

The **regular meeting** of the Boyle County Fiscal Court was held on the **24th day of January, 2023** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fiscal Court Room of the Boyle County Courthouse. Meeting was live streamed on the Boyle County Media Channel for the Public. Members present at the meeting were:

Judge Executive Trille Bottom
Magistrate Tom V. Ellis
Magistrate Paula Bodner
Magistrate Barry Harmon
Magistrate Jason Cullen
Magistrate Jamey Gay
Magistrate Steve Sleeper

Others present at the meeting were County Treasurer Darlene Lanham, County Attorney Chris Herron, County Administrator Julie Wagner and Fiscal Court Clerk Katina Wesley.

Judge Bottom called the meeting to order and **Magistrate Bodner** gave the invocation.

Judge Bottom led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Bottom presented the minutes from the January 10, 2023 Fiscal Court meeting for consideration. Magistrate Gay made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor

County Treasurer Darlene Lanham presented the bills for approval in the amount of \$263,063.18. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the bills as presented. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

County Treasurer Darlene Lanham presented the Budget/Cash Transfers. The total budget transfer is \$110,278.00, with the General Fund being \$79,550.00, Public Works Fund \$28,228.00, Joint Jail Fund \$200.00, and EMS Fund \$2,300.00. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the budget transfers as presented. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all magistrates voting in favor. The total cash transfer is \$150,000.00, with General Fund to Joint Jail Fund \$50,000.00 and General Fund to EMS Fund \$100,000.00. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the Budget/Cash transfers. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom informed the Court that there were not going to be any Extension Council appointments at this time. Judge Bottom spoke with Associate Dean & Director of U.K. Extension Office, Laura Stephenson, Ph.D., who will be making the appointments from the four candidates provided.

Judge Bottom presented Anthony Young with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 36 years as a Perryville Volunteer Firefighter. Mr. Young has served the City of Perryville in multiple positions, he has been in charge of the parade routes, directed traffic, and many behind the scene jobs. Magistrate Ellis praised Mr. Young for his activities with up and coming fire fighters.

Judge Bottom discussed the EMS Challenge Coins. Four EMS providers were recognized for their life saving care of patients who had an out of hospital cardiac arrest. The EMS providers secured an airway, started an IV and continued uninterrupted CPR, which allowed the patient to get to the hospital and recover. Those recognized were, Captain Michael Mattingly, Paramedic Jana McGarvey, EMT Jeff Russell, and Medical Director Eric Guerrant. EMS Director Mike Rogers praised the EMS providers for their hard work and dedication.

American Red Cross Executive Director Lynn Washbish discussed needing support for Boyle County Citizens. In the past year there have been 14 house fires in Boyle County. Director Washbish asked the Court for \$2,500.00 to help put smoke alarms into Boyle County homes. Red Cross will be meeting with Fire Marshalls and County Emergency Management to partner up. Magistrate Gay advised submitting appropriation paperwork for consideration.

P & Z Director Mikaela Gerry introduced herself to the court and spoke about her background. She has been a professional planner for seven years and has a background in Land Use Transportation and Community Improvement Planning. Director Gerry would like to work with Boyle County, Danville, Perryville and Junction City towards a joint Comprehensive Plan. It's been five year since the last Comprehensive Plan update. Magistrate Cullen discussed his hesitance of using Kentucky League of Cities and perhaps finding a company that specializes in this type of comprehensive planning. This will

guide the County for years. Magistrate Ellis discussed having her meet with County Surveyor Richard Murphy. Magistrate Cullen discussed the Zoning Ordinances and how to improve them. Magistrate Ellis discussed the possibilities of wind power proposals coming to Boyle County.

GABBF Executive Director Michaella Perros discussed Downtown Downbeat, a concert series in downtown Danville. The concerts will be held at Constitution Square and Weisiger Park from 6-9 pm the first Thursday of the month, starting in April and concluding in October. Director Perros presented the Downtown Downbeat budget. Magistrate Ellis advised going to Centre College to promote through Centre graduates. Magistrate Gay suggested using the parking garage roof top for concerts. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to use the General Fund Reserve in the amount of \$4,725.00 to help cover the projected up front cost and for April – May concerts. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Danville-Boyle County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jeff Jewel discussed “Coffee with Our Legislators”, Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe and Representative Daniel Elliott. It is being held at Inter County Energy Cooperative on February 3, 2023, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Judge Bottom discussed appointing a Judge Pro Tem. In the past, the Magistrate with the most seniority has been appointed. The three senior magistrates have been on the Fiscal Court for the same amount of time. Judge Bottom proposed using the Magistrate with the greatest vote total during the last election, or nominating and voting between the magistrates. Magistrate Gay took himself out of the running. Magistrate Ellis had the largest number of votes. Magistrate Bodner suggested one of them volunteer. Magistrate Ellis volunteered to be Judge Pro Tem. Magistrate Sleeper made the motion to approve Magistrate Ellis as Judge Pro Tem. Magistrate Harmon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with Magistrate Ellis abstaining and all other Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom discussed the new position of Assistant Road Supervisor. This position would be to assist the Road Supervisor, Roger Johnson. Instead of hiring a new Road Engineer, the County could hire County Surveyor, Richard Murphy, and Danville City Engineers as needed for projects. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the new position of Assistant Road Supervisor. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. Magistrate Ellis stated that he felt Roger Johnson would do a great job as Road Supervisor and would benefit from an assistant. Magistrate Ellis discussed the need for a second motion to not hire a Road Engineer. Magistrate Ellis made the motion for the County to move ahead without a Road Engineer, and use the services of Danville City Engineers or County Surveyor Richard Murphy. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. Magistrate Cullen wants a written agreement with Danville City Engineers or County Surveyor before they vote on this motion. Magistrate Ellis and Magistrate Gay agreed and withdrew the motion.

Sheriff’s Office Manager Janice Spears presented the out-going Sheriff’s Office 2022 Tax Settlement letter. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the 2022 Tax Settlement letter. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. Judge Bottom signed the letter and thanked Janice Spears for her hard work.

Judge Bottom presented the County Clerk’s Fourth Quarter Report for the Courts acknowledgement.

Building Inspector Rusty Cox presented the 2022 Building Report. He reported that there has been an increase in tiny houses and solar panel installations. There was a total of 217 permits with 93 being new single family homes. Tiny homes are anything under 400 square feet and are being built throughout Boyle County.

EMS Director Mike Rogers discussed the bid for a new SUV. Bob Allen was the only bid received. Bob Allen bid a pre-owned 2021 Dodge Durango with 18,000 miles for \$44,000.00 and a 2023 Jeep Grand Cherokee for \$45,735. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the 2023 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Judge Bottom asked if the Jeep would work for EMS. Director Mike Rogers stated that it would. Magistrate Harmon seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked about the possibility of buying an extended warranty. Magistrate Cullen stated that with a County Mechanic on staff, that may not be cost effective. Magistrate Cullen amended the motion to add, payment upon delivery. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

EMS Director Mike Rogers asked the Court for permission to apply for the Kentucky Board of EMS Block Grant. It’s a \$10,000.00 grant that has been used towards the purchase of an ambulance in the past. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve EMS applying for the Kentucky Board of EMS Block Grant. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. Magistrate Sleeper informed the Court that the

deadline for the grant was January 31, 2023. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. Director Rogers asked Judge Bottom to sign the grant approval.

EMS Director Mike Rogers shared with the Court that the new ambulance was picked up yesterday. They will start with installation today. The ambulances that were supposed to be here November 2023, have now been pushed back to 2025. The Medics Unit should still be here in January of 2024. Turnaround time for ambulances is at least four years. Magistrate Cullen reminded the Court that they skipped a buying cycle and now they face supply problems. The Court needs to stay proactive in ambulance replacement.

EMA Director Brian Caldwell discussed the tornado that touched down near the Water Works Road area on January 12, 2023. Public Works was already on site cleaning up the trees in the road when Director Caldwell got on scene. Thankfully there were no homes damaged only a building. Since the tornado, Director Caldwell has been looking into the siren situation. The siren on Lebanon Road is being worked on and refitted with a battery charger. The Airport Road siren is being checked. Magistrate Cullen asked about the siren in downtown Danville. The siren that was on the central fire station had been moved to Jenny Rogers School. Director Caldwell is currently looking for a replacement for the moved siren. Magistrate Cullen discussed the gap in siren coverage and that a lot of people never heard the siren. Director Caldwell discussed the possibility of getting a smaller 400 watt siren for down town. Magistrate Gay stated that tornados seem to be a more year-round weather event. Judge Bottom thanked Director Caldwell for leaving training on the day of the tornado, he will have to go back and do make up training. Judge Bottom discussed the possibility of passing Director Caldwell's vehicle to the Coroner. The vehicle is already set up with the appropriate emergency lighting. The Judge asked the Court to consider having Director Caldwell get quotes for a new vehicle. Magistrate Gay stated he would like to wait until budget time unless it's an emergency. Magistrate Cullen suggested talking to the Sheriff's office to see if they have any vehicles that could be changed over. Magistrate Ellis stated that the Coroner gets reimbursed at the Federal Government on mileage rate.

Judge Bottom presented Ruby Cline and Stacey Coontz for appointment to the Human Rights Commission. These will be a three year term, concluding on December 31, 2026. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the appointment of Ruby Cline and Stacey Coontz. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom presented Joseph Myers for reappointment to the Ethics Board. This will be a three year term, concluding on December 31, 2026. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve the reappointment of Joseph Myers. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

County Attorney Chris Herron discussed the Joint Jail update. The home incarceration program agreed upon November 22, 2022, will not work as expected. There would have to be employees hired to install the ankle bracelets and monitor 24/7. With the price, of the program, and the salary of the employees, the price would be much higher than expected. The Joint Jail voted to terminate the contract. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to terminate the contract and rebid the home incarceration contract. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis stated that he felt both Judge Bottom and Judge Steele did a remarkable job on this difficult discussion and the Court needed to look into the liability aspect of home incarceration. County Attorney Chris Herron reiterated that this is not a breach, but an allowed termination of the contract. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

IT Director Bill Nichols discussed the copier quote from D.O.E. for \$5,824.95. The copier has been used by four offices for the past four years and was preowned. Director Nichols did comparison shop but could not find a copier close to the D.O.E. quote. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve purchasing the new copier. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. Magistrate Sleeper confirmed that this was a new copier from D.O.E. Magistrate Cullen asked about the possibility that the copier needed to be bid on. Judge Bottom stated that amounts between \$5,000.00 and \$30,000.00 only needed Fiscal Court approval. Magistrate Cullen is happy to be using a local business like D.O.E. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom recognized Aly Huff with Main Street Perryville in the audience. Aly Huff discussed being the point person for the State Fair, the Doctor Polk's Office restoration almost being complete, and working on their archives. The archives were not all stored correctly. Magistrate Ellis asked about Doctor Polk's doctor kit. Main Street Perryville is in possession of the kit and in the process of acquiring his chair. Magistrate Cullen asked about the possibility of bringing music concerts to Perryville. Main Street Perryville is sponsoring a Summer Family Series. This will be April-October and be music, movies

and dinners. At Perryville City Hall, there will be a community input meeting January 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Magistrate Cullen discussed the possibility of a Library in Perryville.

Judge Bottom recognized the head of the Human Rights Commission, Patricia Lofton-Beasley.

Magistrate reports:

Magistrate Ellis discussed companies coming in and looking at sites for cell towers. The cell towers we have are not enough to service everyone in Boyle County. Magistrate Ellis has received communication with an entity from out of state looking for the possibility of bringing wind power to Boyle County. Magistrate Ellis is getting lots of calls about Broadband. Senator McConnell is coming for a meeting with Judge Bottom. There are currently over 27 million grant dollars available for projects. Possibility that they could be used for the jail.

Magistrate Bodner discussed a car accident in Parksville that disabled a fire hydrant. City of Danville lent Parksville a replacement hydrant until the new one comes in.

Magistrate Harmon discussed a constituent in his district with drainage water issues in her back yard. They are waiting for the City of Danville to contact her. Another person was having a billing issue with EMS. Magistrate Cullen helped the person and EMS get together with the billing company.

Magistrate Cullen went over the November 9, 2022, EMS committee meeting minutes. They discussed funding for the Outreach Program, Ambulance DC 7 that was in for service, and applying for a KACo grant for safe driving software installation. There had been 585 runs in October.

Magistrate Cullen went over the December 5, 2022, EMS committee meeting minutes. They discussed the possibility of asking for permission to bid two chase vehicles. There had been 578 runs in November.

Magistrate Cullen went over the November 22, 2022, Sheriff's Committee meeting minutes. They discussed the SRO cars being here and waiting on being wrapped. They discussed the Junction City School lock down and discussed how to get the message to the parents. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve all three reports. Magistrate Harmon seconded the motion. The motion passed with all magistrates voting in favor.

Magistrate Cullen discussed the dog obedience classes that will be held on February 4, 2023, at Stuart Powell Ford. The Junction City Pancake breakfast is on February 4, 2023.

Magistrate Gay thanked everyone who attended the MLK day event. He requested that funding be made available in the upcoming budget for the event next year.

Magistrate Sleeper thanked Magistrate Gay for his hard work on the MLK March. He spoke on meeting with the Board of Directors of the Humane Society and the need to look into the Animal Control Ordinances and Policy and Procedures. Judge Bottom agreed there were things to look into to help Animal Control.

Magistrate Ellis made the motion to adjourn. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Trille L. Bottom
Boyle County Judge Executive