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Danville City Commission approves insurance resolutions, honors Juneteenth

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The Danville City Commission held its regular meeting Monday, June 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., addressing several agenda items including insurance coverage, a Juneteenth proclamation, and a local banner request. The meeting was

live-streamed on YouTube.

The session began with a call to order, prayer, the pledge of allegiance, and approval of the agenda. Commissioners then heard public comments limited to agenda items.

During the General portion of the meeting, commissioners approved a banner request related to the “Where’s Waldo”

campaign and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting. Mayor James J.H. Atkins issued an official proclamation recognizing Juneteenth, which was read aloud before the commission.

Under Administration, the commission adopted three key resolutions:

■ Resolution #2025-06-

09-01 approved workers’ compensation insurance.

■ Resolution #2025-06-09-02 secured liability insurance coverage.

■ Resolution #2025-06-09-03 confirmed property insurance plans.

Human Resources Director Randy Boyd, Finance Director Leigh Compton, and City Man-

ager Earl Coffey presented reports and recommendations on the administrative items.

A second public comment period was held at the end of the meeting, followed by updates and remarks from commissioners. The meeting concluded with financial discussions and final approvals as needed.



Roberta Eichenberg's 'For the Love of Beasts' is now on display at Art Center of the Bluegrass. (Photo submitted)

Roberta Eichenberg shows her glass art in ‘For the Love of the Beasts’

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE-MESSENGER

The work of Roberta Eichenberg will be on exhibition at Art Center of the Bluegrass through August 4 in our Main Exhibit Hall at 401 W. Main Street in Danville, Kentucky.

“For the Love of the Beasts” is an

exhibition by Roberta Eichenberg, a nationally recognized glass artist and Professor Emeritus of Art at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas. Now based in Danville, Kentucky, she is producing new work and exhibiting both locally and across the country.

Known for her thoughtful and often humorous approach to contemporary issues, Eichenberg continues to explore themes of environment, identity and personal reflection through her art.

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Boyle County Fiscal Court reviews proclamations, personnel policies and public services

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The Boyle County Fiscal Court convened for its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday morning, June 10, to discuss a range of items including proclamations recognizing Flag Day and Juneteenth, public service updates, and a proposed ordinance related to county employee compensation.

The meeting began with an invocation led by Magistrate Jamey Bodner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Fiscal Court members approved minutes from the prior meeting, along with budget and cash transfers and the payment of bills.

Under new business, the court issued two proclamations recognizing upcoming national observances: Flag Day on June 14 and Juneteenth on June 19.

Public Works Supervisor Roger Johnson requested permission for payment on an ordered dump truck. The request was presented without opposition.

Boyle County Public Library Director Colleen Hall addressed the court regarding a lease renewal for Grayson’s Tavern, while Ben U’Sellis with Spectrum delivered an update on broadband services in the area.

Interim Director of the Boyle County Farmers Market Dan Crossfield also spoke, offering an update on the market’s ongoing operations and development.

County Attorney Chris Herron presented Ordinance 230.10, which proposes the establishment of a step-grade system for employee compensation and a revision of the county’s personnel policy.

County Administrator Julie Wagner followed with a review of the Administrative Code and introduced a new fleet proposal for consideration.

The meeting concluded with remarks from magistrates, the county attorney, and Boyle County Judge-Executive Trille Bottom before the court adjourned.

Healing Families Together awarded nearly \$100K to expand youth programs

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Healing Families Together Inc. has received a \$99,617 grant from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky through the Kentucky Services & Infrastructure eXpansion (KY SIX) initiative. The funding will expand community-based prevention and support services for children and youth at risk for or meeting criteria for Serious Emotional Disability (SED), particularly those engaged with the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

The award will allow Healing Families Together (HFT) to broaden its Youth Enrichment Scholarship (YES) program, which empowers at-risk youth

ages 11–17 through access to safe, enriching environments that combine mentorship, trauma-informed care, and skill-building activities. YES is centered around the Trait-Based Model of Prevention, an innovative, strength-focused curriculum developed by Dr. Jason Roop, founder of the Center for Trait-Based Transformation.

The expansion will serve 200 children and youth across Boyle, Lincoln, Mercer, Garrard, Pulaski, and Madison counties through partnerships with local schools and community-based youth programs. Collaborating organizations include Nurture Nest Counseling, All Together Recovery, ROC Martial Arts,

West T Hill Community Theatre, Curtsinger’s Sunrise Outfitters, and other local schools and youth-serving agencies.

“At Healing Families Together, we believe that breaking the generational cycle of addiction begins with prevention,” said Susan Caldwell, Executive Director of Healing Families Together. “This investment allows us to reach more young people with transformative experiences and practical tools that help them build resilience and thrive.”

The expanded Healing Families Together Prevention Initiative will integrate the Trait-Based Model into both community and school settings, prioritizing engagement in youth-centered programs where prevention

skills are reinforced through hands-on learning and recreational

outlets. Activities such as theater, archery, and martial arts will help youth develop healthy coping mechanisms, strengthen peer connections, and gain confidence. In addition, Nurture Nest Counseling will offer trauma- and grief-informed therapy by request or referral, complementing the program’s structured mentorship component that fosters accountability and encouragement through peer support.

Dr. Jason Roop, who developed the Trait-Based approach after overcoming 17 years of addiction, said, “This model is about equipping young people

with the strengths they already possess—helping them recognize their value, form healthy relationships, and navigate life’s challenges with confidence.”

Funded through KY SIX, the initiative supports expansion of service infrastructure for youth from birth to 21 years of age who are at risk for or diagnosed with SED. The goal is to intervene early, reduce system involvement, and support long-term wellness in Kentucky’s most vulnerable populations.

For more information about the Youth Enrichment Scholarship program or Healing Families Together’s prevention initiatives, visit <https://all-togetherrecovery.com/healing-families-together>.