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## **County collects almost half of defaulted bail bond dollars**

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The county has collected almost half of what is owed by bail bondsmen who had judgments placed against them last month by County Judge Brian Lee, and two bondsmen who haven't paid up are temporarily unable to write bail bonds.

Lee held the first ever docket on defaulted bail bond warrants on June 10. There were a total of 45 cases called; 34 judgments were filed (11 cases were exonerated).

The total court cost on bonds forfeited was \$12,365. Lee said Thursday afternoon the county has collected \$5,552, and all but two bondsmen paid in full.

Willie McGill has not paid, and Jackson Smith made a partial payment, so their bond privileges have been suspended, said Lee.

Bondsmen with defaults had 30 days to pay up after the docket was held June 10; July 10th was a Sunday, said Lee, so they had until the end of the day Monday, July 11, to pay up.

