

The **regular meeting** of the Boyle County Fiscal Court was held on the **14th day of February, 2023** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fiscal Court Room of the Boyle County Courthouse. The 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 Harmon** gave the invocation.

Boyle County FFA Reporter Clay Craig led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Bottom presented the minutes from January 24, 2023, Fiscal Court regular meeting and special called meetings from January 31, 2023, and February 7, 2023, for consideration. Magistrate Cullen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked to hold the minutes from January 24, 2023, pending some corrections. Magistrate Cullen and Magistrate Bodner rescinded the January 31, 2023 minutes from the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

County Treasurer Darlene Lanham presented the bills for approval in the amount of \$4,684,560.55. 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 \$125,428.00, with the General Fund being \$83,200.00, Public Works Fund \$13,228.00, Joint Jail Fund \$23,000.00, Boyle County Jail \$1,075.00, and EMS Fund \$6,000.00. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the budget transfers as presented. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all magistrates voting in favor. The total cash transfer is \$1,634,800.00, with General Fund to Joint Jail Fund \$50,000.00, General Fund to Fleet Management Fund \$3,000.00, ARPA Fund to General Fund \$1,322,800.00 and General Fund to EMS Fund \$259,000.00. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the Budget/Cash transfers. Magistrate Harmon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom presented the employees who had milestone anniversaries. Dana Palmer received a certificate for five years of service. Priscilla Jennings received a certificate for ten years of service. Brian Wofford and Susanna Ryan both received a certificate for twenty years of service.

Judge Bottom presented the Gifted Education Month Proclamation to the Danville Independent School and the Boyle County School Gifted and Talented Programs.

Judge Bottom presented the National FFA Week Proclamation to the Boyle County FFA. Magistrate Cullen complimented the Boyle County FFA on the flowers they produce for Constitution Square.

Solid Waste Director Angela Muncy discussed the Solid Waste Management Agreement. This was an agreement that the previous Fiscal Court approved but that had never been executed. This is between Danville City and Boyle County for services provided by Solid Waste and Recycling. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the agreement. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. Magistrate Gay confirmed it was a ten-year contract and asked if this included the cost of living increases. Magistrate Bodner stated that the clause allowed for the termination of the agreement on either side. Magistrate Cullen and Magistrate Ellis rescinded the motion. Magistrate Cullen made a motion that the agreement be for five years at \$45,000.00 a year with a cost of living adjustment every three years. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Solid Waste Director Angela Muncy discussed the Madvac that was purchased with a recycling grant. Director Muncy shared a video demonstration of the Madvac. The Madvac is a large vacuum cleaner used to pick up litter on the sides of roads. Magistrate Ellis spoke on Director Muncy's efforts to combat

litter. Magistrate Bodner asked about better signage for recycling. Director Muncy stated that signage would be a good discussion for a budget work session.

Public Works Road Supervisor Roger Johnson presented Mark Gordon, who was appointed as Assistant Road Supervisor.

County Clerk Casey McCoy discussed a change he had to make to the resolution for the Epoll Book Grant. He had the wrong amount stated and will need to resubmit a corrected resolution. Magistrate Gay made the motion to correct Resolution 23.02.14 for the Epoll Book Grant. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Treasurer Darlene Lanham gave the second reading of Ordinance 221.29.3, The Opioid Settlement Budget Amendment. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the Opioid Settlement Budget Amendment. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Art Center of the Bluegrass Director Niki Kinkade discussed the multi-million dollar restoration of 415 West Main Street. This will double the space of the Art Center, allowing room for a National Glass Museum showcasing Stephen Powell's work and an exclusive Stephen Powell Sales Gallery. Milton Reigelman discussed the impact of Steve Powell's work, how limited his work is, and how having this international museum will benefit Danville and Boyle County. Diana Harmon Gilley discussed the Ballroom that the expansion will bring to the Art Center, which could be used for community gatherings, town meetings, weddings, and music events. Richard Trollinger discussed the need for partners to undertake a restoration of this magnitude. There is a potential donor, who is not a Boyle County resident that would like to see some commitment from the community before making his pledge final. The City of Danville has committed to being a partner. They will purchase the building for \$525,000.00 and perform regular maintenance. Director Kinkade asked that the Fiscal Court use the County's remaining ARPA Fund to match the City of Danville's contributions of \$525,000.00 and an additional amount of up to \$500,000.00. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to table the Art Center of the Bluegrass request for two weeks. Magistrate seconded the motion. The motion passed with Magistrate Ellis, Magistrate Bodner, Magistrate Harmon, Magistrate Cullen, and Magistrate Sleeper voting to table the request for two weeks. Magistrate Gay voted against tabling the request. Magistrate Gay made the motion to revisit the request at the February 28, 2023, Fiscal Court meeting. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis stated that there are five distinct communities in Boyle County and the Fiscal Court has already shared a substantial amount of the ARPA funds with the City of Danville. He is a great passionate supporter of the Arts Center and would like to find a way to help. The Court has many expenditures in front of them in the upcoming budget cycle and he looks forward to a healthy discussion at the next Fiscal Court meeting. Magistrate Gay stated that there many big-ticket items on the upcoming budget that have to be considered. He feels that the expansion of the Art Center is a game-changing project for Danville and Boyle County. Boyle County needs to be a part of this project, it may not be at the level of the City of Danville. The Fiscal Court will need to take the next two weeks and identify what the encumbrances are on the remaining ARPA funds. Magistrate Sleeper stated he doesn't want to overpromise and under-provide. This is a tremendous project with great value to the community. Magistrate Sleeper agrees that more time is needed to look into what can be done. Judge Bottom thanked Director Kinkade for the presentation and feels this would be a good economic development for all of Boyle County. Magistrate Cullen suggested the Art Center have a major fundraiser for local contributors. Magistrate Ellis suggested reaching out to Centre College and Centre College alumni. Magistrate Gay stated that big contributors like to see that the local community is committed to this project. Magistrate Cullen agrees that it is important but the constituents live in this county and expect the Magistrates to be good stewards of their tax dollars.

Ethics Commission Chair Rebecca Kernodle discussed KRS 65.003, ordinance 280.2, and the penalty for required persons not completing and turning in the Financial Disclosure Statements. The penalty for not turning in the statement can be a fine of up to \$25.00 a day. Twenty-one percent of 2020 Financial Disclosure Statements are still outstanding. Magistrate Ellis asked if there is a penalty imposed that it is not for past years, only going forward. County Attorney Chris Herron stated the form is to make sure the person is serving for the right reasons, not personal gain. Magistrate Cullen asked if the Board Chairs could be trained on how to fill out the Statements and why it is important. Magistrate Gay asked if the Financial Disclosure Statements could be completed before people get appointed. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to impose a fine starting with the 2022 year Financial Disclosure Statements. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. Judge Bottom stated that training will be scheduled with the board chairs to inform them of the importance of the Financial Disclosure Statements.

Judge Bottom presented Glenn Ball and Shay Pendency for reappointment to the Airport Board. These appointments will be for four years ending February 28, 2027. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to reappoint Glenn Ball and Shay Pendency to the Airport Board. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom presented Brenda Willoughby Brown for appointment to the Birthplace of Kentucky Board. The appointment will be for three years ending February 28, 2026. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to appoint Brenda Willoughby Brown to the Birthplace of Kentucky Board. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Danville Schools Superintendent Dr. Ross discussed Care Solace, which is a program for mental health care. This connects people in need to certified providers within 12 hours. Dr. Ross would like the Fiscal Court to look into making this a county-wide program. Magistrate Cullen urged the Court to look into implementing this program for the citizens of Boyle County.

Boyle County Jailer Brian Wofford informed the Court there are currently 208 inmates housed in the Boyle County Jail. The recent expenditures for building and maintenance are \$8,000.00 on the electronic doors and \$6,000.00 on the walk-in freezer and oven repair. Jailer Wofford explained that there is no employee available, at this time, to take a work crew out to do services in the county. There is a shortage of deputies at the jail. Jailer Wofford feels pay raises will help bring in more applicants.

Jailer Brian Wofford discussed the holster change to Policy and Procedures III-400. All employees will now be required to use a Safariland Model 6360, with a minimum level II retention holster while on duty. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the change to the Detention Center's Policy and Procedures. Magistrate Harmon seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked if this change is due to safety concerns. Jailer Wofford stated that the new holster had more safety steps to unholster a firearm. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Jailer Brian Wofford discussed the New Vista Contract. New Vista provides mental health services to the jail. The price has increased by 3% as expected. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to renew the New Vista Contract. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Jailer Brian Wofford discussed the mutual termination of the Ephraim McDowell Health Contract. Magistrate Cullen made a motion to terminate the contract. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Jailer Brian Wofford discussed a new healthcare contract with West Kentucky Correctional Healthcare. The WKCH is currently the largest provider of healthcare per inmate volume in the state of Kentucky. Magistrate Ellis made a motion that Judge Bottom make an Emergency Declaration for the Detention Center. Due to time constraints with the termination of the Ephraim McDowell Health Contract, and in the interest of making a smooth transition for the health of the inmates, the Boyle County Fiscal Court will enter into a contract with West Kentucky Correctional Healthcare. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. Magistrate Cullen asked if it would take all of the 60 days to transition to the new healthcare. Jailer Wofford stated it would. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom presented the 2023 Black History Month Proclamation to Michael Hughes and Marvin Swann. Michael Huges is a talented music artist who has been instrumental in recording the history of the African American Community. Marvin Swann is the President of the local NAACP. He is a substitute teacher and has counseled hundreds of Danville High School Students.

Building Inspector Rusty Cox discussed the FEMA Pandemic disaster reimbursement. Boyle County has been approved for \$43,000.00. To receive the money, the Judge will need to be appointed as an Agent. Magistrate Cullen made the motion for Judge Trille Bottom to be the Designation of Applicant's Agent, Resolution 23.02.14.02. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

County Clerk Casey McCoy discussed the Verity Print/Auto Ballot. This machine can be used to print ballots on demand. Clerk McCoy would like to purchase two of these units to use during early voting to see if they would be a viable option to use during elections. The total cost for the two machines will be \$13,620.00. There is currently \$14,000.00 budgeted for election equipment. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to purchase two Verity Print/Auto Ballot. Magistrate Harmon seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom read the Emergency Declaration for the Detention Center into the record.

HR Assistant Shannon Greene discussed the Compensatory Time Agreements for Hannah Taylor and Monica Payne. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the Compensatory Time Agreements. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom discussed the Maximum Allowable Annual Compensation for Elected Officials and Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the Maximum Allowable Annual compensation. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Boyle County Sheriff Taylor Bottom discussed hiring a School Resource Deputy for Danville Christian Academy. The school board voted to approve the pay for a certified deputy. Sheriff Bottom is asking the Fiscal Court to cover 7.65% of the School Resource Deputy's salary, which is the Social Security portion. There is an initial cost of \$11,000.64 for the uniform, radio, gun, and vest. The Sheriff's Office will provide a cruiser, body camera, and patrol rifle. Magistrate Gay made the motion to hire a School Resource Deputy for Danville Christian Academy. Magistrate Harmon seconded the motion. Magistrate Gay asked if this was a one-year contract with Danville Christian Academy. Sheriff Bottom stated it was and that is the same contract length that is in all the schools that have Resource Deputies. Magistrate Ellis asked if this Resource Officer would be working all year. Sheriff Bottom stated the School Resource Deputy would be working during the school schedule. Magistrate Cullen stated that even though this is a private school, it is in Boyle County, and should an incident happen it would be Boyle County Sheriff's Office that would be responding. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

EMS Director Mike Rogers discussed Campbellsville University Agreement. This will allow students in EMT training to do their required ride-along with the Boyle County EMS. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the Campbellsville University Agreement. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked about the liability of ride-along trainees. Director Rogers stated that Campbellsville University carries insurance for its students. Boyle County EMS already has a similar agreement with BCTC. Judge Bottom informed the Court that EMA Director Brian Caldwell has enrolled in EMT classes. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

EMS Director Mike Rogers discussed a program that coaches employees to be better drivers. It shows how safe the employees are driving. Magistrate Cullen stated that the runs for January were 613, the highest he can remember. Director Rogers informed the court that EMS had driven 113,000 miles in 2022.

EMS Director Mike Rogers discussed being invited to Washington D.C. by the Kentucky Office of Rural Health, to advocate for Senate Bill 2037, to allow rural EMS services to bill for Medicare at an increased rate, and the reinstatement of a Rural Equipment and Training Grant.

Treasurer Darlene Lanham discussed the surplus of a 2016 Ford Explorer to the City of Perryville for the cost of repair parts. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to surplus the vehicle and sell it to the City of Perryville. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Magistrate reports:

Magistrate Ellis discussed the possibility of assigning unclaimed HRA funds to in-need employees. Magistrate Ellis informed the Court that Harold Edwards will be at the next Fiscal Court meeting to discuss the Crawford House in Perryville. He is hoping that Frankfort will agree to sell the Crawford House at auction before it falls into disrepair. It was the top Confederate Headquarters. Magistrate Ellis discussed the need for a new Jail to continue to meet State and Federal guidelines. He discussed the dire need for Public works to purchase a new ¾ ton truck. Magistrate Ellis called for assigning public members to a Redistricting Committee.

Magistrate Bodner discussed constituent's complaints about trash on the side of the roads. She has spoken to local schools about starting a litter clean-up program. Magistrate Bodner discussed God's Pantry in Junction City and their need for a new building. She discussed the number of cars on the bypass that are running the stop lights and the danger that is creating. Magistrate Bodner spoke on the tree limbs on Highway 52 and the mud that is being brought in by large trucks. Road Supervisor Roger Johnson stated it was his understanding the State has contacted Spectrum about cleaning up the limbs on Highway 52 but he is unsure if they spoke to them about the mud problem.

Magistrate Harmon agreed with Magistrate Bodner about the cars running the bypass light. He requested the Fiscal Court be run on a more scheduled time frame. This is to keep people from having to wait so long. Judge Trille Bottom stated that would be a good idea and would look into it.

Magistrate Cullen discussed the limbs on Highway 52 and how they are a problem. Magistrate thanked Judge Bottom for speaking with the Mayor and hopes the City of Danville and the Boyle County Fiscal Court get behind the building of a new distillery and rick houses. The builders plan to have a restaurant and hotel. Magistrate Cullen hopes that everyone can come together and work out any issues.

Magistrate Gay discussed pursuing Care Solace for the community. Magistrate Gay asked for understanding and a willingness to work with him on changing Committee meeting times.

Magistrate Sleeper talked about all the training opportunities the State has put before the Magistrates to attend and learn. He discussed the Boyle County Humane Society which will be recognized on a State and National level for its program.

Judge Bottom discussed Spectrum going live and how confusing it was. Magistrate Ellis has reached out to Spectrum but has gotten no response.

Magistrate Ellis made the motion to adjourn in memory of Chester Shepperson, Mary Jo Bowling, and Richard Herron. Magistrate Harmon seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Trille L. Bottom
Boyle County Judge Executive