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BOYLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Boyle County Judge-Executive Trille Bottom and members of the Fiscal Court presented a proclamation recognizing Mind and Memory Care Month, honoring caregivers and organizations who support local residents living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Boyle Fiscal Court covers health, ethics matters

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DANVILLE — The Boyle County Fiscal Court met Tuesday, Oct. 28, for its regularly scheduled session, addressing a full agenda that included public health updates, ethics revisions, grant discussions, and several community development projects. The meeting,

held at 9 a.m., was open to the public and live streamed on the Boyle County Media Channel. Judge-Executive Trille Bottom called the meeting to order, followed by an invocation from Magistrate Harmon and the Pledge of Allegiance. The court approved the minutes from the previous meeting, along with budget and cash transfers and payment of bills.

MIND & MEMORY CARE PROCLAMATION
The meeting began with the signing of a Mind & Memory Care Proclamation, recognizing the importance of raising awareness about cognitive health and supporting local resources for individuals and families affected by memory-related conditions.

VETERANS AND COMMUNITY DONATIONS
Representatives Jack

Hendricks, Donnie Conatser, and Tony Cromwell addressed the court regarding a KIA Memorial Donation, honoring local veterans and supporting memorial preservation efforts. Magistrates expressed appreciation for the group's continued commitment to veterans' initiatives.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Boyle County Health

Department Director Brent Blevins provided an update on local health and safety efforts, introducing Harm Reduction and Homeless Coordinator Brice Gibson. Gibson spoke on ongoing efforts to connect vulnerable populations with resources and treatment options, highlighting the need for collaboration between

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Serres sworn in as new Danville city commissioner

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DANVILLE, Ky. — The Danville City Commission welcomed its newest member Monday afternoon as Audrey Serres was officially sworn in to fill the vacant commission seat during a brief special-called meeting at City Hall.

City Clerk Ashley Phillips administered the oath of office, with Serres pledging to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and Kentucky and to faithfully execute the duties of city commissioner. The ceremony, held Oct. 27, followed the recent appointment of Serres by the commission to complete the unexpired term of her late husband, Commissioner Rick Serres, who passed away in September.

After reciting the oath, Serres received a round of applause from commissioners and attendees gathered for the brief meeting. The newly sworn-in commissioner thanked city officials for their support as she stepped into the role.

Following the ceremony, the commission quickly moved to adjourn the special session, formally concluding the proceedings after the vote to confirm Serres's appointment.

Mayor James Atkins expressed appreciation for Serres's willingness to serve and continue her husband's

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CBD Farmacy owner closes Nicholasville store, shifts focus to advocacy

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After nearly a decade serving customers in central Kentucky, Kentucky CBD Farmacy owner Robert Matheny is closing his Nicholasville location and shifting his full attention to advocacy and the company's Danville store.

Matheny, one of the state's most visible cannabis decriminalization activists, said the decision was influenced by growing uncertainty in both federal and state legislation that could drastically impact Kentucky's hemp and cannabis industries. He currently serves

as a Board Director for the Kentucky Cannabis Freedom Coalition, a nonprofit representing roughly 60,000 supporters, and as Board Chair for the Kentucky Hemp Association, the oldest hemp association in the nation.

"There are several contributing factors," Matheny said. "We've been in Nicholasville for almost a decade and have done everything we can to help bring attention to the cannabis community. But federally, the hemp side is under attack and facing possible re-prohibition."

According to Matheny, new language added to the federal appropriations bill could once again criminalize even trace



ROBERT MATHENY

A banner outside Kentucky CBD Farmacy's Nicholasville location invites customers to learn more about current efforts to protect hemp and cannabis products. Owner Robert Matheny is closing the Nicholasville store and shifting his focus to advocacy and the company's Danville location.

amounts of THC, reversing much of the progress made under the 2018 Farm Bill that legalized hemp. He said U.S.

Sen. Rand Paul has intervened to delay the bill until the restrictive language is removed. "Rand has stepped in to

protect this multi-billion-dollar industry," Matheny said. "But as the government shutdown drags on and politics get more heated, the less attention hemp gets. We have to be prepared for the worst-case scenario that the language slips through unnoticed."

At the state level, Matheny believes Kentucky lawmakers are quietly preparing their own restrictions, hoping the federal government will act first.

"The only reason Kentucky hasn't banned hemp-derived THC products already is because they're waiting for Washington to do it," he said. "If the federal government fails to destroy the

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