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increase the minimum subdivided lot size in agricultural zones from roughly one acre to five acres. Smaller lots would still be allowed in rural residential and single-family zones.

Planning and Zoning officials said the recommendation was shaped by public feedback during the comprehensive plan process and concerns about the ability of rural roads and utilities to handle increasing density.

“The public information session focused on explaining why this change was being considered—namely infrastructure limitations, the need for long-term planning and the difference between zoning regulations and the comprehensive plan,” Gray said. “We want people to understand exactly what the amendment would do.”

COST COMPARISON: ONE ACRE VS. FIVE ACRES

During the meeting, officials noted that the change would have a significant financial impact on landowners. One magistrate estimated that:

- A one-acre lot currently costs about \$30,000.
- A five-acre minimum would raise that land cost to roughly \$150,000 for the lot alone.

County officials added that the average home



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Residents attend a Boyle County public information session Tuesday on a proposed zoning change that would raise the minimum lot size in agricultural zones from one acre to five acres.

construction cost has risen to around \$200 per square foot, meaning five-acre tracts would likely pair with higher-value homes.

Several residents argued that the cost increases could limit families’ ability to divide farmland among children, a long-standing local tradition.

RESIDENT CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS

Residents asked how the amendment would affect annexation, whether Planning and Zoning has authority over water and sewer utilities, and why infrastructure problems should restrict a farmer’s use of their land.

Others questioned why the change seemed to emerge late in the planning process. Gray said the idea surfaced during community meetings and conversations with both city and county officials as the comprehensive plan

neared completion.

JURISDICTIONAL DIFFERENCES POSSIBLE

Gray explained that Boyle County, Danville, Perryville and Junction City must each vote on the amendment separately because they share the same zoning ordinance but hold independent legislative authority.

If the jurisdictions disagree, different versions of the amendment could exist simultaneously.

“If Perryville adopted one version and Danville adopted another, each would apply only inside that jurisdiction,” Gray said.

INFRASTRUCTURE REMAINS CENTRAL

Officials and residents repeatedly returned to infrastructure as the driving concern behind the proposed change. Rural roads were described as narrow—some as little as 16 feet wide—making addi-

tional density increasingly unsafe. A recent “Safe Streets for All” study has been completed, though results have not yet been released.

Water capacity also remains a challenge. Parksville, Junction City and Perryville water districts received ARPA funding to support upgrades, but progress varies among the districts.

WHAT’S NEXT

Boyle County Fiscal Court will vote on the proposed amendment on Nov. 25. After that, the recommendation will move to Danville, Perryville and Junction City for separate consideration.

Judge-Executive Trille Bottom encouraged residents to review the information and contact their magistrates before the vote.

“This meeting was meant to inform,” Bottom said. “What matters now is public participation.”

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Academy is designed to equip concerned Kentuckians with knowledge, tools, and technical assistance to lead upstream solutions that address challenges before they become crises. With child abuse and neglect impacting thousands of families each year, this work has never been more urgent or more hopeful.

“Every child deserves the chance to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment. Upstream Academy is equipping me with the tools to make that vision a reality in Boyle County and beyond.” shared Atwood.

The Upstream Academy is one of PCAK’s boldest investments in Kentucky’s future. From Paducah to Pikeville, participants are selected for their commitment to making a difference in their communities and their readiness to lead. Over several months, they’ll engage in strategic learning, statewide collaboration, and prevention-focused training all guided by PCAK’s 35+ years of experience in this field.

“We know prevention works, and we know it begins with strong local leadership,” said Amanda Clark, Upstream Academy Coordinator at PCAK. “Through Upstream Academy, we’re investing in the people who are ready to take action and lead change in every corner of our state.”

PCAK’s role as the Commonwealth’s leading child abuse prevention

organization is rooted in its commitment to building safer systems, stronger communities, and more resilient families. By nurturing a new generation of prevention leaders PCAK continues to shape a Kentucky where every child can grow up safe, supported, and seen.

Upstream Academy was made possible by funding allocated in the 2024 state budget. “We are incredibly grateful for this investment which has allowed us to launch this critical initiative,” said PCAK Executive Director Jill Seyfred. “We appreciate the General Assembly’s commitment to making the prevention of child abuse and neglect a priority in Kentucky.”

To learn more about the Upstream Academy and Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, visit www.pcaky.org.

ABOUT PREVENT CHILD ABUSE KENTUCKY

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AUDIT

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meeting. The session began at 6:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Board members opened the meeting by unanimously approving the agenda and the minutes from the Oct. 20 meeting. Superintendent Ron Ballard provided comments, and the board recognized personnel notifications and a presentation of the draft audit report.

FINANCIAL ITEMS APPROVED

The board approved both the monthly financial statement and payment of invoices with separate motions. Finance officer N. Senak presented the reports. Both items passed with strong support.

Board members also voted to approve an ITC Solar Tax Credit Proposal Contract, which allows the district to move forward with solar-related tax credit opportunities.

POLICY UPDATES AND HANDBOOK APPROVAL

Members approved the district’s updated Substitute Handbook and advanced the Travel Reimbursement Policy through its first reading. The board also voted to accept the second reading of the Advanced Coursework Policy, officially adopting the revisions.

The 2026 board meeting calendar was approved unanimously.

SERVICE AGREEMENT, GRANTS AND CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved a service agreement with Trane Intelligent Services. Additional items were approved under the consent agenda, including:

- Superintendent expenses
- A memorandum of understanding with Bluegrass Community & Technical College
- A Kentucky Arts Council grant
- A Centre College rental agreement for the swim team

- A memorandum of agreement with Centre College for graduation
 - A request for leave of absence
 - A community-use application for Gravely
 - Girls Basketball Booster Club agreement
 - A student field trip request
- MEETING ADJOURNED**
- The meeting concluded at 7:25 p.m. following a motion to adjourn by board member Glenn Ball and a second by Leigh Ranson.

TOY

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kettles stationed across the area, the Salvation Army is introducing its Virtual Red Kettle, providing a convenient online option for supporters to contribute from a phone or computer.

The digital platform is intended to make giving easier and broaden opportunities for residents to support their neighbors during the holidays.

More information about toy donations or Angel Tree participation is available by contacting Capt. Alyssa Irvin at 270-903-4749.

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REMEMBER: TIME - 10:00 AM
DATE - SATURDAY, October 4th
PLACE - 6637 KY-501, Kings Mountain, KY 40442

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