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widths. The approval included conditions required by the city of Danville before the road is accepted into the city system.

A consolidation subdivision request from Michael and Jennifer Dutton for property on Old Bridge Road was approved with contingencies, including required signatures from adjacent property owners and revisions to clarify the purpose of the plat. Commissioners noted a stop-work order remains in effect until the plat is finalized and recorded.

In public hearings, the commission approved a zoning map amendment requested by Jennifer Paycheck and John Modlin for a portion of property at 145 E. Martin Luther King Boulevard.

CEMETERY

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The board approved the secretary's report, and Treasurer's reports showed a balance of \$1,344.53.

Board member Bill Stocker shared recent photographs and updates from several cemeteries across Boyle County. Meadow Lane Cemetery was reported to be in

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Gov. Beshear: Federal judge rules to protect FEMA rebuilding funds for Ky.

FRANKFORT — Gov. Andy Beshear announced that a federal judge ruled in favor of Kentucky, 21 states and the District of Columbia and barred the Trump administration from unlawfully withholding disaster funds tied to a key pre-natural disaster mitigation program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The lawsuit, filed in the summer, set out to protect more than \$21 million in funding appropriated by Congress and awarded to Kentucky projects aimed at protecting lives and communities from future natural disasters.

FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program provides crucial funding aimed at making communities safer and

The amendment changes part of the parcel from residential multifamily to central business zoning. Commissioners noted the revised request followed meetings between the applicants and neighboring property owners, resulting in changes intended to preserve surrounding residential character and reduce future development concerns.

The commission also approved several site plans, including one for an Express Oil Change and Tire Engineers location at 216 Brent Ave., which will replace an existing structure. Commissioners were told the business is considered low traffic volume and raised no staff concerns.

A site plan amendment was approved for Five B Properties LLC at 2405 Lebanon Road, adjusting the size and location of a gymnasium from a plan

generally good condition, though Stocker noted that groundhogs had built a large mound of dirt that city workers later pushed over the grave of George McAfee, burying the headstone. Stocker said he plans to address the issue.

At Withers Cemetery, Stocker reported continued progress while working with Dr. Lacy. Cleanup efforts have been extensive, and the site has

Dur Walmart and received \$200 to spend. ing After shopping, the group returned the to the police station for lunch donated Danvil by Chick-fil-A before officers transported students back to their schools.

approved in 2016. Officials said the amended structure is smaller than originally approved and meets parking requirements.

Another site plan was approved for a fuel center and convenience store proposed by Twinkle Patel at 845 Stanford Road. Commissioners discussed fire hydrant placement and future road connections, noting hydrant installation is planned as adjacent development occurs.

The commission heard public comment on a zoning map amendment requested by Cornerstone Assembly of God to rezone a 3.61-acre parcel at 2035 Old Lexington Road from agricultural to highway business.

Planning staff said the request aligned with certain economic development goals in the 2025 comprehensive plan but did not conform to the

seen significant improvement. The cemetery was noted as one of the oldest 'white' cemeteries in Boyle County.

Hilldale Cemetery was described as being in good condition. New signage, modeled after signage at Bellevue Cemetery, is currently in development.

At Shelby City Cemetery, city crews are scheduled to vacuum leaf piles on Dec. 23, with

continues to strengthen relationships between law enforcement, schools and families while creating lasting holiday memories for students across Boyle County.

future land use map, which designates the area as a garden neighborhood.

Pastor Tom Lane said the church is growing and sought the rezoning to ensure flexibility for potential expansion in coming years.

Several residents urged denial, arguing the change was unnecessary and could set a precedent for additional commercial zoning in the area. Commissioners noted the church operates under a grandfathered conditional use and said its stated plans could move forward without highway business zoning.

The commission unanimously voted to deny the request, citing lack of conformity with the future land use map, inconsistency with the comprehensive plan and no demonstrated need for the zoning change.

alternate dates planned in case of inclement weather.

Stocker raised concerns about Wilsonville Cemetery, stating that maintenance there is not occurring at the level needed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m. A date for the next meeting was not formally set, though it is expected to take place Jan. 12, 2026, at 4 p.m.

MAN

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reported that deputies J. Atwood and C. Clem, along with Capt. P. Dean, were dispatched to the scene after receiving reports of a serious crash involving a possible ejection. Upon arrival, deputies gathered information from witnesses and first responders that indicated alcohol may have played a role in the collision.

A witness at the scene told deputies he detected the odor of alcohol coming from Ricardo Martinez Flores while assisting him following the crash. Another first responder advised law enforcement that Martinez admitted to emergency medical services personnel that he had been drinking prior to the collision.

In addition, a female motorist reported that she had followed Martinez from Nicholasville and observed him driving erratically. According to the sheriff's office, the woman stated Martinez was "all over the roadway," prompting her concern that he might cause a crash or seriously injure someone. Her concerns were realized when the collision occurred shortly thereafter.

While deputies were still investigating the crash scene, Martinez was transported by Boyle County EMS to Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center's emer-

gency room for treatment of possible injuries. During transport, however, Martinez reportedly jumped out of the ambulance near Seminole Trail, according to the sheriff's office.

The Danville Police Department located Martinez shortly after he exited the ambulance and detained him until Boyle County deputies arrived. He was then placed under arrest and transported back to the hospital for medical clearance before being taken to the Boyle County Detention Center.

Sheriff Bottom stated that Martinez currently has an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer and is awaiting the agency's arrival. Authorities noted that the other victims involved in the collision were fortunate not to have been seriously injured or killed as a result of Martinez's actions.

Martinez was charged with operating a motor vehicle without an operator's or moped license, first-offense DUI with an aggravator, and two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.

The Boyle County Sheriff's Office thanked several agencies and individuals for their assistance during the incident, including the Danville Police Department, Boyle County Fire Department, Boyle County EMS and Dr. Eric Guerrant.



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EMRMC achieves reaccreditation

News Release

DANVILLE – Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center (EMRMC) recently achieved reaccreditation from Surgical Review Corporation (SRC) as a Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery and accreditation in Hernia Surgery. These accreditations recognize EMRMC's commitment and high standard of delivery of quality patient care and safety.

Status as an accredited

Robotic and Hernia Center of Excellence means that EMRMC has met nationally and internationally recognized standards. Not all pursue accreditation, and among those who do, not all meet the standards to earn it.

"Robotic and hernia surgery continue to evolve rapidly, and this accreditation demonstrates that EMRMC is committed to staying at the forefront of that innovation," said Dr. Swope Munday, general

surgeon who practices at Ephraim McDowell Central Kentucky Surgeons. "Our patients deserve access to the safest, most advanced surgical techniques, and we are proud to provide that here at home."

Healthcare facilities and surgeons seeking an SRC accreditation undergo an extensive assessment and inspection process to ensure the applicant meets SRC's proven standards and requirements.

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