

# Court won't let applicant pull rezoning

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WASHINGTON – For the second time in recent months, Bullitt County Fiscal Court denied an applicant's request to withdraw a change in zoning. With a number of residents present, fiscal court voted unanimously to deny a request by attorney Mark Edison that his client's rezoning on

Markwell Lane be withdrawn. The applicants, Tracy and Matthew Biggs, had received an unfavorable recommendation in May from the Bullitt County Joint Planning Commission to rezone 6.1 acres from Agricultural to B-1 Highway Business. The applicants stated the plan was to have a single-family dwelling and a building to house a plumbing business.

Without the applicants or their attorney present, fiscal court decided to hold the first reading and to hold a public hearing, as advertised. Several residents spoke in opposition to the plans. Jill Grass said that the area is a mixture of homes and farms. Her fear is that if the property is rezoned, it could lead to other commercial development in the area. The 16-foot road is not

suitable for commercial businesses. She said during the earlier hearing the applicant was expecting to have 14 employees and five company trucks. Sharon Plummer said she moved to her "forever" home and there are no changes to the area which would justify a rezoning. She didn't think the applicant was thinking clearly when the rezoning request was made.

Jamie Butler has spent 46 years living on Markwell Lane and there is no commercial development in the area. While the applicant talked about a plumbing business, Butler worried about what the next owner of the property could do if it was rezoned. Jordan Shields said that the neighbors deserve peace and this would not be beneficial to the residents. The evidence of sinkholes

on the property is another concern about anyone developing the tract, said Shields. Bullitt Fiscal Court will make the final decision on the property at its June 16 meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse. The public is invited but no further discussion will be received. If the rezoning is denied, a similar request could not be submitted for one year.

## MY VIEWS: Education, agriculture and natural resources

**Week In Review: Education, Agriculture, and Natural Resources**  
The first week of the legislative interim has wrapped up as lawmakers returned to Frankfort for a new round of committee and task force meetings in advance of the 2027 Regular Session. Interim joint committees (IJC), subcommittees, and statutory committees convened throughout the week, covering a wide range of policy areas - from school construction needs to improving safety in roadway work zones and evaluating funding strategies for transportation projects. I am including summaries of several of the meetings. To learn more about each individual committee, please visit the legislature's website at [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov). You can also watch meetings, both live and recorded, on the legislature's YouTube page, @KYLRC Committee Meetings. IJC on Education: Members discussed several key topics related to primary and secondary as well as

post-secondary education. First, the committee discussed the Workforce Pell Grant established by the federal government in 2025. Then, they received updates from the cooperative extension offices of the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University. Finally, the panel heard from the Kentucky Department of Education to discuss academic standards for social studies and early literacy outcomes. IJC on Transportation: Lawmakers first heard from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) on the implementation of legislation passed in previous legislative sessions, including legislation addressing work zone safety and sheriff's inspections. Members then discussed the impact of the gas tax reduction. The one-month, 10-cent reduction will save the average Kentucky driver \$5, but it will cost the state's Road Fund around \$27 million. Lastly, KYTC gave a presentation on the Interstate 65 project in Louisville, which involves replacing several aging bridges to ensure long-term reliability. The project is

expected to be completed in late 2027. IJC on Appropriations & Revenue: Legislators received updates on the taxation of financial deposit institutions and the growth of the Votruba Young Scholars Academy. The academy expects to enroll 290 students this fall and is working toward a goal of 600 participants. The innovative dual-enrollment program allows eligible Northern Kentucky high school juniors and seniors to earn up to 60 college credit hours, with many graduating high school already holding an associate degree. The program boasts strong outcomes, with 95% of graduates continuing their education and 80% remaining in Kentucky, helping expand college attainment and strengthen the region's future workforce. IJC on Agriculture: Lawmakers received testimony on agricultural economics and lending in Kentucky from the Department of Agricultural Economics in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment at the University of Kentucky, along with Mark Barker, Senior Vice



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## MY VIEWS: Dig and divide those daffodils

If your daffodils didn't bloom well this year, ask yourself these two questions: did you allow the foliage to die back naturally last summer before you cut it off; and has it been eons since they were last divided? Patience is a virtue when it comes to daffodils. Often the first color to appear in early spring, their beauty is long awaited. Then we must wait another two months before we can remove the dulling green foliage. The foliage gathers nutrients for the bulb to store over winter, allowing it to grow and bloom next spring. If you remove the foliage prematurely, you reduce the blooms for next year. Dead heading the spent blossoms will help prolong blooming and allow more nutrients to be absorbed by the bulb when the bloom cycle is complete. If it has indeed been eons since you last divided your daffodil clumps plan to do so when the foliage dies back naturally in mid-June. Daffodils can be divided every 5 to 7 years; and if you do it when the foliage is ready to be cut back at least you can

easily locate what you want to dig! Use a garden fork to pop up your bulbs. A garden fork is less likely to sever the bulbs in half and helps to loosen the soil around the bulbs. Once the bulbs are out of the ground, clean them off and then check them over. Discard any bulbs that are soft, bruised or punctured, if the case may be. Pre-tend you are selecting onions from the grocery store. Any damage means that they are more likely to rot. Break apart the loosely attached "baby" bulbs, leaving those that are firmly attached to the mother bulb. These larger bulbs will produce more bloom next spring. The baby bulbs will need a year to grow. It is best, and more convenient, to replant your bulbs right away. This way you do not need to worry about curing and storing them properly until fall planting. I like to plant clusters of large and small bulbs, so the smaller non-flowering bulbs are not so noticeable. Or plant the smallest bulbs in an area where they can mature for a year and then move them

where they can be enjoyed. A well-drained environment is essential to growing healthy daffodils, or else they may rot. To prepare your planting area dig down about 10 inches so you can add a special concoction to ensure good drainage. The legendary Helen Trueblood, a Southern Indiana daffodil aficionado, called it "chomp" because she added perlite, river gravel, sand, compost and calcium enriched bulb-boosting fertilizer (low in nitrogen) and then "chomps" it all together. Drop your bulb in and cover it with a light soil and compost mixture and water. Plant bulbs at a depth about 2 to 3 times their diameter, and about 4 to 8 inches apart. Choose a site that will camouflage the foliage after blooming is complete. Ground cover beds in your landscape are ideal because the ground cover helps to maintain soil moisture and the foliage is not as noticeable against the green back drop. Keep in mind that they will not always nod their heads towards you and your vantage point, daffodil blooms nod their heads towards the sun so plant them with any shade coming from behind the bed.



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**543-5918**  
Father Adam Carrico, pastor  
**Mass Schedule**  
Sunday ..... 9 AM  
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Mt. Washington, KY 40047  
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