

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

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

Judge Bottom called the meeting to order.

The Fiscal Court meeting with the teleconferencing of Magistrate Cullen under KRS 61.826 was properly advertised, and a quorum was present.

Magistrate Sleeper 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 \$1,215,001.61, with additional bills of \$16,250.00 to Interact Public Safety and \$12,711.00 to WEX, for a total of \$1,243,962.61. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the bills. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

County Treasurer Darlene Lanham presented the Cash Transfers, General Fund To Public Works Fund of \$300,000.00, General Fund to EMS Fund of \$150,000.00, and General Fund to Joint Jail \$150,000.00, and Restricted Fund to Joint Jail Fund of \$17,250.00. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the cash transfers. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. Treasurer Lanham informed the Court that she included a monthly statement and a report summary of checks written last month.

County Attorney Chris Herron discussed the second reading of the Ordinance Amending Ordinance number 920.7, the Zoning Ordinance, including the zoning Map for Boyle County, Kentucky Ordinance 920.22. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 920.22. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Jennifer Gaddis gave the Court an official complaint against Animal Control. Ms. Gaddis discussed finding a cat almost dead on the road and calling Animal Control. She took the cat to the Humane Society/Animal Control and was told there were no cat resources. Ms. Gaddis took the cat to Town and Country Veterinarian Clinic. The incident was the second time recently she has had an issue with Animal Control/Humane Society. The first time she contacted Animal Control about a hurt kitten on a local ball field. Ms. Gaddis was told there were no resources. She had to take the kitten to her home and seek help from people on Facebook. She found out later that the kitten had Feline Leukemia. Ms. Gaddis is disturbed by the lack of concern given to cats by the Humane Society and Animal Control. Magistrate Bodner stated that Animal Control was to take all injured animals. The Animal Control Committee and the Fiscal Court have been addressing deficiencies and will have to continue to do so. Magistrate Ellis asked who told her there were no resources for cats. Ms. Gaddis stated it was Kari Kuh from the Humane Society. Magistrate Ellis stated that there were distinctions between the Animal Shelter and the Humane Society. Magistrate Ellis thanked her for bringing this to the Court's attention.

Julie Rodes discussed the Boyle County Ordinance 842.1, which defines an animal as any non-human creature besides an insect and because it is incumbent upon the Fiscal Court of the County of Boyle, in accordance with the authority granted it by statute, to enact a comprehensive ordinance providing for the effective "control" of animals, ensuring the protection of animals and the abatement of public nuisances stemming from the mistreatment, maltreatment, abandonment of animals, and regulating commerce arising from or relating to the buying, selling, bartering, grooming or boarding of animals. She has lived in Boyle County since 1984 and has positively interacted with Animal Control. On April 28, 2022, she worked for Happy Paws and had a woman show up with two puppies that the Humane Society would not help her with. The Boyle County resident found the puppies on the road just inside the

Lincoln County line. The Humane Society refused to take them because they were not found in Boyle County. The lady was unable to take care of them. Ms. Rhodes contacted the Humane Society and was told they would not take them because they were not from Boyle County and offered no alternative help. She had to drive out of County to get the puppies the support they needed. One of the puppies did not live. She has had and has heard of many negative experiences with the local Humane Society and Animal Control. The community's mindset has become, why bother contacting Animal Control or the Humane Society?

Rachel Beckman spoke to the Fiscal Court about her problems with Animal Control since 2021. She contacted Animal Control and Humane Society about kittens living in dirty conditions near her home. She was told they would be fine to be spayed or neutered and returned to the area. She found a foster for them and got the kittens adopted out. After this incident, she started getting phone calls from the community needing help with sick or hurt animals. She has had to compile a list of resources to help animals. There has been an animal explosion in the past few years. Ms. Beckman does not feel that Animal Control nor the Humane Society has been effectively using its funds to help the animals of Boyle County. She would like to see a task force set up to work together and learn from other counties. The Fiscal Court needs to pass a stronger, clearer County Ordinance. Magistrate Gay stated that the Animal Control Committee and the Fiscal Court were working to fix the problems. Many hours have been spent trying to combat the problems in Animal Control. The Committee is putting together a task force and has strengthened the ordinance, but they are willing to make it even stronger if need be. Magistrate Sleeper thanked everyone who came and shared their experiences. Magistrate Ellis asked how many kennel spaces were at the Humane Society. Judge Bottom explained that Animal Control had eight and two quarantine kennels. There are currently four being used. Magistrate Ellis feels there is room for doing more in the community. Magistrate Bodner would like to see local rescues on the Animal Task Force.

Magistrate Cullen tried to connect to the meeting. There were technical difficulties, and Magistrate Cullen could not join Fiscal Court.

Jenna Gordon discussed her involvement with and sitting on the Humane Society Board in 2019. She explained that at one time, there were 36 kennels in total. Ms. Gordon does not know the total number of kennels today. In the last few years, she has chosen to work with rescues.

Property Valuation Administrator Lacreasha Gibson discussed the 30th anniversary of her employee, Jennifer Abrams. PVA Gibson thanked Jennifer Abrams for her years of service.

Judge Bottom recognized Colin Shepperson for his five years of service to the citizens of Boyle County. Mr. Shepperson thanked the Court for giving him the job and the opportunity. Mr. Shepperson works at the Gose Pike Convenience Center.

Associate Professor of Economics and Business at Centre College Patten Mahler discussed the Heart of Ky Kids. It is a group that supports early childhood development and kindergarten readiness. Chelsie Clark discussed the new Child Care Center in the old Jennie Rogers building. Erin Lindon discussed the Ready for K Camp program. The camp is for kids going into kindergarten. It will start July 24, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Parks & Rec Committee Chairperson Mark Morgan gave an update on what the Committee has been doing. In 2020, an agreement was signed, and the Parks & Rec Committee was formed from the old board. One of the terms of the agreement was that the Committee would update the Fiscal Court with Quarterly Reports. With the onset of Covid, the requirements went unmet. Chairman Morgan was there to fix this shortcoming and get things back on track. Chairman Morgan introduced the Parks & Rec Committee, David Camic, Ernest Dunn, Sarah Berry, Ed Rall, Jo Marie Lammy, and Lafonda Stallworth. The Committee is working with the County Judge and the City Commissioners. Parks & Recs has a wide age range of constituents to provide programs, trails, parks, and rec leagues. Parks & Rec is looking to address teenager's needs and areas in the south end of town. Magistrate Gay discussed Parks & Rec to be more Countywide. Chairperson Mark Morgan acknowledges concentrating many of its formal activities in Danville City, but they use Junction City Elementary and Perryville Elementary for rec league activities. Parks & Rec are very in favor of a Bike Park at Alum Springs Convenience Center. Recreation Supervisor Amber Shartzter discussed the July 4th event. There were bouncy houses, food trucks, and a 5K run. She is in the works for a fall festival with a 5K run incorporated. There will be a touch a truck event. Parks & Rec partnered with the Heart of Ky Kids to bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the area. Magistrate Ellis asked himself and the other Magistrates to be on the Parks & Rec Committee email list. He suggested Parks & Rec work with Fish and Wildlife and have a fishing contest for our local fishing teams. Supervisor Shartzter stated she was working with Fish and Wildlife to set up a free child

fishing day. Athletic Supervisor Stephanie Boyd is over the programming. They just finished up the 2023 spring t-ball season. The Parks & Rec Committee started the Summer Youth Night at the park. For adults, they have brought back adult softball and volleyball league. For the older adults, a Pickleball League has been started. Magistrate Gay asked about getting more splash pads throughout the County. Chairperson Morgan stated that an Aquatics Plan is being worked through, and hopefully, more will be built. Magistrate Bodner stated she would love to see a splash pad in Junction City. Chairperson Morgan reminded the Court that Parks & Rec meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at City Hall at 4:30.

Fleet Management Director Tommy Robertson discussed the four quotes he received for the tire changing and balancing machines. The most complete and lowest cost quote is Smith Garage at \$39,180.62. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the quote from Smith Garage Equipment for \$39,180.62. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. Magistrate Bodner asked if this would save the County money. Director Robertson stated that Lexington was the only place to get tires rotated on an ambulance. Each trip cost the County \$900.00. Regular balancing and rotating of the ambulance tires will extend their life. Treasurer Lanham informed the Court that the purchase price was budgeted. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

IT Director Bill Nichols discussed the email update. Almost every County employee has switched over to the dot-gov email. The Ethics Committee still has the old email, which must be fixed. Somewhere between July 20th and July 25th, the dot-com server will disappear. Employees will need to send any wanted emails to their new email address. Magistrate Gay asked about Google Drive. Director Nichols suggested downloading Sharepoint, which will replace Google Drive. Director Nichols informed the Court that the internet fiber had been installed at the Courthouse.

EMS Director Mike Rogers discussed a letter received from the Danville Bluegrass Community & Technical College (BCTC). In the letter, they asked if Boyle County would donate two of the three retired/surplus ambulances to help train students. Magistrate Ellis asked about the value of the used ambulance. Director Rogers stated he did not have an exact amount but thought it would be around \$5,000.00. BCTC would wrap the ambulance with its logo and have a section stating "Donated by Boyle County EMS." Magistrate Gay made a motion to approve donating a 2012 Chevy EC3 to BCTC to use as part of the program. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked to put the ambulance up for sale. Judge Bottom stated that BCTC started the EMT program at the request of Boyle County. Magistrate Sleeper feels it would be a good-faith gesture. Magistrate Ellis would like to see the vote put off for two weeks to find out the value of the ambulance. Magistrate Gay feels this would be an opportunity to be a good partner. The motion passed with Magistrate Bodner, Magistrate Harmon, Magistrate Gay, and Magistrate Sleeper voting yes and Magistrate Ellis voting no.

Magistrate reports:

Magistrate Bodner gave the EMS Committee Report. BCTC has given an EMT Class and will schedule an advanced EMT class, then a Paramedic Class. In June, there were 590 runs. The EMS driving policy was gone over during Committee. The Committee reviewed the possibilities of moving EMS to several smaller response stations around Boyle County. Even if nothing is added to EMS, the building they are housed in must be updated. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the EMS Committee Report. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

Magistrate Bodner discussed meeting with Danville City Engineer Josh Morgan, and he expressed interest in helping with the Junction City Park and the Alum Springs Bike Park. She would love to get a splash park in Junction City Park. She walked the Alum Springs area and spoke about how lovely it is there. Public Works fixed an area on Cream Ridge where school buses pass daily. She is working with the State on KY HWY 300. Magistrate Bodner stated she had several questions each week about Spectrum. Judge Bottom stated she would try to contact our Spectrum Representative and have him come and give an update.

Magistrate Harmon has nothing at this time.

Magistrate Gay discussed the Environmental Services Committee and the Conservation District meeting. It went well, and they will be working to finalize the agreement. They should have the agreement before the Court in a few weeks.

Magistrate Sleeper reiterated his appreciation of the people who came and spoke about issues with Animal Control. The Animal Control Committee has been working to answer the challenges put before them and make better policies for the welfare of the animals. He went to his first EDA meeting. They will be reviewing their by-laws. Magistrate Ellis spoke of the EDA by-laws being unsigned. Magistrate Ellis

thinks it would be in the County's best interest if Judge Bottom becomes the Secretary-Treasurer. He does not find the workings of the EDA to have been an equal split between the County and Danville City. Judge Bottom has offered to become the EDA's Secretary-Treasurer and noted that the by-laws were never signed, so they must be reviewed.

Magistrate Ellis attended the first Annexation Task Force. The Task Force comprises members of the Senate and House in Frankfort. A pre-meeting at KACO headquarters was informative on how Counties must proceed slowly but firmly. It is understood that the Cities are working to lift the annexation moratorium. Before it is lifted, the constituents' needs, area development, and statutes must be considered. Counties need a Comprehensive Plan. Magistrate Ellis would be happy to have any Magistrate who would like to attend the task force ride with him. Magistrate Ellis discussed the solar situation in Mercer. Boyle County needs to work on its Solar Ordinance. He has been working on some key points and will share them with the Magistrates and the County Attorney. Magistrate Ellis stated he had emailed our Spectrum Representative on June 22, 2023, and has not heard back from him. The constituents of Boyle County need an update. Magistrate Ellis is working with Planning & Zoning Director Mikaela Gerry to find out the root of the business concern problems on Nield Road. He reminded the Court that the Perryville Turtle Derby is July 22, 2023. Magistrate Ellis talked about the loss of stone fencing and the need for preservation. Magistrate Ellis needs a list of Boyle County roads from the County Clerk. He thanked the Public Works for their work on potholes.

County Attorney Chirs Herron discussed internet fraud. He learned of a situation where someone had a box pop up on their computer saying their bank account and computer was infected. The scammers tried to get information and asked them to get a gift card and send pictures. Go into the bank if there is a problem. Recently, a person was hacked on Facebook, and the scammer put out a for sale post wanting money to hold sale items. He advises using two-factor authentication. Magistrate Gay stressed not to give out your bank password. A bank will not call and ask for it.

Judge Bottom discussed the CVB Board letter requesting Danville City and Boyle County Fiscal Court to report and assist with stone fences in bad repair. They would like to know if the County would be interested by July 31, 2023. Magistrate Bodner suggested a school project. Magistrate Gay suggested the Dry Stone Conservancy become involved. The Court gives its support in assisting with the CVB. The Don't Sleep Program will be having its back-to-school block party at Millennium Park Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m. Judge Bottom will be in the dunking booth Saturday starting at noon during the 2023 Snappin Chaplin Turtle Derby. Kentucky Dock Dogs will be this weekend at the showroom.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Trille L. Bottom
Boyle County Judge Executive