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Commissioners threaten suits over Central Dispatch funding

Elwood, Alexandria could lose county services unless new deal reached

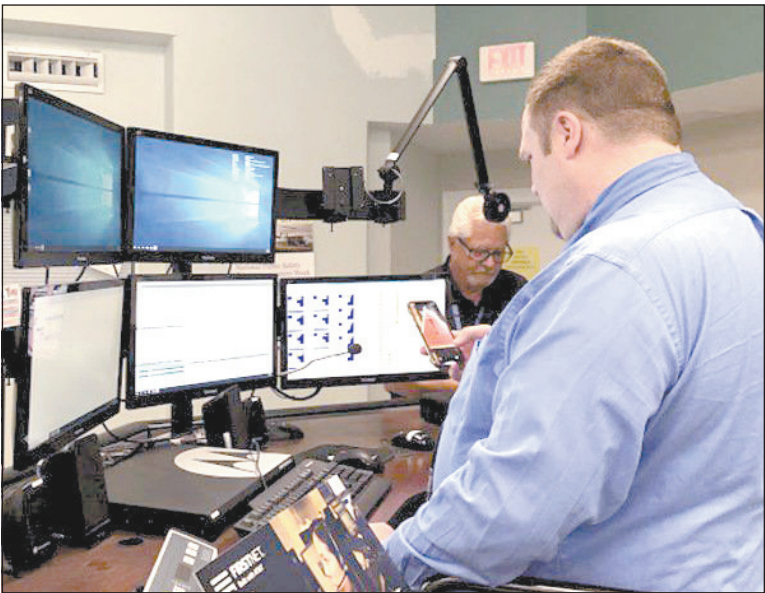
KEN DE LA BASTIDE
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ANDERSON — Simmering negotiations concerning funding for the county’s Central Dispatch Center have escalated to a new level. The Madison County Commissioners Tuesday sent letters to the cities of Elwood and Alexandria threatening lawsuits over funding for the dispatch center. Madison County took over the operation of central dispatch for all local police and fire departments in

2012. An interlocal agreement was signed between the county and Alexandria and Elwood in 2011. It stipulated that the two cities would provide \$90,000 per year toward the operating costs of the dispatch center. That agreement ended in 2021. Alexandria and Elwood have not made payments since 2022 and now each city owes a total of \$360,000. The letter sent by the commissioners indicates that unless a new agreement is reached, the county will no longer provide dispatch center services starting on Jan. 1. According to the letter, unless a new agreement is reached, Alexandria and Elwood will either have to purchase radios used by public safety

officials or return them to the county on Jan. 1. It would cost Alexandria \$142,000 and Elwood \$162,250 to purchase the radio equipment from the county. The city-owned FCC frequencies will revert back to the cities on Jan. 1, 2026, and the two cities will not have access to the county dispatch center services, the letter states. The letter continues that both Alexandria and Elwood would have to establish their own dispatch services, which would require around-the-clock staffing and the purchase of necessary equipment. Tuesday afternoon, Elwood Mayor Todd Jones provided the following statement to The Herald Bulletin:

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Brent Jensen, then the director of Madison County Central Dispatch, receives an alert at the Madison County Dispatch Center in 2019. The Madison County Commissioners Tuesday sent letters to the cities of Elwood and Alexandria threatening lawsuits over funding for the dispatch center.

NEW MADISON COUNTY JAIL

‘RIGHT ON SCHEDULE’

Sheriff pleased with progress, expects facility to open near capacity



Ken de la Bastide | The Herald Bulletin

Madison County Sheriff John Beeman looks over plans for the new Madison County Jail during a tour of the new facility in North Anderson on Friday.

KEN DE LA BASTIDE
THE HERALD BULLETIN

ANDERSON — Madison County Sheriff John Beeman is closely watching progress on the construction of the new jail. Late last week, Beeman toured the jail being built in North Anderson and scheduled for completion in September 2026.

“I’m pleased with the way things are moving,” he said Friday. “They’re right on schedule, and they’ve kept us informed about everything. It’s been a great project with how it’s moving forward with the contractors.” Work was being done on the interior walls of the new jail and a secure entryway to bring inmates into the facility.

Beeman said based on the current number of people incarcerated in Madison County, the jail will be full when it opens. “The numbers yesterday were at 426 and there are 436 classified beds in the facility,” he said. “That’s over 80%. It’s full.” Beeman said he is encouraging discussions to complete a housing unit that is not scheduled for the

current project. “That would cost an estimated \$8 million, but it would increase the number of beds to almost 600,” he said. When asked about the current jail, which was opened in the 1980s, as a possible area to house inmates, Beeman said there is

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Alexandria trailer park lacks water for 3rd week

Receivership filing status against management company uncertain

CALEB AMICK
THE HERALD BULLETIN

ALEXANDRIA — Residents of the Alexandria Mobile Home Park have entered their third week without water as a dispute between the city and the park’s management company drags on. Water service was terminated by the city on Aug. 25, after, according to Mayor Todd Naselroad, Park Place Communities had racked up nearly \$100,000 in debt for unpaid water bills since 2023. City officials said Park Place would need to pay at least \$50,000 of its debt before service would be restored. At a special meeting last week, Alexandria’s Board of Works approved the filing of a receivership against Arizona-based Park Place and its owners, Mike and Kara Ayala. City Attorney Chou-il Lee did not provide specific details as to

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Residents of the Alexandria Mobile Home Park have relied on bottled water since the city shut off water service to the park on Aug. 25.

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