

The **regular meeting** of the Boyle County Fiscal Court was held on **May 23, 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 Jamey Gay  
Magistrate Steve Sleeper

Magistrate Cullen was present via video.

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

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

**Magistrate Harmon** gave the invocation.

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

**Finance Officer Elaina Plyman** presented the bills for approval in the amount of \$480,247.17, with a late bill added from McKinney Cleaning Service, raising the total to \$485,059.74. In addition, there is an invoice for seven vehicles from Don Franklin in the amount of \$310,986.00 that will be paid out of ARPA funds. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the bills as presented. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked if they were all new vehicles. Finance Officer Plyman confirmed they were. She also informed the Court of the hard work that Deputy Sam Butler did in working with Don Franklin for the vehicles to come in under budget. Judge Bottom explained the estimates for a new server. Pro-Tech is the lowest bid that includes a warranty and a local company. IT Director Bill Nichols recommended using Pro-Tech for those reasons. Finance Officer Plyman asked that part of the motion include payment upon delivery of the vehicles. The motion was amended and passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**County Treasurer Darlene Lanham** presented the Budget Transfers. The total budget transfer is \$243,631.00, with the General Fund being \$63,705.00, Public Works Fund \$2,626.00, Joint Jail Fund \$78,000.00, Health Fund \$26,500.00, EMS Fund \$17,450.00, Fleet Management \$100.00, Boyle County Clerk Storage Fund \$250.00 and ARPA \$55,000.00. Magistrate Bodner 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 discussed the new line items in ARPA funds, Office Equipment, New Equipment (vehicles), New Operating Equipment, and Contract Building Construction. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the new line items. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked if this was to make it easier to find things. Treasurer Lanham stated it was, making it more transparent and easier to follow. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Judge Bottom** discussed the Recovery Ready Community Certification. Governor Beshear presented the Certification to Boyle County last week. We are the first County in the Commonwealth to receive this recognition. ASAP Coordinator Kathy Miles, ASAP Social Worker Terry Dunn, and Health Department Director Brent Blevins accepted the Certification on behalf of all those that worked to bring the Certification to Boyle County. Coordinator Kathy Miles explained to the Court that in early 2023 a regulation was put in place that Kentucky would offer Communities the opportunity to be Recovery Ready. The standards were set, and the application stage opened up. The application took about 20 hours. It looked at how all the recovery programs, the justice system, and the faith community communicated to work together to treat the disease of addiction. EMS and Social Worker Terry Dunn impressed the Recovery Ready Board. Coordinator Miles informed Magistrate Harmon that his vision for the Jail, when he was the Boyle County Jailer helped lead to the County receiving the Recovery Ready Certification. Social Worker Terry Dunn thanked the Court and EMS Director Mike Rogers for making this possible. He feels he has the support of the Court, which helps with his resilience in helping the Community. Judge Bottom thanked Social Worker Dunn for his efforts to help the people of Boyle County. Health Department Director Brent Blevins discussed how fortunate Boyle County was to have Kathy Miles. He discussed that in 2016 there were eight overdose deaths in two weeks. In 2017, a

syringe exchange program was voted in. This was just a piece that the Court and Community helped form.

**Judge Bottom** presented the EMS Week Proclamation to EMS Director Mike Rogers. Director Rogers thanked the Court. He presented Challenge Coins to EMT Sara Bugg and EMT Jerry Dominion for their care of a patient that was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Because of EMT Sara Bugg and EMT Domino's care, the patient made it to the hospital and is now home. Judge Bottom thanked EMS for how hard they work.

**EMS Director Mike Rogers** shared May's Safe Driving Report. EMS drove over 10,000 miles in May. Magistrate Ellis stated that with the need to get to emergencies quickly, the drivers compensate with safety. Director Rogers informed the Court that on May 28<sup>th</sup>, there would be a Heroes Walk Run at the Boyle County Airport.

**Judge Bottom** presented the Public Works Week Proclamation to Public Works Road Supervisor Roger Johnson. Judge Bottom thanked Supervisor Johnson and the Public Works employees for their hard work.

**Humane Society Director Kari Kuh** discussed the Boyle County Cat Program. Community Cats Podcast recently chose the program to receive its \$2,000.00 matching grant. The Humane Society is looking to raise \$2,000.00 before July. Last year 650 cats were spayed or neutered through the program, and with the grant, it would add 60 more. The best way to explain how the Cat Program works is to look at the 30% decrease in kittens entering the shelter. Magistrate Ellis informed the Court that Cody Cjakowski, who is heading the Cat Program, spent a day helping a Great Horned Owl.

**African American Historical Society (AAHS) Director Michael Hughes** discussed the possibility of the AAHS using Grayson Tavern at Constitution Square. The Soul of Second Street display at Norton Center has to come down in June. There is no place to share the display or store it. Grayson Tavern would not be large enough for the whole display, but there is room to rotate the display. Judge Bottom stated that the Court was going through contract renewal with current tenants. Magistrate Ellis stated that before the Court could allow the African American Historical Society to use Grayson Tavern, the Birthplace of Kentucky Committee would have to agree. Judge Bottom stated she would get Director Hughes the contact information to go before the Birthplace of Kentucky Committee.

**Boyle County Clerk Casey McCoy** discussed the Reapportionment Committee appointees. He plans on having Ella Johnson, Harold Green, and Janice Spears on the Committee. They are all on the Election Board and live in different parts of the County. Magistrate Gay made the motion to appoint Ella Johnson, Harold Green, and Janice Spears to the Reapportionment Committee. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked how much compensation the members would receive. Treasurer Lanham stated that compensation was set at \$1,000.00 per person. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Human Resource Director Steve Griffin** discussed the additional cost to the County if the Primary Insurance Option should become free to employees. The additional cost of the plan would be \$158,000.00. Magistrate Gay stated that this type of plan is needed to stay competitive in today's marketplace. Magistrate Bodner stated that more than \$158,000.00 was added to the budget to cover the increase. Treasurer Lanham stated that the Budget Committee used best guess and that the money would be there "just in case." Magistrate Ellis made a motion to approve the County paying for employees' health insurance. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked about employees that travel around the Country and World and the out-of-network healthcare. Director Griffin stated there was language in the health contract, but he would like to research that before he commented. Magistrate Gay asked if the employee who does not subscribe to the County's insurance still receives the \$200.00 monthly HRA spending account. Director Griffin stated they did. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Human Resource Director Steve Griffin** discussed AirMed Care's cost. The rate will stay at \$60.00 per family for this fiscal year. However, there will be an increase next year. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve AirMed Care's cost. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Human Resource Director Steve Griffin** discussed the proposed change in the vacation leave policy. They changed the crediting year from a calendar year to a fiscal one. Vacation credited hours will be given on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, not monthly. The employee can take vacation hours at any time if approved by their supervisor. If an employee leaves and has taken more vacation than earned, they

would be obligated to pay the County back. If the supervisor does not think the employee will work long enough to cover the vacation time, they can deny the vacation. Magistrate Ellis asked about the vacation time carryover. Director Griffin stated that carryover that exceeds 120 hours should be paid out. The only caveat being the employee must take one week of vacation a year off of work. There is a donation process that a person can donate paid time off to another person. County Attorney Chris Herron asked that the wording be changed in Earned Vacation (f) to say "shall" not "are required to." Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the vacation policy with the wording change. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Payroll Officer Shannon Greene** presented the Comp Time Agreement for Lynn Ellis. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the Comp Time Agreement. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Solid Waste Director Angela Muncy** discussed the Waste Tire Grant. It is a \$4,000.00 grant that is received yearly. This grant is to help with the years between the State's Tire Collection Program, with things like illegal dumping of tires. Boyle County's next State Tire Collection Program will be in the fall of 2024. Magistrate Sleeper made the motion to approve the Waste Tire Grant application. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis discussed the illegal dumping in some areas of his district. Director Muncy stated that Solid Waste would not pick them up but would help people dispose of them when brought to the facility.

**Judge Bottom** discussed the amendment in Zoning Map for 1765 Bonta Lane. The Zoning Commission has already approved the amendment. It is a change from agricultural to single-family residential. It is part of the Comprehensive Plan. Magistrate Bodner stated that her daughter in laws parents own this property. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve the Zoning Map Amendment. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

**County Attorney Chris Herron** discussed the City of Perryville Annexation. Based on the moratorium, the County has to agree to proceed with the annexation. There is a process that the City must go through. County Attorney Herron explained that KRS 262.850 subsection 10 states that land can not be annexed in the boundary of a Conservation District. According to the USDA Office maps, most of the land Perryville City seeks to annex is in the Conservation District. Magistrate Ellis knows the farm on 68 is part of the Conservation District and explained that this would keep Perryville City from annexing property of the farm's neighboring subdivision because there would not be a common border with the City. County Attorney Herron agreed and explained that there seemed to be some property that may be subject to the annexation. Magistrate Gay stated that even if the County gave its approval, it would be up to the City of Perryville to deal with the challenges and obstacles. Judge Bottom wanted it to be clear that it was not that the land was zoned agricultural it was because it was part of the Conservation District. Magistrate Ellis would like clarification on what steps are required for annexation. He knows that there must be a public hearing and signs must be placed. Judge Bottom would like to send County Attorney Herron's information to Perryville Mayor Carlos Miller and have Mayor Miller return to the Court with more information and an amended map. County Attorney Herron explained that statute 81A.425 explains what must be done to inform the proposed annexation property owners. Magistrate Gay asked if a landowner could opt out of being part of the Conservation District. County Attorney Herron stated, to his understanding, that it was renewed every five years, and the owners could opt out at any time.

**Judge Bottom** gave the first reading of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget. Everything is primarily part of the Budget Workshops. Magistrate Ellis asked if, after the first reading, the budget went to the state for approval before the second reading. Judge Bottom stated it would. The budgeted totals are:

General Fund \$25,871,359.00  
Public Works Fund \$4,285,158.00  
Joint Jail Fund \$5,844,783.00  
LGEA Fund \$138,210.00  
Bond Proceeds Fund \$25,000,000.00  
State Grant Funds \$200,000.00  
Federal Grant Funds \$265,554.00  
E911 Fund \$246,200.00  
Health/Insurance Fund \$2,558,150.00  
Boyle Jail Fund \$90,610.00  
EMS Fund \$4,660,519.00  
Fleet Management Fund \$226,574.00  
County Clerk Fund \$92,020.00  
Opioid Fund \$34,305.00

ARPA Fund \$1,536,700.00

Budget total \$71,050,142.00

Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the first reading of the 2023/2024 Budget. He commented that he felt this budget process has been open and transparent, and he feels it is fiscally responsible, positively touching every department. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis discussed item 20, Parks and Recreation. He feels that there have been major deficiencies by the City of Danville concerning their Parks & Rec agreement with the County. He would like a motion to hold the first Fiscal Court quarterly funding until a satisfactory redraft of the Parks & Recs agreement takes place. Magistrate Gay agrees with the need for a new agreement. Magistrate Gay amended his motion to approve the first reading of the 2023/2024 budget, withholding Parks & Rec's first quarterly payment until a new contract agreement is reached. Magistrate Bodner amended her second. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. Judge Bottom explained that the next reading would depend upon when we get the budget back from the state. Magistrate Gay extended thanks to Treasurer Darlene Lanham and Judge Bottom for their hard work. Magistrate Bodner stated what an eye-opening experience the budget process had been. Judge Bottom thanked everyone for working together. She feels it is transparent and easier to comprehend.

**County Administrator Julie Wagner** discussed the Land Water Conservation Grant for Junction City Park. Forty years ago, the Land Water Conservation Grant was used to construct the pavilion currently located at the park. Administrator Wagner explained that it is a matching grant and that the County will seek a \$50,000.00 grant. There is \$50,000.00 in the County Budget, and they are speaking to the County Schools about soliciting donations. Part of the project would be to add a new pavilion with handicap-accessible bathrooms, upgrade the basketball court, new picnic tables with two being handicap-accessible, upgrade the grill, and add inclusive playground equipment. They have met with the Boyle County FFA, and the FFA would love to do the landscaping and planting. Administrator Wagner would like to apply for a Tree Grant in the fall. She feels there are some really good partnerships to make up the other part of the 50% match. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the grant application. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. Magistrate Bodner stated how excited she was to get this started. She thanked Administrator Wagner for her hard work in finding this grant and thanked Judge Bottom for going out and looking at the park and understanding why this is needed. Judge Bottom explained how the day they went to see the park, there was a group of kids playing, and it showed how much was missing and needed to upgrade the park. Magistrate Ellis noted Magistrate Bodner's enthusiasm and passion for her constituents. Administrator Wagner informed the Court that a \$42,000.00 matching grant was received this week for Perryville. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

**Judge Bottom** postponed the Discretionary Paving list until the next meeting.

**Boyle County Jailer Brian Wofford** informed the Court that there were currently 71 Boyle County inmates, 22 Mercer inmates, 100 State Inmates, and 4 for other counties. Magistrate Ellis stated that those numbers prove the deficiencies of the States funding of their inmates in our detention center.

**Boyle County Jailer Brian Wofford** discussed the Jail Arraignment Equipment Grant and Resolution. The grant is for the new arraignment equipment at the Jail, tying every Courtroom in the state to every Jail, not forcing transportation for arraignments. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve Resolution 23.05.23.01 and allow the County Judge to sign any documents necessary to receive those funds. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Jailer Wofford** informed the Court that the Jail did not have the staffing to help with Junction City Park, but if he could be contacted with dates they would be working on the park, he would do his best to get some inmates down to help.

**Judge Bottom** discussed the Parks & Recs Contract and the letter mailed to Danville City Manager Earl Coffey about the changes the County was seeking. Judge Bottom explained that the County had not received General Ledger information since the agreement was signed three years ago, and the County requested 24 months of expenses to budget reports. The County expected the service cost to be put towards Parks & Rec providing programs to all areas of the County, not just Millennium Park. The County is unaware of any programming outside the city limits and wishes to be informed of planned events. The Fiscal Court has not received any communication from Parks & Rec nor City staff member. There has been no annual department budget information delivered to the County Judge, nor any grant funding information. The County was not informed of Danville City filing for a grant of \$125,000.00 in 2021 for upgrades to Millennium Park. The Fiscal Court has not received any quarterly reports and requests that this is reinstated immediately. The Fiscal Court has not received any notice of meetings, minutes, or

agendas. Magistrates have requested representation on the Parks & Rec Committee. The Magistrates feel that the amount of funding supplied by the County and the lack of communication the Court has received has left the Court ignorant of how the Park & Rec has spent the funds. The agenda and minutes from the Parks & Rec Committee have not been received. Administrator Julie Wagner thinks the next steps will be to receive communication from the City and sit down with the City Manager, Earl Coffey, before the end of June.

**Magistrate Ellis** 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. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

**Magistrate Bodner** 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 Harmon** stated he was happy to be back.

**Magistrate Cullen** had nothing to report.

**Magistrate Gay** stated how his mother lost her father during WW2 when she was only 6 years old, living 79 years of her life without her father. The sacrifice of her father represents the sacrifice of many this Memorial Day. He hopes we all continue to serve and live a life honoring the sacrifices made for our freedoms.

**Magistrate Sleeper** sent his condolences to the Scott County Sheriff's Office and the Scott County Deputy's family that was shot and killed during a traffic stop. He has compiled some KACO disaster information, including donations logistics and the role of County Elected Officials, and will be sending them via email to other Magistrates.

**Magistrate Ellis** has not heard any interest in the Net Recovery Program and suggested communicating with Net Recovery on the Court passing on the program at this time. He discussed the Parks & Rec inviting Magistrate Cullen and himself to the last two meetings. He has had informative conversations with Mark Morgan on the lack of communication from Parks & Rec. Mark Morgan is under the impression that Parks & Rec have more authority under the current agreement, which may become a stumbling block. Magistrate Ellis is concerned about the helium balloons being released and killing livestock. He discussed the concern with Mark Morgan, and Parks & Rec will not have balloons set for release. Magistrate Ellis hopes to make it a policy not to release balloons on anything the Fiscal Court sponsors. The annual 127-yard sale is coming up. Perryville is making it a big event. Caleb Conley was the Deputy tragically killed in Scott County. We needed to remember the law enforcement community.

**Magistrate Bodner** discussed Junction City Elementary being one of the top 25 schools in Kentucky. She congratulated the students and staff on their hard work. Magistrate Bodner is continuing work on the possible Bike Park in Alum Springs. She will be emailing Solid Waste Director Angela Muncy about contact information for the Storm Water Permit. Magistrate Bodner has the letter from the Environmental Protection Cabinet releasing the Alum Springs Dump, showing it was closed properly. There is a letter from the Director of Waste Management with recommendations for the property, but nothing states that a bike park cannot be constructed. Magistrate Bodner discussed the wood chips in front of the Convenience Center being placed back inside because of the weeds and appearance. She is so excited about the Junction City Park upgrades and thanked the Court for the much-needed improvements to her district. Judge Bottom agreed that all districts needed to be supported. Magistrate Bodner informed the Court that the Boyle County Girls' Softball team won their district, and the Boys won theirs.

**County Attorney Chris Herron** discussed helping with the Boyle County High School Tennis. The Girls' Tennis Doubles won the Regional Championship and will go to the State Championship. There will be a Boyle County Girls Tennis single competing in the State Singles Championship. Brass Band is coming up June 1-4. Remember this Memorial Day and the many who have died.

**Judge Bottom** discussed that two of the County's elementary schools were in the top 25. Perryville Elementary was ranked 26th among the Kentucky schools. There will be a pancake breakfast on June 4,

2023, during the Brass Band Festival. Judge Bottom reminded the Court that the Courthouse will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day. She extended the Court's condolences to the family and law enforcement family for the loss of Deputy Caleb Conley.

Magistrate Gay made a motion to adjourn. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Trille L. Bottom  
Boyle County Judge Executive