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City approves zoning changes, waste contract in routine session

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ongoing infrastructure projects.

Mayor J.H. Atkins opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m., welcoming attendees and noting the return of city officials from recent absences. Commissioners approved the meeting agenda and minutes before moving into public comments, where a representative of the Kiwanis

Club requested permission to display a banner promoting its upcoming "Pie in the Park" event. The request was later approved by the commission.

Commissioners also adopted a proclamation recognizing National Police Week, observed May 10-16, and Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15. The

proclamation honored law enforcement officers for their service and sacrifice and encouraged the community to participate in related observances, including a ceremony at Bellevue Cemetery.

Two zoning changes were approved following second readings. One ordinance

rezoned approximately 0.94 acres at 145 East Martin Luther King Blvd. from two-family residential to central business. A second ordinance changed nearly 8.7 acres at 1401 Minor Road from highway business to industrial business district.

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Flag-raising ceremony honors veterans at McDowell Place

VFW Post 3634 leads dedication for assisted living residents

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Members of VFW Post 3634 raise a newly installed American flag during a dedication ceremony honoring veterans at McDowell Place.



Residents and veterans stand for the Pledge of Allegiance during a flag dedication ceremony at McDowell Place in Danville.



Boyle County EMS personnel stand with officials after being honored during Fiscal Court, where Judge-Executive Trilley Bottom read a proclamation recognizing National EMS Week.

Boyle Fiscal Court approves transfers, proclamations, lease terms

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DANVILLE, Ky. — The Boyle County Fiscal Court approved budget and cash transfers, recognized several community initiatives and agencies, and addressed lease agreements during a special-called meeting May 12.

The meeting, held at the City Hall of Junction City due to absentee voting at the courthouse, included routine financial approvals. Magistrates approved budget transfers totaling \$145,992.81, along with multiple cash transfers between county funds, including allo-

cations for public works, EMS, the jail, and fleet services.

The court also approved bills totaling more than \$2.4 million, which officials noted included occupational and net profits tax distributions to the City of Danville.

In old business, magistrates approved a second reading of a budget amendment tied to a \$55,000 grant for addressing illegal open dumps through the county's solid waste program.

Several proclamations highlighted community services and awareness efforts. The court recognized May as National

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African American Historical Society discusses Juneteenth plans

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DANVILLE, Ky. — The Danville-Boyle County African American Historical Society met May 12 to review ongoing projects, discuss cemetery maintenance, and finalize plans for upcoming Juneteenth events.

According to meeting minutes, President Michael Hughes called the meeting to order at approximately 6 p.m., with five members present. The group approved both the secretary's

and financial reports before moving into committee updates.

Bill Stocker presented updates on several cemeteries maintained by the organization. At Hilldale Cemetery, officials noted that the grounds remain in good condition, though decorations placed near gravestones have made mowing more difficult. One headstone in a newer section was also reported to be out of alignment.

At Meadow Lane Cemetery,

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