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## Boyle County Ethics Commission to hold quarterly meeting on Jan. 15

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The Boyle County Ethics Commission is scheduled to hold its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Boyle County Fiscal Court Room at the county courthouse. The meeting is set to proceed, weather permitting,

and will cover a range of topics related to ethics oversight in local government.

The agenda includes several items of both old and new business, as well as an election of officers for the coming term. The meeting will open with a call to order, invocation, and a welcome from the chair, followed by an acknowledgment of visitors in attendance.

Old business items on SOFI filings and ethics training

Among the key old business items to be discussed is the ongoing management of the county's Statement of Financial Interests (SOFI) filings. Bill Nichols, the county's director of IT, will provide an update on the status of the SOFI 2025 online system, while Joe Myers and Julie Wagner will present an up-

date on the 2023 filings.

Joe Myers is also expected to report on the availability of online ethics training for the public. Additionally, Casey McCoy will address retention and destruction policies related to past SOFI records. The commission plans to enter an executive session under KRS 61.810 (1)(f), led by Vice Chair Sheila Kavanaugh, to discuss personnel matters.

New business focuses on open records and enforcement procedures

New business topics will focus heavily on open records issues, specifically regarding Section 18A of the ethics code, which raises questions about when the SOFI filing requirement ends for former employees or officials.

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## Centre College and Danville/Boyle County Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**REV. DR. DANIEL CORRIE SHULL**

**JANUARY 20, 2025**

- 9:00 AM: MARCH BEGINS AT CITY HALL
- 9:30 AM: SOCIAL HOUR IN NORTON LOBBY (LIVE MUSIC, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND FREE T-SHIRT WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)
- 10:30 AM: PROGRAM BEGINS IN NEWLIN HALL\*

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## Danville, Centre College to Host MLK Day Celebration

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Centre College's Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the City of Danville and Boyle County Fiscal Court will host a Community Celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 20, 2025. This year's theme, "Mission Possible: Protecting Freedom, Justice & Democracy in the Spirit of Non-violence 365," embraces Dr. King's enduring message of peace, justice and civic engagement.

The observance will kick off with a march at 9:00 a.m. from

Danville City Hall to the Norton Center for the Arts on the campus of Centre College. After the march will be a social hour at 9:30 a.m., also held in the lobby of the Norton Center. Participants can enjoy live music, a continental breakfast and free commemorative T-shirts (while supplies last).

Local high-energy band Michaelfly & The Sounds will perform music, along with special guest singer Kristen Carey of The Carey Band, who will perform a special set with the group before and during the social hour. The music is guaranteed to set an effervescent and lively mood for the

day's endeavors.

**Keynote speaker:**  
**Rev. Dr. Daniel Corrie Shull**

The program will continue at 10:30 a.m. in Newlin Hall, featuring keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Daniel Corrie Shull, a prominent advocate for social justice and education. Shull serves as the Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Education and is the Senior Pastor of Burnett Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Known for his work

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## Boyle County Fiscal Court to consider budget amendments, plans for Ephraim McDowell

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The Boyle County Fiscal Court will hold its first regular meeting of the new year at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. This public meeting will be live-streamed on the Boyle County Media Channel. The agenda includes discussions on budget amendments, local planning and zoning appointments, and plans from Ephraim McDowell Health.

The meeting will feature presentations from several community leaders, alongside key business items.

### Key items on the agenda

The meeting will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance, following an invocation by Magistrate Phil Sleeper. The court will discuss and approve minutes from past meetings, address budget and cash transfers, and pay county bills.

Under old business, the fiscal court will conduct the second reading of Budget Ordinance Amendment 221.30.1, which will make changes to the county's budget for the fiscal year. Budget ordinances must be read twice before adoption.

### New business: Arts commission, health initiatives, planning & zoning

The agenda also includes the reappointment of Sam Collier to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Collier's role is crucial in guiding the planning and development of land within the community.

Rebecca Webb, Deputy Clerk, will review the 2025 budget and salary cap proposals for the county clerk's office.

Mimi Becker, from the Arts Commission of Danville-Boyle County, will announce the Art Citizen of the Year, a recognition awarded to an individual who has made significant contributions to the arts in the community.

Presentations will feature Daniel McKay, President of Ephraim McDowell Health, and Nicholas Spoonmore, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives. They will discuss current plans for Ephraim McDowell Health, a primary care provider serving Boyle County and surrounding areas. Updates on the organization's strategic initiatives and healthcare services are expected as part of this presentation.

Interim Treasurer Shannon Greene will present the financial report for the court in November.

Additionally, the court will address scheduling the November 11, 2025 meeting to avoid a conflict with Veterans Day, a federal holiday.

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