

The **regular meeting** of the Boyle County Fiscal Court was held on April 25, 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 Jason Cullen  
Magistrate Jamey Gay  
Magistrate Steve Sleeper

Magistrate Barry Harmon is absent due to illness.

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

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

**Magistrate Ellis** gave the invocation.

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

**Judge Bottom** presented the minutes from April 11, 2023, Fiscal Court regular meeting. Magistrate Cullen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Finance Officer Elaina Plyman** presented the bills for approval, with an additional bill of \$6,500.00 added from the Parksville Water District for a total of \$430,691.40. 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. Magistrate Cullen asked about a 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter disbursement made to the City of Danville for Recreation Contribution, and he wanted to know if it was for Parks and Recreation. Magistrate Cullen stated that if we have to continue to pay our end of the agreement, then the City of Danville should meet its obligation of reports, feedback, and contact with the director. Judge Bottom stated that there had been a meeting with the City of Danville, and the Court should be receiving the information.

**County Treasurer Darlene Lanham** presented the Budget/Cash Transfers. The total budget transfer is \$120,559.01, with the General Fund being \$103,559.01, Public Works Fund \$5,000, and Joint Jail Fund \$12,000.00. 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.

**County Treasurer Darlene Lanham** presented the total cash transfer as \$257,210.32. General Fund to Joint Jail Fund \$147,210.32, General Fund to EMS Fund \$100,000.00, and General Fund to Fleet Management Fund \$10,000.00. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the Cash transfers. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**County Treasurer Darlene Lanham** discussed the Boyle County Sheriff's Office surplus of a 2016 Nissan Rogue to be sold by sealed bid. It will be advertised once a date for the sale has been set. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to surplus the 2016 Nissan Rogue and have it be sold by sealed bid. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Net Recovery President & CEO Joe Winston**, via virtual meeting, discussed Net Recovery, which is researching Opioid treatment. The goal is to treat Opioid addiction without the use of medication. They will be conducting studies in Kentucky. Net Recovery has requested 3.7 million from the Kentucky Attorney General's Office and 1.3 million from a group of counties where Net Recovery will be conducting the study. If Boyle County would like to join the study, it would be \$36,000.00 for the first year and \$12,000.00 a year for the next two years. This would allow for eighteen Boyle County residents to participate in the study. Net Recovery would help get these residents into a one to four week treatment and help with aftercare. Net Recovery is conducting a double-blind study for FDA approval. Magistrate Ellis explained that the treatment is much like a bone healing apparatus with shock waves or electric currents. President Winston explained that the underlying technology is the same. The way it

works is that it stimulates behind the ears. This process helps drop the withdrawal symptoms and raises the dopamine and serotonin levels to return to pre-addiction levels. Judge Bottom thanked Joe Winston and asked for more information to be sent. Coroner Eric Guarrant stated that he had reservations about Net Recovery's approach.

**Mercer County Judge Executive Sarah Steele** discussed the Mercer County solar farm public meeting. The property known as Wilkinson Farm on 127 N KY HWY came before the Mercer Fiscal Court a few years ago as a possible solar farm. The Fiscal Court voted the solar farm down. Wilkinson Farm is one of the top properties in Kentucky for industrial development. Industries are looking into developing the property and possibly adding 2,000 to 7,000 jobs. In 2022, Mercer County started working with the power, gas, and rail services companies to ensure that Wilkerson Farm would be prepared for development. Mercer Fiscal Court found out in January 2023 that LGE KU had filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission to take over Wilkinson Farm for solar development. Mercer County has filed an intervention. The solar farm will bring "0" jobs to the area. The Public Service Commission will hear the case in August. Judge Steele cautioned about the possibility of Boyle County being a solar farm site in the future. Magistrate Ellis expressed concern about the possible loss of jobs in our community.

**Jack Hendricks** discussed the Veterans Memorial Park. In 2004, a Walker Bulldog tank was received and placed as part of Veterans Memorial Park. Since 2007, \$55,000.00 has been received in donations. This is Mr. Hendricks's third time asking for help before the Court. The Park once had nice landscaping, but it has, over time, deteriorated. He would like to place stamped concrete under the flagpole to replace the white rocks, the tank needs to be professionally painted, and the rose bushes need upkeep. The project is currently \$2,500.00 short. The City of Danville has donated \$1,000.00. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to contribute \$1,250.00 to the Veterans Memorial Park. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Convention and Visitor Bureau Director Kendall Clinton** thanked the County for putting a roof on the stage at Constitution Square. He discussed the CVB Financial Statement. The CVB, as of March 31, 2023, has \$352,000.00. This fiscal year they are ahead of their goals on revenue. Magistrate Cullen stated he had seen two of the CVB billboard. Director Clinton explained that the three billboards were located in Georgetown, Somerset, and Nashville and paid for with ARPA funds. The billboards have a URL scan code and data is collected on how well each billboard reaches people. Director Clinton reminded the Court to go and vote in the Kentucky Living, Best in Kentucky Campaign. Magistrate Cullen encouraged CVB to help fund Main Street Perryville. Director Clinton discussed the CVB sponsoring the Perryville Visitor Center weekend employee.

**Judge Bottom** discussed the reappointment of Patricia Lofton-Beasley to the Human Rights Commission. Her term will end on April 30, 2026. Magistrate Gay made the motion to reappoint Patricia Lofton-Beasley. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Legal Council Mark Franklin** discussed the Centre College Bond Ordinance 950.25. This is a refinance bond with a term ending 2037, with a \$34,600,000.00 balloon payment. Magistrate Gay informed the Court that he was retired from Centre College and his son is an employee of Dinsmore & Shohl. County Attorney Chris Herron stated that since Magistrate Gay is no longer affiliated with Centre College and his son is not taking part in the Centre Bonds process, there is no issue. Mr. Franklin clarified that the County would have no financial obligation for the bonds. He stated that the County would not be liable for any funds for the college nor affect the County's borrowing capacity other than having to borrow over \$10,000,000.00. There will be a public hearing before the second reading. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the Centre College Bond Ordinance 950.25. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. Judge Bottom read the summary of Bond Ordinance 950.25. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Humane Society Director Kari Kuh** discussed the Doggie Day Out Program. One dog was adopted before he left the parking lot. Doggie Dash is May 13, 2023. It is \$25.00 to sign up. The Humane Society is taking data on the Pet Food Pantry and other services provided to find out how they can help the community more. Director Kuh discussed the Cat Program and the catch, fix, and release being implemented. Magistrate Sleeper asked if more volunteers were needed for the Doggie Dash. Director Kuh stated they had a great group of volunteers from Centre College but to please come out and "pawty" with the Humane Society.

**City of Perryville Mayor Carlos Miller** thanked the Court for their support of Perryville. He discussed the generator that will allow Perryville City Hall to continue to operate as a command center during inclement weather and to use the basement as a storm shelter. In addition, Mayor Miller discussed

Senate Bill 141 relating to annexation. Perryville has been a City for over 200 years, and he can find no information on Perryville ever annexing property. However, the City would like to annex two small subdivisions that are next to the City, allowing the City to receive more tax revenue without raising taxes. Magistrate Cullen asked if there was a map with clear boundaries or if the City just wanted blanket approval, which he would not be in favor of approving. Magistrate Gay asked if the City was already maintaining the roads in those subdivisions. Mayor Miller stated that the County currently maintains the roads. Magistrate Ellis reminded Mayor Carlos that annexing those subdivisions means potholes, repaving, and tree removal costs to the City of Perryville. Magistrate Cullen and Magistrate Ellis requested a map with potential annexation properties marked and asked to wait to vote on Perryville annexation. County Attorney Chris Herron stated he would have to research the annexation bill to verify if Perryville can annex the subdivisions at this time. Judge Bottom requested that Mayor Miller be placed on May 11, 2023, Fiscal Court Agenda and for Mayor Miller to send the information for the Magistrates to review. Magistrate Cullen informed the Court that insurance premium taxes and occupational fees are affected by annexation.

**Sheriff Taylor Bottom** discussed receiving a surplus truck from the City of Danville Fire Department to haul ammunition to and from the firing range. Sheriff Bottom thanked Sheriff's Office Administrator Janice Spears for her hard work.

**Sheriff's Office Administrator Janice Spears** presented the Sheriff's Office 2023 First Quarter Report and an amendment to the 2023 Sheriff's Budget. The amendment will increase the Sheriff's Salary from \$90,000.00 to \$108,332.42. The amendment was due to the increase in the sheriff's salary, according to KRS 64.5275. 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.

**Public Works Road Supervisor Roger Johnson** discussed the Pumpkin Run Road culvert. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to proceed with Ford Contracting. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. Emergency funds will cover the cost of the Pumpkin Run Road culvert.

**Solid Waste Director Angela Muncy** discussed the Rubber Modified Asphalt Grant. If Received, Two miles will be completed, with the County paying for one mile out of Discretionary Funds and the grant covering the second mile. Director Muncy has been speaking with Road Supervisor Johnson, and they decided to use the grant on the back part of Waterworks Road. The State will place signage that informs that it is a test site for this type of asphalt, and they will observe the road condition for the next five years. Magistrate Cullen made a motion to approve Judge Bottom signing the Rubber Modified Asphalt Grant and then proceed with using the grant on Waterworks Road. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. Judge Bottom stated she felt this would be a good road to try this type of asphalt on. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Payroll Officer Shannon Greene** presented the Comp Time Agreement for Public Works employee Dutch Martin. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the Comp Time Agreement. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Payroll Officer Shannon Greene** discussed the Training Incentives for Judge Bottom, Magistrate Sleeper, and Magistrate Bodner. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the Training Incentives. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

**Coroner Eric Guerrant** discussed the Coroner's Office's first quarter report. The Coroner's Office responded to sixty-five calls for service, thirty of those being cremation approvals, twenty-two natural deaths, eight accidental deaths, and three suicides. The leading cause of death has been cardiac arrest, with overdoses being second. The Coroner's Office is now compiling these statistics in case a grant becomes available. Coroner Guerrant would be happy to look at the Net Recovery information and give his opinion. Magistrate Ellis stated he would be happy to send any information he receives from Net Recovery to him for his review.

**EMS Director Mike Rogers** discussed the full-time hiring of Paramedic Jana McGarvey. She is a part-time paramedic and will be moving into an open full-time position. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the full-time hiring of Paramedic Jana McGarvey. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**EMS Director Mike Rogers** discussed the Generator's Planned Maintenance Agreement with Nixon. The generators are located at the Courthouse and the Government Service Center. The County's diesel

mechanic Tommy Richardson will do the yearly maintenance and upkeep. Nixon will continue doing a yearly check-up and oil change. The total of the agreement for both generators is \$1,500.00. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the Nixon Planned Maintenance Agreement. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**EMS Director Mike Rogers** discussed the agreement with Kentucky Community and Technical College that allows Emergency Medical Technician Program students to complete their field internship at Boyle County EMS. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the Kentucky Community and Technical College agreement. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Jailer Brian Wofford** discussed switching the jail software from E-Jail to JailTracker. There have been problems with the E-Jail software. There is a fee of \$16,250.00 to transfer data over to JailTracker. He would like that to be paid out of the Restricted Account. In addition to the \$8,000.00 in the budget for support and maintenance, \$1,000.00 will also need to come from the Restricted Account to cover the JailTracker cost. The County Attorney will send a letter to E-Jail to terminate their service and move the software to JailTracker. Judge Bottom informed the Court that the Joint Jail had approved this plan. Treasurer Lanham informed the Court that there was around \$585,000.00 in the Restricted Fund. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to terminate the use of the E-Jail software and move to JailTracker. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Jailer Brian Wofford** discussed the Joint Jail Contract. Both Mercer County and Boyle County wish to sever the contract. Joint Jail recommended starting a work group with Magistrate Gay, Magistrate Ellis, two Mercer Magistrates, and Jailer Wofford. The workgroup will start reviewing and making a cost list for inmates. Then, the workgroup will submit the cost list information to the County Judges and the County Attorneys. Magistrate Ellis stated he felt favorable that the Kentucky Jailers would win the lawsuit against the State. This could change the legislation impeding the County's ability to build a new jail. Boyle County needs to act now on all of this to maintain this extraordinary relationship with Mercer County and take steps to move ahead on building a new jail. County Attorney Chris Herron stated he did not feel the County needed to rebid its agreement with Brandstetter Carroll. There is no expiration date, and the bid is based on a percentage, not a fixed monetary amount. The former Fiscal Court approved the bid and paid the \$75,000.00 for a study from Brandstetter Carroll, but Covid shut everything down, and the Court never moved forward with the building. Magistrate Ellis stated that Monica Sumner with Brandstetter Carroll went with him to meet with legislators. He feels this shows an ongoing working relationship with Brandstetter Carroll. Judge Bottom asked Monica Sumner to attend the May 11, 2023, Fiscal Court with a new contract and present it to the Court. Magistrate Cullen asked if Boyle County was moving forward with Mercer County as a partner in the Jail. Jailer Wofford stated that they were moving forward with Mercer County as more of a customer. The Joint Jail would no longer exist, so that Mercer County would pay a per diem per inmate per day. There is a possibility that Mercer County could choose a different jail. Jailer Wofford would like to have a public meeting about the Jail building to find out what is important to the people of Boyle County. Magistrate Cullen asked if there would be more interaction with the Boyle County Attorney and the Boyle County Court Judges to find out what the Courts need. Jailer Wofford hoped the situation would change and they would have more input. Jailer Wofford stated he would contact KJA Executive Director Renee McDaniel and see what has worked in other Counties. Monica Sumner with Brandstetter Carroll stated she would be happy to come back and present to the Court for the new Magistrates.

**Judge Bottom** discussed the copier quote for Tax Administration. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the copier quote. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. Judge Bottom informed the Court that the copier would be paid for out of ARPA funds. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Judge Bottom** discussed the fiscal year 2024 appropriations. She informed the Court that the Child Development Center would be able to stay in their building and provide head start classes this year. Magistrate Cullen asked that going forward, EDA, Planning & Zoning, Gathering Place, Boyle County Airport, and the Development Council be categorized separately from appropriations. They are more partnerships with the County. Judge Bottom agrees with those being taken off and becoming their own line items. Magistrate Gay agrees that they need to be presented as partnerships so as not to mislead the public. Magistrate Cullen suggested breaking what is left down even further, Don't Sleep, GABBF, Downtown Concerts, Soul of Second Street, and Veterans Day were sponsorships.

Magistrate Ellis asked where the Park and Recreations were in the appropriations. Magistrate Cullen stated that we agreed with the City of Danville over the Parks & Recs, making it a separate line item. Magistrate Ellis stated he disagreed with that because of the information he had received. The County

was not being given its representation as agreed. Magistrate Ellis stated that the County needed a new Parks and Recs contract with the City of Danville to protect the constituent's interest and their funds. Magistrate Cullen stated he did not disagree and that a new agreement needed to be negotiated, but they signed an agreement, and the County would need to provide the agreed amount. Judge Bottom informed the Court that she and County Administrator Julie Wagner met with the City Manager and the Danville Mayor and started the discussion on a new agreement. Magistrate Ellis stressed the importance of Boyle County's representation on the Parks & Recs Board. Magistrate Cullen agreed and stated he wanted assurances that the new agreement would be followed.

Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve the following appropriations. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

1. The Arts Commission \$3,000.00
2. Main Street Perryville \$30,000.00
3. Child Development Center \$10,000.00 (Magistrate Cullen would like to break the \$10,000.00 into quarterly amounts and have Child Development come in with a quarterly report)
4. Art Center of the Bluegrass \$10,000.00
5. Civil Air Patrol \$6,000.00
6. Helping Hands \$3,000.00
7. No Sleep \$5,000.00
8. Bluegrass Community Action \$0.00
9. GABBF \$15,000.00
10. Downtown Concert Series \$6,650.00
11. A Gathering Place \$85,000.00
12. Family Services Association \$7,500.00
13. CASA \$5,500.00
14. Greenhouse 17 \$7,500.00
15. Airport Board \$26,972.50 for 23/24 (and \$27,148.00 rolled over from 22/23)
16. Veterans Day \$1,000.00
17. Planning & Zoning \$75,000.00
18. DBCDC \$150,000.00 (Magistrate Ellis would like quarterly reports)
19. EDA \$100,000.00 (Magistrate Cullen would like it to be a committed amount until requested by the Board Chair to the Court.)
20. Soul of Second Street \$3,000.00

For a total of \$577,270.50. (With the 22/23 rollover for the Airport Board)

Magistrate Gay asked for \$5,000.00 to be placed in a line item for any sponsorship requests that come before the Court in the next Fiscal Year.

Magistrate reports:

**Magistrate Bodner** stated she has been driving the roads in her district, seeing which ones most needed repair. She has been working with the Health Department and Solid Waste Director Angela Muncy on a property piled with garbage. She is still working on getting a bike park at Alum Springs. Rick Serres suggested contacting Parks & Recs to work on getting the bike park.

**Magistrate Cullen** asked for bank statements on the county drives. Judge Bottom suggested he request the statements from the Treasurer. Magistrate Cullen stated it was difficult to approve bills if he did not know what was in the bank. Judge Bottom explained that the Magistrates on the Finance Committee had access to the bank statements, and if the other Magistrates would like a copy, they would need to speak to Treasurer Darlene Lanham. Magistrate Gay suggested that Treasurer Lanham send out a monthly report stating the accounts totals. Treasurer Lanham explained that working with the new software has caused some problems and taking time to fix. However, she is close to having it cleaned up. Judge Bottom stated that if the Magistrates would like to have the bank statements available to all Magistrates on the County's Shared Drive, a motion will need to be made. Until then, Magistrates can come and see the bank statements at any time. Treasurer Lanham explained that sharing the bank statements to a drive is time-consuming. Magistrate Cullen asked Treasurer Lanham to see if there is an easier, less time-consuming way to share the bank statements, and the Magistrates can vote on having the bank statements on the County's Shared Drive.

**Magistrate Gay** discussed Centre College hosting the Southern Athletic Association Track and Field Championship on Centre's new track. The championship will bring seven other track and field teams to Boyle County.

**Magistrate Sleeper** discussed attending KACO's 2nd Disaster Training for County Officials. In addition, he attended the Inter-Agency Group at the Extension Office. Earth Day Celebration was a great time. Finally, he praised Road Supervisor Roger Johnson for all his help figuring out roads that need attention in his district.

**Magistrate Ellis** discussed the Constitution Square Contract revision. There will be major changes in the contract. He contacted Judge Bottom on redistricting and where magisterial districts may be. He discussed the changes at the Extension Office. He has received a pro forma from the County Surveyor and will send it out.

**Judge Bottom** informed the Court that Road Supervisor Roger Johnson and Solid Waste Director Angie Muncy were in the process of getting quotes for the front of the Perryville Recycling Center. Judge Bottom and IT Director Bill Nichols toured the State Emergency Operations Center for ideas on what the County should do for its EOC. Judge Bottom recognized Magistrate Sleeper for preaching at her church. County Clerk Casey McCoy will present the Reapportionment Board after the election. The next Court date will be May 11, 2023, to accommodate early voting that will be happening in the Fiscal Courtroom.

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