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Boyle Fiscal Court reviews county projects

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DANVILLE, Ky. — The Boyle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting Monday, Dec. 22, to review a broad agenda that included budget matters, grant amendments, equipment bids and reports

from multiple county departments .

The meeting opened with an invocation led by Judge-Executive Trille Bottom, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Magistrates approved prior meeting minutes, along with routine budget transfers, cash transfers and payment of

county bills.

Under old business, County Treasurer Shannon Greene presented the second reading of a budget amendment, continuing the court’s review of financial adjustments for the current fiscal period.

Several items were taken up under new business. Repre-

sentatives of the Harrodsburg Sons of the American Revolution appeared before the court to present a bench donation to the county. Dan Crossfield also addressed the court regarding the county’s farmers market.

Public Works Supervisor Roger Johnson recognized participants in the Road Master

Scholars program, a professional development initiative for public works employees. Those recognized included Terry Hogue, Stacy Wilson, Dutch Martin, Matt Kinman and Ryder Schindler.

Sheriff Taylor Bottom

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Danville schools recognize academic, leadership achievement

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DANVILLE — Danville High School students and staff members were recognized for academic achievement, leadership and service during the Danville Board of Education meeting held Dec. 15 at the high school.

Several DHS students were honored for their contributions both inside and outside the classroom. Dillon Cruver was recognized for demonstrating a strong work ethic and consistent focus. Madelyn Kern received recognition for her role in shaping school culture through her involvement in the pep club.

Diana Corona-Hernandez was honored for qualifying at the regional level for HOSA – Future Health Professionals, reflecting her interest in health-related career pathways. Charlie Kinkade, Izzy Colette, Vrunda Patel and Kyron Burdette were also recognized for serving as student panelists during a Learning Walk and Community Conversation at DHS, where they engaged with community members and shared student



DANVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Student representatives show the banner DHS received for achieving green status based on the school's performance on the KSA for the 2024-2025 school year.

perspectives.

Staff members were also acknowledged for their leadership and service. English teacher Laurie Pierce was recognized for her work with seniors on their Capstone projects, helping guide students

through one of the school’s culminating academic experiences.

English teacher Derek Otto and Science Department Head James Ramsey were recognized as Deeper Learning leaders, highlighting their efforts to

promote student-centered instruction and critical thinking.

Cafeteria manager Sarah Pianovski was honored for her dedication to students and staff, with administrators citing her

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Historical society discusses preservation efforts

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DANVILLE — Members of the Danville–Boyle County African American Historical Society met Dec. 18 to address preservation work at local cemeteries, review financial matters and plan upcoming activities.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Michael Hughes, with five members in attendance. Hughes announced that a surplus copier and printer

owned by the organization had been donated to Vision Worship Center Church.

With member Mike Denis absent, Bill Stocker read the minutes from the society’s September meeting. No meetings were held in October or November. The minutes were approved following a motion and second from members in attendance.

Stocker provided an update on cemetery conditions across the county. He reported that work at the Shelby City African American Cemetery included

the replacement of a damaged memorial marker for James Cohen on Veterans Day. Members of the Central Kentucky African American Cemetery Association completed the work, which was later recognized in a local newspaper. Additional cleanup at the site was carried out by volunteers, including Cindy Peck and two Centre College students, who removed fallen limbs and leaves.

Conditions at other cemeteries varied. Stocker said the Wilsonville cemetery remained

in poor condition at year’s end, citing overgrown grass and debris. Meadow Lane Cemetery was reported to be in fair condition, while Hilldale Cemetery was described as being well maintained. Flags were placed on veterans’ graves at each cemetery in recognition of Veterans Day.

The society also reviewed financial matters. Hughes proposed meeting with Betty White and Mike Denis to discuss banking arrangements. He

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Perryville stop leads to meth seizure

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PERRYVILLE — A traffic stop conducted by the Boyle County Sheriff’s Office in Perryville resulted in the seizure of more than two ounces of methamphetamine and the arrest of a Willisburg man, authorities said.

Sheriff Taylor Bottom reported that deputies initiated the stop on Dec. 21 after observing a vehicle being operated in a reckless manner. During the encounter, deputies conducted an investigation that led them to request assistance from a K-9 unit.

K-9 Bruno was deployed at the scene and alerted deputies to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle, according to the sheriff’s office. A subsequent search uncovered approximately 2.25 ounces of methamphetamine.

Christopher Clark, of Willisburg, was taken into custody and charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense, involving methamphetamine. Authorities said the charge

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BOYLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Approximately 2.25 ounces of methamphetamine seized during a Perryville traffic stop on Dec. 21, according to the Boyle County Sheriff’s Office.