

The **regular meeting** of the Boyle County Fiscal Court was held on **August 8, 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, 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.

The Fiscal Court meeting was properly advertised, and a quorum was present.

**Magistrate Ellis** gave the invocation.

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

**Judge Bottom** presented the minutes for the July 25, 2023, regular meeting and the August 1, 2023, special called meeting. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve both sets of minutes. Magistrate Bodner 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 in the amount of \$2,221,088.43 with the additional bill of \$1,000.00 for Heritage Hospice Veterans Dinner and less a double entry of \$1,346.16 for Waste Management, making the new total \$2,220,742.27. 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** discussed adding three new Line Items to the General Fund, Office Equipment Maintenance Agreement, Economic Development Incentive, and Animal Control Part-Time Employee. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve adding the three new Line Items to the 23/24 budget. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**County Treasurer Darlene Lanham** explained the need to add the 01-5205-12300 Animal Control Part-Time Employee to the Payroll Standing Orders. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the addition of 01-5205-12300 Animal Control Part-Time Employee to the Payroll Standing Orders. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**County Treasurer Darlene Lanham** presented the Budget Transfers. The total budget transfer is \$118,850.00, with the General Fund being \$118,750.00 and the E911 Fund being \$100.00. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the budget transfers 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 Cash Transfers, General Fund to the Public Works Fund of \$20,000.00, and General Fund to the Fleet Mgmt Fund of \$50,000.00. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the cash transfers. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**County Treasurer Darlene Lanham** discussed a first reading of the 23/24 Budget Amendment Ordinance to include an increase to Public Works by \$738,530.40. The receipts will be 02-45180 County Road Aid, and the expenditures will be 02-8005-7300 Capital Projects-Road Aid. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the first reading of the 23/24 Budget Amendment Ordinance to increase Public Works by \$734,530.40. Magistrate Harmon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Research Coordinator Stephanie Abraham and Dr. Stephanie Boone** discussed the upcoming Rural Heart and Lung Study. The National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute will fund the study with the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky. They are recruiting Boyle, Garrard, Perry, and Breathitt Counties participants. The study is to identify risk factors for heart and lung diseases in rural communities and potential solutions by examining differences between higher and lower-risk rural counties. There is a Community Advisory Board in Boyle County set up to help design and implement recruiting people for the study. They are mailing letters to people in these communities and going to events. There is no risk factor aspect to the study. Judge Bottom suggested that someone with the Rural Heart and Lung Study attend the Boyle County Fiscal Court Health Fair. EMS Director Mike Rogers stated that some free testing done in the Rural Study is normally very expensive.

**Preston Miles and Dan Nolet with Solarize Boyle** discussed giving residents, small businesses, farms, and nonprofit organizations bulk-purchasing power to obtain discounted rates for personal use solar installations. Solarize Boyle is for personal use and not “solar farms.” The program will make it safer for individuals to invest in solar by connecting them with pre-screened installers. Solarize Boyle is asking the Boyle County Fiscal Court to be a sponsor and host a website. Mr. Miles gave a Memorandum of Understanding to the County Attorney, Chris Herron, for review. The County would have no liability with the program. Dan Nolet discussed the importance of offering citizens discounts. Magistrate Ellis supports what they are doing, but with the sensitivity of the solar farm possibility in Mercer County, he is reluctant about the name. Magistrate Cullen stated that anything with the word solar in the title would be alarming to some. That is where education needs to come in. Magistrate Gay feels solar power for personal use is a positive for Boyle County and feels getting hung up on the name would not be good. John Boone with the Kentucky Solar Energy Society discussed the program being for personal use and that they will be using Request for Proposals to get reputable installers. Commercial solar is not part of Solarize Boyle. Solid Waste Director Angela Muncy asked about disposal methods for solar products. Preston Miles stated he expects a new recycling industry to develop in 20 to 30 years. Magistrate Cullen asked what would happen to damaged solar products before the new recycling industry develops. Mr. Miles stated he was unsure how that would be handled and would follow up. Magistrate Bodner asked why she should support Solarize Boyle. Mr. Miles said this would save the homeowner money, be good for the environment, and produce jobs. Magistrate Ellis hoped that Solarize Boyle would consider the beauty of Boyle County and keep the solar panels from the public’s view. Mr. Boone stated that solar panels are put on the back roofs of houses, and the ground-mounted ones are generally not in view of the road. Mr. Miles stated he would take that into advisement and see if it could be built into Solarize Boyle’s Request for Proposal. Magistrate Gay stated that the Planning and Zoning Guidelines are where the solar panel placement needs to be addressed. County Attorney Chris Herron has been researching Solar Ordinances and thinks Boyle County should have an ordinance for citizens to follow before sponsoring any solar programs. County Attorney Herron suggested forming a Solar Working Group with people from the community. Judge Bottom suggested giving County Attorney Herron time to review the MOA for Solarize Boyle and bring it back before the Court. Magistrate Cullen asked what compensation Solarize Boyle would receive. Mr. Miles and Mr. Nolet stated they received no compensation. The County Attorney suggested that the Court visit [kentuckylantern.com](http://kentuckylantern.com), which has links to many Kentucky solar ordinances.

**Payroll Officer Shannon Greene** presented a Comp Time Agreement for Max Piscatelli. 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.

**Magistrate Cullen** excused himself from the meeting.

**911 Director Rebecca Hafley** discussed the 911 text program. A citizen would need phone service to text 911. The text program would allow a person who would be in danger if they spoke aloud to contact the police. The program will also be beneficial to the deaf population. The program does not allow translation at this time.

**County Attorney Chris Herron** read Ordinance 110.4, an Ordinance Establishing the Updated Geographic Boundaries for Magisterial Districts in Boyle County. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve Ordinance 110.4. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked that the Magistrates be listed by their districts on the Ordinance. County Attorney Herron agreed to make the change. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**County Attorney Chris Herron** discussed Resolution 23.08.08 accepting and approving Bill Silvey Road for the E-911 system. Magistrate Sleeper made the motion to approve Resolution 23.08.08. 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 Dead Animal Removal (DAR) Agreement with the Boyle County Conservation District (BCCD). Revenue will now be \$77,500.00 with an automatic 2% cost of living added yearly. Any money not used will be put aside for a new DAR truck. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the DAR Agreement. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis asked if there was any possibility of negotiation with the Boyle County Conservation District when the County has to purchase a new truck for dead animal removal. Magistrate Gay and Judge Bottom stated that the possibility was discussed at the last BCCD meeting. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Solid Waste Director Angela Muncy** discussed the Litter Abatement Grant. Due to a bill passed in State Legislation, Director Muncy does not know how much the grant will be this year. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve Director Muncy applying for the Litter Abatement Grant. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. Judge Bottom asked what the grant has been used for in the past. Director Muncy stated that it had been used for garbage bags, pickers, gloves, radio ads, and promotional items. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Magistrate Cullen** rejoined the Court.

**Tax Administrator Susanna Ryan** informed the Court that the Tax Office now had a drop-off box outside the Courthouse.

**County Administrator Julie Wagner** discussed Resolution 23.08.08.01 Merchants Row Storm Water Runoff Mitigation Grant of \$245,169.00. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve Resolution 23.08.08.01 and for Judge Bottom to sign any needed documents. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. County Attorney Chris Herron reviewed the grant and stated it was very strict. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**EMS Director Mike Rogers** discussed the Community Crisis Co-Response Grant. This grant is for developing and implementing infrastructure to support Co-Response Units (CRUs), including policy development, training, hiring behavioral health resources, and data collection. It is a matching grant of 10% in the first year, 30% in year two, and 50% in year three. County Administrator Julie Wagner explained that the grant limit is \$625,000.00 with a \$225,000.00 match. However, part of the match can be in kind, bringing the monetary match to around \$115,000.00. Director Rogers stated there would be a meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2023, of local mental health professionals to help build the vision of how to handle people who are having a mental health crisis but do not need to be placed in a hospital. Magistrate Cullen made the motion for EMS Director Mike Rogers to apply for the Community Crisis Co-Response Grant and for Judge Bottom to sign any needed paperwork. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. County Administrator Julie Wagner asked if anyone knew of a veteran mental health advocate who would participate in the meeting. Magistrate Gay suggested contacting Sharon Martin at Heritage Hospice. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**EMS Director Mike Rogers** discussed the County's search for land or a suitable building for a second EMS station closer to downtown Danville. Until they find one, EMS ambulances implement the patrol model. Currently, ambulances park on or around Main Street in case of emergency. This patrol model allows for quicker response time to higher call volume areas. Magistrate Cullen explained that the trucks have an idle system that allows the truck to be on, but the engine is not running. While he understands people may think EMS is wasting gas, they are saving lives. Director Rogers introduced new employee Megan Kettles.

**Treasurer Darlene Lanham** discussed the 2023 Tax Rates. She is recommending the compensating tax rate. The rate will take the Real Property Rate down from 6.4 to 6.0. Assessments have increased, and taking the compensating rate will not put an extra burden on the taxpayer. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the compensating rate for the 2023 tax rates. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was a question about the Distilled Spirits Rate. Treasurer Lanham explained that last year's Distilled Spirits Rate amount had been combined into the Personal Property total. Magistrate Cullen clarified that the Distilled Spirits Rate would not see a double rate increase. Treasurer Lanham stated that they would not see a double rate increase. The Distilled Spirits Rate is 6.7, the same as Personal Property Rate.

The County Tax Rates are:

Real Property 6.0  
Personal Property 6.7  
Motor Vehicle 6.9

Watercraft 6.9

Distilled Spirits 6.7

Aircraft 7.7

Agricultural Products 4.5

Bank Deposits .025

The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Magistrate Cullen** made the motion to go into **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 Bodner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

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

Magistrate reports:

**Magistrate Cullen** gave the EMS Committee report. EMS had 539 runs in July. EMS is working with local schools to update their Emergency Action Plans. The committee discussed the grant approved at today's Fiscal Court meeting. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the EMS Committee report. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

**Magistrate Gay** had nothing to report

**Magistrate Sleeper** just got back from a wonderful vacation. He thanked Magistrate Gay for conveying his Animal Control report at the last meeting. He has worked with Mimi Becker at the Arts Commission to create a neighborhood concert. It will be at Latimer Heights on August 22, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**Magistrate Ellis** discussed working with Public Works Road Supervisor Roger Johnson on storm washouts on County Roads. He explained that water line improvements are happening in the County, causing water outages to some homes. Parksville Water District has developed a better communication system over the past few weeks to let its customers know when an outage will happen. The Boyle County Fiscal Court is helping the Parksville Water District by putting the information on its website and Facebook page. There is a scheduled Economic Development Authority meeting next week. Magistrate Ellis will attend the Boyle County Football Game in Bowling Green on August 19, 2023. Congressman Comer's staff will be at the Boyle County Library today to speak with the public from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Magistrate Bodner** is still waiting to hear about the Junction City Playground Grant. The State has been working on Stewarts Lane. She has been speaking with the State about other problem roads in the County. State Road 300 has many issues that the state will be addressing. The Alum Springs Bike Park area is on the list for a survey. She will also attend the Boyle County Football Game in Bowling Green this weekend to cheer on her grandsons.

**Magistrate Harmon** has had his second eye surgery and is progressing.

**County Attorney Chris Herron** discussed school starting back on August 16, 2023.

**Magistrate Ellis** stated he got a call about signs missing from State Highway Easements. He does not understand why the State takes some down and not others. Magistrate Cullen stated it was due to the signs in the way of mowing. Magistrate Ellis stated that if the state takes some signs down, they have to take all the signs down.

**Judge Bottom** informed the Court that a Spectrum representative would attend the next Fiscal Court meeting. The Parks & Rec meeting for Thursday has been postponed. The Comp Plan Public Engagement meeting will be held on August 24, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Showroom. This meeting is to educate the public on how to give their input. Judge Bottom reminded everyone to sign up for CivicReady through boylecountyky.gov. CivicReady will notify of upcoming emergencies in the County. Do not forget to sign up for the State Fair.

**County Administrator Julie Wagner** reminded the Court of the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Event on August 26, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Recycling Center. There will be hamburgers and hotdogs.

**Magistrate Cullen** made a 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