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865-686-9970 | Fax: 865-686-9966 | PO Box 18377, **Bud Armstrong Halts Raid on County Treasury** 

## Law Director, Five Commissioners Defend Charter and Protect Taxpayers

ninute attempt to raid the stepped in to stop a resolusel paid for by the taxpayers. At the heart of the dispute is n even larger potential raid d by Mayor Tim Burchett. eriff Jimmy "JJ" Jones and ommissioner and mayoral

his strong stand on the side of Knox County's taxpayers Board, which acted supposedly upon the advice of its own legal counsel, apparties to retire at 85%-95% under the Knox County Charof service may retire with a maximum of 75% of full pay. As Armstrong noted in a detailed memorandum to commissioners, "The rest

ees, which required approximately \$60 million to fund. on the property tax rate, so 60 cents on the property

to the formula used to calhad been routinely awarding over and above the taxpayer

mended the taxpayers fund



Knox County currently uties at a rate of two and a burden to the taxpavers of for other county employees the Pension Board allowing

### Night Out at Henry's Bakery & Deli



on Tucewell Pike restaurant on Thursday, March 22. About a docon constituents turned out to sweet and greet their commissioners. Conversations were friending and chairy, however one group expressed conservations the candition of their read. They presented documentation to prove their claim that lange tracks are tearing up the road and the cannil. not living up to its promise to repair the road. trantley talk with some citizens who were conce ad. Pictured above, Knox County At Large Commissioners Thomas and neerned about the condition of the road where they live. Brantley is right

#### Attorney fees for seven retired deputies voted down

sion funds for Knox County employees has resul Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong said he discov the error, which has caused the overpayment of ret ing sheriff's office employees and costing taxpayer

on the advice of highly paid outside coursel. As the law director moved to correct the calculation severa with the request to bring action against the Pensio

## Internal Auditor waiting on performance evaluation

sistance when she spoke at the adit committee meeting recent-She had given her report and as in the process of asking for additional help in the office when ast committee chairman David ields said he doesn't feel like ting on additions because

said she wanted to reorganize the tions there and hire an IT auditor Employees now include Susan Johnson and Zac Fullerton. Addis was hired in 2013 and was criti-

and had been discussed at am

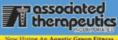
Addis, Committee Chairman Jim May 21st. Morrison and the County Commis-"I thought that had already bee

tone," said Commissioner John "We're failing to get this done,"

last year. Addis said that only one

line increased her office's wo She said that the office

found that the salary being offered



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