ESTATE IN OR 615-251 - OR 615-249 SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP 09 RANGE 09

The action was instituted in the Third Judicial Circuit Court, Taylor County, Florida, and is styled KEVIN DIX and KAITLYN DIX vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST H.B. PEMBERTON, deceased; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST CLETOUS DALE PEMBERTON, deceased; and UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST H.B. PEMBERTON, JR., deceased.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Tyler E. Gustafson, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 460 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine, FL 32080, on or before 30 days from the date of the last publication of this notice, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Tyler E. Gustafson or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiffs' interest which will be binding upon you.
DATED: April 1, 2025

Gary Knowles
Clerk of the Third Judicial Circuit
Court Taylor County, Florida
By Kathryn Lago
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting proposals for **COUNTY WIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE**.

Qualified firms or individuals desiring to provide the requested services must submit their proposal in an envelope or similar package marked "Sealed proposals for **COUNTY WIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA**" to the Clerk of Court, 1st Floor Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Perry, Florida 32347, to arrive no later than **4:00 P.M.**, local time, on August 1st 2025.

All proposals **MUST** have name and mailing address clearly shown on the outside of the envelope or package when submitted. Proposals will be opened and respondents announced at **6:05 P.M.**, local time, or as soon thereafter as practical, on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025**, at the Taylor County Administrative Complex, 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347.

Proposal information **MUST** be obtained from the Clerk of Court, located at 1st Floor Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Perry, Florida 32347, (850) 838-3506, OR from the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners website at www.taylorcountygov.com.

There is a **MANDATORY pre-proposal conference, on July 16, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at the Taylor County Administrative Complex, 201 E. Green Street, Perry, FL 32347.**

in its sole absolute discretion, to reject any or all proposals, to cancel or withdraw this proposal at any time or waive any irregularities in the proposal process. The County reserves the right to award any contract(s) to the proposer/respondent which it deems to offer the best overall service; therefore, the County is not bound to award any contract(s) based on the quoted price. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to waive minor defects in the process and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the County's best interest. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to assign a local business preference in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal price. **No faxed proposals will be accepted.**

For additional information and a proposal package contact:

LaWanda Pemberton,
County Administrator
201 E. Green Street
Perry, FL 32348
(850) 838-3500, Ext. 6
lpemberton@taylorcountygov.com

Proposal packages may also be obtained from www.taylorcountygov.com

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting proposals for **PROPERTY, CASUALTY AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE**. Qualified firms or individuals desiring to provide the requested services must submit their proposal package in an envelope or similar package marked: Sealed proposals for "PROPERTY, CASUALTY AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE" to the Clerk of Court, 1st Floor Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida 32347 to arrive no later than 4:00 p.m., local time, on August 1, 2025.

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MW/SBE and Veteran owned businesses are encouraged to submit a proposal if qualified. Taylor County is an AA/EEO employer and requires all contractors and subcontractors to comply with Executive Order 11246.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Taylor County, Florida.