

The **regular meeting** of the Boyle County Fiscal Court was held on April 11, 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 Administrator Julie Wagner, Finance Officer Elaina Plyman, County Attorney Chris Herron, and Fiscal Court Clerk Katina Wesley.

**Judge Bottom** called the meeting to order.

**Judge Bottom** gave the invocation.

**Judge Bottom** led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Judge Bottom** presented the minutes from March 28, 2023, Fiscal Court regular meeting and March 22, 2023, Special Called meeting. Magistrate Gay made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked that March 28, 2023, minutes reflect that during the Kentucky Pride Fund Composting Grant Application discussion, he stated that Boyle County should share the chipper with the City of Danville at a cost. The motion passed with changes, with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Finance Officer Elaina Plyman** presented the bills for approval for \$795,157.49. Magistrate Cullen 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 \$121,264.21, with the General Fund being \$33,004.21, Public Works Fund \$57,760.00, and Joint Jail Fund \$30,500.00.00. 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 \$50,000.00. General Fund to Joint Jail Fund \$50,000.00. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the Cash transfers. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Judge Bottom** gave the second reading of the Budget Amendment Ordinance 221.29.4. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 221.29.4. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Jon Strom**, the President of the Bluegrass chapter of the Kentucky Mountain Bike Association (KYMBA), discussed the benefits of building an off-road mountain bike trail in Boyle County. It benefits the community both financially and through public health. Most trails are multi-use trails. They are used by walkers, hikers, runners, dog walkers, botanists, and bird watchers. KYMBA is run by volunteers that log many hours of trail maintenance, clinics, and construction. They currently have seven trails in the Bluegrass region. In addition, KYMBA is a supporter of the Kentucky Interscholastic Cycling League. The League is designed for middle school and youth mountain bikers teams. Mountain biking is a fast-growing sport in America. As a result, trails are showing record usage. Communities that have biking trails are showing a rise in revenue. The American Journal of Public Health noted that those living less than a mile from public trails average 45 minutes more of outdoor activity. The health benefits the trails bring are for everyone in the community ranging from a two-year-old child on a Strider bike to an octogenarian on a mountain bike. The 80 acres at 300 Alum Springs Road, which once was a landfill, would be an ideal place to build the track and add value to a difficult-to-develop piece of land. There is a trail in Ohio that was built on a former landfill. It was built as a two-phase project with funds from grants, public support, park funds, and surrounding corporate buy-ins. Magistrate Bodner stated she was looking into working with KYMBA and Bluegrass Add to find funding for a Bike Trail Project. The property at 300 Alum Springs Road is owned by the City of Danville and Boyle County. Magistrate Bodner has spoken with City officials to start the discussion and feels it was received favorably. Judge Bottom asked what was the most common length for a trail. Mr. Strom stated that a single-track trail

needed to be 4 to 5 miles or more to bring in visitors. Another kind of track to bring in visitors would be a pump track. This track could be used by mountain bikers, skateboarders, and rollerbladers. Magistrate Ellis is excited by the idea of a trail but would like to know about the liability aspect. Kentucky has the recreational liability statute KRS 411 (.190), which states that if the land is offered for public use without fee, the landowner is not liable if they are in the act of recreation. Mr. Strom stated that he was not acting as legal counsel. Magistrate Bodner informed the Court that Alum Springs has an important history in our area. It once was a place for people to take in the "alum" water and stay at spas. She sees a trail as becoming a place for education also. Magistrate Bodner wanted to introduce the Court to the idea of a Mountain Bike Trail and will bring it back to the Court in the future.

**Judge Bottom** presented the 2023 Earth Day Proclamation and the 2023 Arbor Day Proclamation to Solid Waste/Recycling Director Angela Muncy, Horticulturist Extension Agent Alexis Sheffield, and Preston Miles.

**Judge Bottom** presented the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kentucky School for the Deaf Proclamation to SLPI Coordinator Billy Gulley Jr., KSD student Allison, KSD student Skyler, and Assistant Principal Faneshia Jones. The Magistrates discussed the history and encouraged the community to visit Jacobs Hall Museum.

**Judge Bottom** presented the 2023 National Animal Control Week Proclamation to Boyle County Animal Control Director Christina Lombardo, Animal Control Officer Elias Delbridge, and Animal Control Officer Jessica Joseph.

**Judge Bottom** presented a Certificate of Appreciation for ten years of Service to Sheriff's Office Administrator Wilma Taylor and Court Security Officer Dan Terry.

**Helping Hands Chairman Bruce Nichols** discussed the relationship Helping Hands has had with the Boyle Fiscal Court since 2011. The Red Cross pulled out of Boyle County in 2011, and the board members founded their own 501C3 to continue services for Boyle County. When the Red Cross returned to Boyle County, Helping Hands started helping people who had "fallen through the cracks." Last year Helping Hands spent a little over \$4,400.00 assisting the community. Helping Hands partners with many local agencies and churches. One partnership with Centenary United Methodist Church's Volunteer and Mission Team builds ramps for veterans, and Helping Hands supply the materials. Helping Hands is all volunteer, and 100% of the funds are spent on the community's needs. Helping Hands is requesting \$4,000.00 in appropriations from the Fiscal Court for the 23/24 fiscal year.

**Bluegrass Community & Technical College (BCTC) Director James Neyhouse** discussed the Dual Credit Program. This program allows high school students to attend classes at BCTC and earn credits for college. Studies show that students who enroll in dual credit classes are more than twice as likely to enroll in college, more likely to obtain higher GPAs, and attend more than two years of college. In addition, high School Juniors can earn an Associate in Arts degree, and High School Seniors can earn up to 31 college credits. The goal is to create a \$1,000,000.00 endowment to create a Dual Credit Prep Academy, a dual credit college class designed for minority, low-income, or first-generation students. The endowment would allow for \$40,000.00 in scholarships to be awarded annually. This would quadruple the number of low-income Danville and Boyle County area students and provide a sustainable way to continue the scholarships into the future. Magistrate Gay asked if the employees of Boyle County Fiscal Court would benefit from a partnership with BCTC for workforce education and needs. Associate Vice President for Workforce Solutions Dr. Erin Tipton stated that there were ways BCTC could train and help support the infrastructure of the County Government. Magistrate Ellis asked what the cost of a credit hour is at BCTC. The regular rate is \$182.00 an hour, and dual credit students are given a 50% discount. Magistrate Cullen asked if BCTC was looking into an aviation program. Director Neyhouse stated that BCTC was in the early stages of discussions with Danville Boyle County Airport. Magistrate Cullen asked, with the many scholarships and Kees money, what percentage of students this endowment would help. Director Neyhouse explained that many of the programs are limited by the number of scholarships out there. Some students would need to start their first year of high school to have their degree by graduation, and many scholarships do not begin until their junior or senior year. President/CEO of BCTC, Dr. Koffi Akakpo, spoke on the importance of endowment, giving young people a chance for technical jobs. If we can educate the young people here in Boyle County with the needed technical positions, there is a good chance they will stay there. In addition, if high school students can earn a degree before they graduate high school, they will start adult life with a well-paying job. President Akakpo would like the Boyle Fiscal Court to create and support the endowment with a contribution of \$250,000.00. Magistrate Gay suggested the Court consider the endowment during the budget process. He would like to see the endowment supported by the Fiscal Court, but it may have to be in lesser amounts over time.

**Shepherds House Program Coordinator Blake Hobson and President Jerod Thomas** gave the Court an update on the number of clients the program has worked with. In 2022 the program served 160 clients, with 90 of them being criminally justice involved. In addition, three clients received their GED, and three went on to enroll in higher education. In 2022, 80% of graduates were exiting the program with jobs. Currently, there are 31 clients, with four referred to residential treatment. Twelve clients are employed full-time, and four are employed part-time. There have been three graduates of the six-month program since January, and ten have graduated from the 6 to 8 week program. July 22 is the annual run for recovery. President Thomas stated that Shepherds House has just received its "R" accreditation for sober living. Most of the staff at Shepherds House have graduated from one of their programs. The Shepherds House's IOP is nationally recognized.

**Sheriff Taylor Bottom** stated there had been 2693 calls from January 2 to March 31. The Sheriff's Office has seized over two pounds of narcotics, not including marijuana. Additionally, twenty-five firearms have been taken from drug trafficking arrest or felon in possession. Sheriff Taylor informed the Court that K-9 Danny, who recently retired from Homeland Security, is now an honorary canine for the Boyle County Sheriff's Office.

**Sheriff Taylor Bottom** presented Sheriff Deputy Samuel O. Butler with a Life-Saving Accommodation. On January 5, 2023, Deputy Butler responded to a missing autistic juvenile. Deputy Butler found the juvenile unconscious and showing signs of hypothermia. Deputy Butler's actions brought great credit upon himself and the Boyle County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Butler stated, "He just considered what he did as part of his job—protecting this community."

**Road Supervisor Roger Johnson** introduced Public Works new employee, Dutch Martin.

**Road Supervisor Roger Johnson** requested approval to take bids for the Pumpkin Run Box Culvert Project. Judge Bottom explained that the project had been approved for \$52,440.00 in emergency funding. The County will receive half now and half after the project is completed. The Pumpkin Run Project is set to be completed by April 3, 2024. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve taking bids for the Pumpkin Run Box Culvert Project. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Road Supervisor Roger Johnson** discussed the County Road Aid Agreement and Resolution 23.04.11. The County was approved for \$738,530.40 in road funding. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve the County Road Aid Agreement and Resolution 23.04.11. Magistrate Harmon seconded the motion. Magistrate Bodner requested a list of roads that have already been approved. Supervisor Roger Johnson asked the Magistrates to please travel through their districts and let him know of routes that are most in need of repair. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Road Supervisor Roger Johnson** discussed purchasing a Wheel Loader with ARPA Funds. He will be using a State Contract to keep from having to bid out for the Wheel Loader. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve the use of ARPA Funds to purchase a Wheel Loader. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. Magistrate Cullen asked to confirm that ARPA Funds could be used. Judge Bottom stated that ARPA Funds could be used. It is a needed piece of equipment that Public Works was no longer going to have to contract out or rent. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to pay upon delivery. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrate voting in favor.

**Road Supervisor Roger Johnson** discussed the upcoming Boyle County Fair. It has been moved to Smokey Way behind the Fire Station. The Fair Board has asked for a track to be built and barriers to be transferred to the new location. The Fair Board will supply the bulldozer's diesel and cover any of the bulldozer's mechanical issues, and the County will provide the bulldozer and an operator. During the fair, they requested the use of the old wheel loader and one person to move vehicles on the track. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve Public Works helping the Fair Board with the use of the bulldozer and wheel loader. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Magistrate Cullen** informed the Court that He had spoken with Supervisor Johnson about the Bridge on State Hwy 2168. The road has settled in front of the bridge, causing a dip before the bridge.

**Judge Bottom** asked Supervisor Johnson how the cleanup of storm debris was going. Supervisor Johnson stated that most of the debris was taken care of. The chipping was still going on but close to being completed.

**Road Supervisor Johnson** informed the Court that the new stage at Constitution Square is getting a roof and a new floor. Magistrate Ellis asked if there was electricity at the stage now. Supervisor Johnson confirmed there was.

**County Administrator Julie Wagner** discussed the Danville-Boyle County Economic Development Partnership (EDP) lease agreement. She suggests getting a small committee together to go over and write up a new agreement by June. Magistrate Ellis and Magistrate Cullen volunteered to sit on the Committee.

**County Administrator Julie Wagner** discussed the Conservation District Agreement. She asked for a small committee to work through the agreement by May 1, 2023. Magistrate Bodner and Magistrate Sleeper volunteered to sit on the Committee. Magistrate Bodner asked how much was spent this past year. Solid Waste Director Angie Muncy stated that \$50,000.00 was spent between July 1, 2022, and March 31, 2023.

**Judge Bottom** discussed the Alternative Sentencing Insurance, which allows a person signing up for Community Service to be covered. The insurance premium is \$386.25 for 25 participants. The fee charged to the participants is \$16.00. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the Alternative Sentencing Insurance. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Judge Bottom** discussed moving the May 9, 2023, Fiscal Court Meeting to May 11, 2023. The County Clerk would like to use the Fiscal Courtroom for early voting from May 8, 2023, to May 10, 2023. Magistrate Gay made the motion to move the May 9, 2023, Fiscal Court Meeting to May 11, 2023. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Magistrate Cullen** made the motion to go into **Executive Session: KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's, or student's right to a public hearing if requested. This exception shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret.** Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Magistrate Cullen** made the motion to return to regular session with no action taken. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Magistrate reports:

**Magistrate Bodner** discussed making the Alum Springs Bike Park happen. She has been driving the roads in her district seeing which ones needed the most repair.

**Magistrate Harmon** appreciated the thoughts and prayers. He is happy to be back and will continue to do what he can.

**Magistrate Cullen** discussed an upcoming meeting with the Danville City Manager and the encroachment of Danville City into the County's property at White's Park. He feels the County would benefit from the County Surveyor surveying White's Park. Judge Bottom congratulated Magistrate Cullen on the birth of his grandchild. Magistrate Ellis congratulated Magistrate Cullen on his pilot license.

**Magistrate Gay** stated he was happy to see Magistrate Harmon back. He would like to remember the shooting victims in Louisville. The Finance Committee will continue meeting with the department heads to work on the 2024 budget.

**Magistrate Sleeper** informed the Court that it was National Pet Day. A pet can increase happiness in your life. Magistrate Sleeper thanked EMS Director Mike Rogers for the recent EMS tour. In addition, he praised County Administrator Julie Wagner for her hard work on Animal Control policy and procedures. Finally, Magistrate Sleeper thanked Magistrate Gay for helping him navigate the committees.

**Magistrate Ellis** discussed the preservation of Boyle County's amazing history. Unfortunately, the community recently lost Ken Harmon, a supporter of Boyle County's preservation. Magistrate Ellis would like the screening of Crawford House not to be a wooden fence. Instead, he would want to look for local bidders for shrubs and trees. Next, Magistrate Ellis discussed the erosion on Lebanon Road, a state road.

He would like to contact the state and have them contact the landowner to have them put in a larger culvert. Magistrate Ellis would like to acknowledge that today is National Drug Take Back Day on the Fiscal Court's Facebook page and to inform the community where unused drugs can be taken for disposal. Lastly, Magistrate Ellis would like to adjourn in grave condolences with the people of Louisville.

**County Attorney Chris Herron** reminded the Court that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. In addition, next Saturday, April 22, 2023, is Earth Day. An Earth Day Festival will be held at the Extension Office at 11:00 a.m. In addition, County Attorney Herron thanked EMS Director Mike Rogers, explaining there was an incident, and the ambulance was there within 3 to 4 minutes.

**Judge Bottom** informed the Court that CASA would be in the Park in front of the Courthouse to "plant" pinwheels for National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Additionally, Judge Bottom stated it was National Telecommunications Week, and she would like to thank our 911 dispatchers. Finally, Judge Bottom asked to adjourn in memory of Edith Dot Stallard, the victims of the Louisville shootings, and Ken Harmon.

**Magistrate Ellis** made the motion to adjourn. Magistrate Bodner 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