

The **regular meeting** of the Boyle County Fiscal Court was held on March 28, 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 Jamey Gay
Magistrate Steve Sleeper

Magistrate Jason Cullen was absent from the meeting.

Magistrate Barry Harmon was absent from the meeting due to illness.

Others present at the meeting were County Treasurer Darlene Lanham, County Administrator Julie Wagner, Finance Officer Elaina Plyman, and Fiscal Court Clerk Katina Wesley.

Judge Bottom called the meeting to order.

Magistrate Sleeper gave the invocation.

Judge Bottom led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Bottom presented the minutes from the March 14, 2023, Fiscal Court regular meeting and the March 21, 2023, Special Called Appropriation meeting. Magistrate Gay made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked that the minutes reflect that Magistrate Harmon's absences are because of illness. He would also like the March 14, 2023, minutes to show that the Fiscal Court has the right to deny the reapportionment proposal, as he stated during the meeting. Finally, Magistrate Ellis requested that Court remind Greenhouse 17 that there are some reports that the Court requested. The motion passed with changes, with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Finance Officer Elaina Plyman presented the bills for approval in the amount of \$297,503.29. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the bills as presented. Magistrate Gay 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 \$442,553.54, with the General Fund being \$342,354.00, Public Works Fund \$11,300.00, Joint Jail Fund \$15,800.00, ARPA Fund \$20,000.00, Fleet Management Fund \$500.00 and EMS Fund \$36,800.00. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the budget transfers as presented. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. The total cash transfer is \$405,000.00. General Fund to Joint Jail Fund \$150,000.00, General Fund to EMS Fund \$250,000.00, and General Fund to Fleet Management Fund \$5,000.00. Magistrate Sleeper made the motion to approve the Cash transfers. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom presented the March 29, 2023, Vietnam Veteran's Day Proclamation. County employees Owen Brandenburg, David Cochran, Larry Nunes, Charles Parks, and James Wilcher were recognized for their service.

Judge Bottom gave the second reading of the Animal Control Ordinance 842.1. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the second reading of the Animal Control Ordinance 842.1. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. Magistrate Gay wanted to clarify that rules and regulations will be the same for all kennels, even kennels operated by Veterinarian clinics. Magistrate Ellis asked to add the amount of time of quarantine dictated by KRS into the Ordinance. In addition, he would like the term TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return) spelled out for the Public. Finally, Magistrate Ellis asked to clarify the penalties for dog(s) running at large. County Administrator Julie Wagner stated that she would add the language that fines were imposed per animal per incident. Magistrate Gay and Magistrate Sleeper amended the motion to include the changes discussed. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. The Ordinance will be recorded in the Boyle County Clerk's Office.

Magistrate Ellis discussed the City of Perryville's Generator Grant. The County's portion of the Grant will be \$3,564.60. A new generator will allow the City of Perryville to take in people displaced by the loss of power during inclement weather and keep their Emergency Services up and running. Magistrate Ellis

made the motion to approve the \$3,564.60 for the City of Perryville's Generator. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. Magistrate Gay asked where in the budget the funds would come from. Judge Bottom stated they would come from ARPA Funds. County Administrator Julie Wagner explained to the Court that this would be setting a precedent for ARPA Funds. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom presented the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Humane Society Director Kari Kuh discussed the almost 23,000 pounds of free cat food distributed to cat owners in Boyle County. The Humane Society of the United States and Chewy.com coordinated the donation program. A mobile, low-cost vaccination clinic will be visiting Boyle County. All appointments are already taken for this visit. The Humane Society is looking into low-cost veterinary services. The Humane Society is now open for adoptions on the first Saturday of every month. The Doggie Dash is May 6, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. There is a need for fostering kittens during the kitten season. Director Kuh is working with County Administrator Julie Wagner on finalizing the Boyle County Humane Society Agreement. Magistrate Ellis asked if others could administer vaccines to animals; this would help with the cost of vaccines. Director Kuh stated she was not sure but would check.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 7 Section Supervisor Casey Smith discussed the Fiscal Year 2024 Rural Secondary Program. There are 75.2 rural secondary miles. Fiscal Year 2023 authorized projects are KY HWY 1822, Quirks Run Road, and KY HWY 1273, Chrisman Lane, which will be completed this year. Fiscal Year 2024 recommended Projects are KY HWY 37, Forkland Road, and KY HWY 243, Forkland Road. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve the 2024 Rural Secondary Program recommended projects, and the 2024 Rural Secondary Program Flex Funds recommended project. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor. Magistrate Ellis asked Section Supervisor Casey Smith if they are currently in discussion with Boyle County about the dangerous KY HWY 52. Supervisor Smith stated that they were in talks. There is the Highway Safety Improvement Project that should be started this year. In addition, there is a Capital Improvement Project to address the "S" curves on KY HWY 52 currently in the design phase.

Payroll Officer Shannon Greene discussed the Kentucky Deferred Comp Agreement and Resolution 23.03.28.01. Kentucky Deferred Comp handles the County's 457 and 401K plans. The agreement is a renewal, and there are no changes. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve Resolution 23.03.28.01 and the Kentucky Deferred Comp Agreement as presented. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Human Resource Director Steve Griffin introduced Lisa Stamm and Robert Curry from the County's health care consultant, Sherrill Morgan. Staff Attorney Lisa Stamm discussed the possibility of having a no-employee cost health plan. Last year the cost to the County per enrolled employee was \$12,663.00. In addition, Boyle County has an \$85,000.00 stop-loss coverage deductible. The County currently has three health care plans: Standard, Lower Premium, and Value. Boyle County's plans fair well compared to other Kentucky government health care plans. Employees can save \$100.00 off their premium with HealthFair participation, annual physicals, and non-tobacco use. With these cost-saving wellness measures, the value plan now costs employees \$0.00 a month for a single plan, \$100.00 a month for an employee plus one plan, and \$200.00 a month for a family plan. Having all three tiers of the Value Plan be zero premium to employees after the cost-savings wellness measures cost the County an estimated \$126,000.00 a year. Magistrate Ellis would like to implement a spousal carve-out policy for the County's insurance that would control healthcare costs by restricting coverage for an employee's spouse with available coverage elsewhere. Magistrate Ellis discussed the uncompensated care with EMS and the need to be more aggressive in collecting for the charges. He suggested the Court bid out for a new collection agency.

Human Resource Director Steve Griffin discussed adding a Medical Leave and a Personal/Special Leave to the County's Policies. The Medical Leave will not be active until FMLA has been used. In addition, an added provision will allow separation after 12 months of leave. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the policy changes. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrate voting in favor.

County Clerk Casey McCoy presented Resolution 23.03.28.02 that allows the Clerk to file for reimbursement from the State in the amount of \$143,443.16 for election equipment. The total of election equipment Clerk McCoy would like to order is \$144,078.00. The County will owe the difference of \$634.84. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the Resolution and the \$634.84 that the

County will pay. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Solid Waste Director Angela Muncy presented the Kentucky Pride Fund Recycling Grant Application, which will be used for new drop boxes, mini-cyclers, magnetic conveyor, scale, new sort boxes, and Routeware for social media. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the Kentucky Pride Fund Recycling Grant. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Solid Waste Director Angela Muncy presented the Kentucky Pride Fund Composting Grant Application, which will be for a Brush Chipper. Magistrate Sleeper feels this would pay for itself within a couple of years. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve Kentucky Pride Fund Composting Grant Application. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked if this was a shared grant with Danville. It is not. Boyle County will own it. Magistrate Ellis would like to see the County share the chipper with the City of Danville at a cost. The brush chipper is a mobile unit and can be moved to work in different areas of Boyle County. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Magistrate Gay informed the Court that Solid Waste Director Angela Muncy is the President of the Solid Waste Coordinators of Kentucky.

Treasurer Darlene Lanham and Jailer Brian Wofford presented the Joint Jail Budget and Boyle Jail Budget for 2023-2024. The higher-priced repairs and maintenance were moved to be paid out of the Restricted Fund. As a result, some line items are higher than in previous years.

Jailer Wofford asked to acquire bids for an oven that will be paid for out of the Restricted Funds. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to bid for a gas oven for the Jail. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Jailer Wofford explained that the 2023/2024 budget did reflect a starting pay of \$18.00 for both full-time and part-time employees. In addition, the budget reflects pay adjustments for current employees and a slight increase for supervisors. Magistrate Gay suggested setting the Jail pay increase to the first pay period in June. Treasurer Lanham explained that Air Evac had been moved from the Joint Jail Fund to the Boyle County Jail Budget.

Jailer Wofford informed the Court that AOC was financing new video equipment for the Courthouse to have video arraignment. Department of Local Government will be providing the new equipment for the Jail. In addition, the Jail needs many repairs, including roof repair, HVAC, door locks, and drain repairs. He advised the Court that if House Bill 507 does not pass, Boyle County needs to be ready to start building a new Jail. Magistrate Ellis stated it appears House Bill 507 will not pass, but there is no guarantee until after the vote.

Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the Joint Jail and Boyle County Jail Budget. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. Magistrate Gay made the motion to amend his motion to include the pay raises starting the first pay period in June. Magistrate Bodner seconded the amended motion. There was no discussion. The amended motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

County Administrator Julie Wagner informed the Court that it is County Attorney Chris Herron's opinion that the Court will need to re-bid the Jail Architectural Contract. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to re-bid the Jail Architectural Contract. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Treasurer Darlene Lanham explained a budget amendment for the Epoll book payment and reimbursement. Ordinance 221.29.4 increases the General fund by \$85,000.00 and the expenditure account by the same amount. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

County Administrator Julie Wagner discussed surveying the Courthouse parking lot. The County Surveyor, Richard Murphy, would like to put forth a contract, not to exceed \$5,000.00, to survey the parking lot. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve the contract with Richard Murphy to survey the Courthouse parking lot. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis explained how complex the parking lot is with the surrounding properties. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

County Administrator Julie Wagner discussed the damage to the Courthouse roof and chimney from the recent storm. The insurance will cover \$4,000.00 of the claim with a \$5,000.00 deductible. There are currently seven known leaks.

Magistrate reports:

Magistrate Ellis discussed the upcoming Extension District Task Force meeting.

Magistrate Ellis explained that the County would not be able to remove guard rails on Curtis Road. The guard rails are believed to contribute to the flooding at the Forkland Community Center. An engineering study may need to be done to alleviate the flooding. Magistrate Ellis discussed bringing in a crane to remove an Ash tree on Niels Road and more problematic trees in the County. Magistrate Ellis asked Treasurer Lanham if there was a budget line item that would cover the expense of some of the more dangerous tree removals.

Magistrate Ellis discussed the Distillery Tax and informed the Court that Judge Bottom wrote a letter to Governor Beshear asking him to sign to keep the tax. Magistrate Ellis asked Judge Bottom to describe her trip to the Solar Farm in Garrard County. Judge Bottom explained that it has 800 acres that was nothing but gravel and solar panels. It is on a hill, the topsoil has been sold off, and as it erodes, it will affect people downstream. The farm currently has 30 retention ponds, and they are filling up.

Magistrate Ellis informed the Court that a business could not be notified that it is out of compliance with zoning until after it is up and running. Magistrate Ellis would like to be able to warn a company that they may not be in compliance before that point.

Magistrate Ellis informed the Court that Net Recovery would join the Court virtually on April 25, 2023.

Magistrate Bodner discussed working on the storm debris clean up. She does have a constituent that is having a dog noise problem. Magistrate Bodner is still researching grants for upgrades to Junction City Park.

Magistrate Gay gave the March 20, 2023, Environmental Services Recycling Committee Report. The Committee met and discussed the recycling market being down, and they discussed the recycling of batteries and ink cartridge campaigns being done with the schools. They discussed the possibility of hiring a mowing service for out-of-compliance properties and updating the County Ordinances. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the Environmental Services Recycling Committee Report. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Magistrate Gay gave the March 21, 2023, Finance Committee Report. The Committee started going over the budget process. Fleet Management will need a new bay to work on vehicles, tire changer, lift, and tools. This will cost around \$38,000.00 to outfit the vehicle bay and \$13,000.00 in specialty tools. In addition, Fleet Management would like a toolbox for his truck to be able to go to disabled vehicles. Magistrate Gay feels that even with these expenses, it will save the County significant money. Next, the Finance Committee met with EMS, and they have payroll compression issues that need to be addressed. EMS would like to fill the position of Deputy Director of Operations and is asking to continue to fund half the salary of the Social Worker position. Magistrate Gay discussed Administrative Assistant Rita Harmon's pay rate, which is not keeping up with her workload. The Finance Committee met with Animal Control and the need to reorganize the staff and pay. In addition, there is a need to increase their utility line item. Finally, the Committee met with the Sheriff's Office and discussed the need to increase the office staff pay. Sheriff Bottom is requesting a deputy starting salary of \$20.00 an hour with increases based on years of service. Sheriff Bottom would like to add five deputies and one detective to his roster. Magistrate Gay feels that it was a good and productive day. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the Finance Committee Report. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Magistrate Sleeper reminded the Court of the upcoming 200th anniversary of the Kentucky School of the Deaf on April 10, 2023.

Magistrate Sleeper discussed the Animal Control Committee Report. Animal Control needs kennel cleaners and live animal traps. The operating hours of Animal Control are 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the Humane Society is 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Animal Control Officer Jessica Joseph expressed frustration with the five-day surrender rule. Magistrate Sleeper made the motion to accept the Animal Control

Committee Report. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom informed the Court that Magistrates no longer had to wait until the 2nd monthly meeting to present Committee Reports.

Magistrate Ellis asked EMS Director Mike Rogers about uncompensated care. Director Rogers stated it was about \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 a month.

Magistrate Harmon, on the phone during the meetings, stated he was thankful for all the prayers and hoped to be at the next Fiscal Court Meeting.

Executive Session: KRS 61.810 (1) (b) Deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, but only when publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency.

Magistrate Gay made the motion to go into executive session. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Magistrate Ellis made the motion to return to regular session. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Magistrate Ellis made the motion that no action was taken during the executive session. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

Judge Bottom shared a thank you note with the Court from the Boyle County High School Dance Blue Dance Team for the Court recognition.

Magistrate Bodner made the motion to adjourn in memory of Bobby Gene Tucker. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Trille L. Bottom
Boyle County Judge Executive