

The **regular meeting** of the Boyle County Fiscal Court was held on **September 12, 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 Attorney Chris Herron, County Administrator Julie Wagner, 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.

Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2023, Fiscal Court meeting. 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 in the amount of \$3,351,846.88, with an additional bill of \$3,000.00 for the 2023/2024 Helping Hands appropriation, for a total of \$3,354,846.88. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve the bills. 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 \$5,824.15, with the General Fund \$4,551.35 and the Public Works Fund \$1,272.80. 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.

Dan Nolet discussed Solarize Boyle. Solarize Boyle will be for personal homeowners, small businesses, and farmers, not solar farms. It will be limited to 45 kilowatts per installation. The major benefits to homeowners will be reduced electric bills, discounted installation, and federal tax refunds. Solarize Boyle asked the Fiscal Court to host a link to the Solarize Boyle webpage. Magistrate Gay made the motion for the Boyle County Fiscal Court to support Solarize Boyle. Magistrate Cullen seconded the motion. County Atty Chris Herron asked why there was a need for a contract. Mr. Nolet stated it was to make clear that there was no monetary obligation from either party. Magistrate Ellis still has reservations and would like clarifying language that Solarize Boyle was for homes, farms, small businesses, and non-profits. He questioned panel quality. Magistrate Sleeper agreed that subpar panels should not be used. Preston Mills assured the Court that the Kentucky Solar Energy Society would review the panels make and model to be used by the installers. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. Solarize Boyle will return to the Court on September 26, 2023.

Judge Bottom presented the Constitution Week Proclamation. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve the proclamation. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom presented the National Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation. Magistrate Bodner made the motion to approve the proclamation. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom presented the National IT Professional Day Proclamation to Boyle County IT Director Bill Nichols. Judge Bottom presented Director Nichols with a Certificate of Appreciation and announced September 19, 2023, as Bill Nichols Appreciation Day. Magistrate Sleeper made the motion to approve Bill Nichols Appreciation Day. Magistrate Ellis seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom informed the Court of Fire Board Member Jennifer Gibson's resignation. Judge Bottom recommended Cay Shawler as the appointment with a term concluding June 30, 2024, finishing Jennifer

Gibson's term. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the appointment of Cay Shawler. Magistrate Bodner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Judge Bottom informed the Court of Ethics Committee Perryville member Rebecca Kernodle resignation but will stay as an advisor. Judge Bottom recommended Paul Dean as the Perryville appointment, with a term concluding on November 23, 2024. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve the appointment of Paul Dean. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Arts Commission Executive Director Mimi Becker thanked the Court for the 23/24 Arts Commission appropriation. There is one more concert in the Community Concert Series, and it will be in Perryville on September 28, 2023. Director Becker discussed the upcoming Constitution Square Festival on September 9, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Food trucks, music, artists, and farmers market participants will be there.

Boyle County Jailer Brian Wofford asked permission to bid out the canteen as a whole. Bidding out all the products in the canteen would be too involved and time-consuming. Jailer Wofford would like to bid the canteen to one company to take over the canteen completely. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve the jail starting the bidding process for the canteen. Magistrate Harmon seconded the motion. Magistrate Ellis stated that this would take a huge burden off the jail staff. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Lahannah Bonagofski discussed the Danville Small Town Christmas at Weisiger Park. Ms. Bonagofski is asking Boyle County Fiscal Court to help with the live entertainment, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, three outdoor heaters, lighting, and sound equipment. The total would be \$6,000.00. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the \$6,000.00 for the Small Town Christmas. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. Magistrate Gay would like to see this brought before the Court during appropriations in the future but understands that this was a late-in-year decision and feels the Court should support the event. Ms. Bonagofski is hoping to make this a yearly event. Magistrate Cullen feels this should be a Boyle County Sponsorship, not an appropriation. Magistrate Ellis asked if Ms. Bonagofski would be getting bids. Ms. Bonagofski said she called different places to find the best prices, and maybe next year when there is more time. Treasurer Lanham stated there were funds available. Ms. Bonagofski asked that the vendor be allowed to submit the invoices to the County to be paid. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

EMS Director Mike Rogers and Conservation District members Allen Goggin and Danny Lay discussed the Dead Animal Removal (DAR) truck. Fleet Manager Tommy Robertson found a major problem with the DAR engine. He has found one new engine at International in Somerset for \$23,131.61. That is the only engine that could be located, and International in Somerset is a state contractor. The engine comes with a year's warranty. Solid Waste Director Angie Muncy needs to know how long the DAR truck would be out of service. Conservation District member Allen Goggin stated that the Conservation District would pay half the \$19,381.61 after the \$3,750.00 core charge was refunded. Magistrate Gay made the motion to approve splitting the cost of the new motor and installation with the Conservation District and pay upon delivery. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. Treasurer Lanham stated that the funds would be pulled from a reserve. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

CVB Treasurer Tim Montgomery discussed the Convention & Visitors Bureau's end-of-the-year report. The CVB ended the year with \$251,000.00 in the bank, with \$135,000.00 being ARPA money. Last year, the CVB spent \$174,000.00 on advertising. Magistrate Gay asked about last year's revenue compared to the previous year. The CVB is seeing recovery, but there are still questions about Airbnb and collecting taxes. Magistrate Ellis spoke on Junction City and Perryville needing a satellite Library.

HR Director Steve Griffin discussed recommended healthcare benefit changes for January 2024. Changing the cost of generic medication fills to a \$5.00 co-pay, changing the Emergency Room co-pay from \$75.00 to \$250.00 (unless admitted to hospital), having GLP-1 agonists, like Ozempic, require pre-authorization. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the changes to the healthcare benefits for January 2024. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Public Works Road Supervisor Roger Johnson introduced new employees, Terry Hogue and Stacy Wilson. Public Works is now fully staffed. Supervisor Johnson discussed sending Dutch Martin to Commercial Driver's License (CDL) School. There is a cost of \$4,500.00 for four weeks. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve Dutch Martin attending CDL School. Magistrate Bodner seconded the

motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor. Magistrate Ellis asked Supervisor Johnson about the new lift. Supervisor Johnson stated they have had some training but are waiting for safety equipment to be delivered.

Magistrate Cullen presented the EMS Committee report. There were 591 runs in August. EMS has switched to online training as well as in-person training. They are continuing with the Community Outreach at local schools. Social Worker Terry Dunn is working hard on mental health issues in the community. There is help out there, text 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Magistrate Cullen made the motion to approve the EMS Committee Report. Magistrate Sleeper seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Magistrate Cullen asked to adjourn in memory of those taken on 9-11, the first responders, and Hugh Hines. Magistrate Cullen informed the Court that General Hunt, former Judge Executive, was inducted into the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame.

Magistrate Gay discussed the Citizen's Animal Care and Control Advisory Committee (CAC&C). He reminded the community to visit boylecountyky.gov for numbers and information. For after-hours non-emergency animal issues, call 859-238-1220, the non-emergency dispatch number.

Magistrate Sleeper informed the Court that the CAC&C has had two meetings. He is thankful for the citizens' enthusiasm and help.

Magistrate Ellis presented the Detention Center Committee report. The total number of inmates is 205, Boyle 75, Mercer 35, and State 96. He discussed the state paying a significantly lower reimbursement amount than it cost the County. He is monitoring how the State discussed putting a moratorium on Counties building jails to investigate the possibility of State-run regional jails. Magistrate Ellis made the motion to approve the Detention Center Committee report. Magistrate Gay seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all Magistrates voting in favor.

Magistrate Ellis discussed the Perryville Crawford House and the State's deaccession to put the house up for bids in the hopes of saving it. Magistrate Ellis asked the Judge to discuss the possibility of benches at Constitution Square. Judge Bottom explained that the Constitution Square Committee discussed placing memorial benches at Constitution Square. The heavy-duty benches that would be needed are expensive. The committee discussed the possibility of the BCTC welding department making the benches. The committee would design the benches and purchase the materials. Magistrate Ellis has attended the Annexation Meetings in Frankfort, but there has not been any progress. Magistrate Ellis would like to move ahead as quickly as possible with the Solar Ordinance to protect the citizens of Boyle County.

Magistrate Bodner discussed the EMS meeting and how addressing people's mental issues helps lower their emergency room trips. Magistrate Bodner is still waiting on the bike park survey. She met with a person who builds bike parks, and they think Alum Springs Convenience Center would be a wonderful place for the park. Junction City Fire Department will have a chili cook-off on October 14, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Magistrate Harmon discussed Chick-fil-A and Drake's coming to Danville and the possibility of two more restaurants.

Magistrate Cullen asked if County Surveyor Rich Murphy could come with the White's Park Survey before the Court.

County Attorney Chirs Herron suggested the Court establish a Solar Committee to narrow down what should be in the County's Ordinance. Magistrate Cullen asked if the Court could contact P&Z Director Mikaela Gerry and have her attend more Fiscal Court meetings. He feels she would be helpful in the Solar Ordinance discussion. Magistrate Ellis would like Director Gerry to sit down with Administrator Julie Wagner, himself, and Magistrate Cullen to discuss the Solar Ordinance.

Judge Bottom discussed the upcoming P&Z meetings. The October 3, 2023, meeting will be at the Community Center in Forkland, the October 5, 2023, meeting will be at the Junction City Hall, and the October 12, 2023, will be held at the Parksville Baptist Church Annex.

Magistrate Ellis made a motion to adjourn in the memory of those who died in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack, in memory of Hugh Hines, and in memory of former Magistrate Dickie Mayes. Magistrate Cullen 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