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Danville commission addresses opioid settlement

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The Danville City Commission tackled a full agenda Monday, Sept. 22,

2025, with discussions ranging from opioid settlement participation to paving projects and community awareness efforts.

Mayor Atkins called the regular meeting to order

at 4:30 p.m., followed by a prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and approval of the agenda. Commissioners then turned their attention to proclamations recognizing Fire Safety Week, National Breast

Cancer Awareness Month, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Each was adopted to raise public awareness and highlight local support efforts.

The commission

reviewed two resolutions related to opioid litigation settlements. City Clerk Ashley Phillips presented separate agreements, one specific to Purdue and another covering combined settlement partici-

pation. Both required commission approval to ensure Danville receives its share of settlement funds intended to address the ongoing opioid crisis. Financial matters

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Danville to welcome Bourbon Chase runners with on October 3

Special to the Advocate-Messenger

You don’t have to lace up your running shoes to be part of the excitement — downtown Danville will be buzzing with energy when the 2025 Bourbon Chase relay makes its way through town on Friday, Oct. 3.

This year’s race brings more than 2,600 runners to Kentucky, starting bright and early at the Jim Beam distillery in Clermont. Over the course of more than 200 miles, teams will weave their way across central Kentucky, finishing in downtown Lexington on Saturday, Oct. 4. Along the way, the course highlights two Boyle County stops: Perryville in the afternoon, then Wilderness Trail Distillery in Danville, before the first wave of runners makes it downtown to the exchange point at Weisiger Park around 7 p.m.



(PHOTO SUBMITTED)

Hundreds of Bourbon Chase runners cycled through downtown Danville during the 2024 race.

While waiting for teammates to arrive, runners and locals alike can enjoy live music by The Mercury 7, who will take the Weisiger Park stage from 5:30–8:30 p.m. The downtown celebra-

tion will also feature food and drink vendors along Main Street, games, and plenty of opportunities to show visitors what Danville hospitality is all about.

“October 3 will be

another great chance to showcase Danville to runners from around the country who’ll spend some time in Danville as the Bourbon Chase makes its way through town,” said Kendall

Clinton, executive director of the Danville-Boyle County Tourism Office. “Since it is a relay race, a lot of the team members who aren’t running at the time get a break to have dinner, then rest and relax. Each year we make plans to give them a memorable experience while they are here. The Wilderness Amateur Radio Club will even be there to help teams track runners as they leave Wilderness Trail Distillery heading towards downtown.”

To prepare for the influx of runners and set up the festivities, street closures near Weisiger Park will begin early Friday afternoon and remain in place until the last teams pass through later that evening.

From there, the course continues on to Stanford, before looping runners

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Danville awarded economic grant

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The City of Danville has been awarded a \$1,013,000 grant for the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development to advance critical build-ready, job-ready industrial site development efforts.

The grant is included in the latest round of the Kentucky Product Development Initiative or KPDI. The KPDI program provides funding for local communities to boost investment in site and building upgrades to support future, well paying jobs and economic growth across Kentucky. In announcing the latest grants Gov. Andy Beshear said, “We’re making sure our local communities have the tools and support needed to secure major economic development projects that can create new jobs and opportunities for our people.”

The grant was awarded for the construction of a new road in the John H. Stigall Business Center that will provide access to an additional 89 acres for future development. The grant

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Boyle Fiscal Court to review tax rates

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The Boyle County Fiscal Court prepared for a full agenda during its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025, with topics ranging from tax rate approvals to recycling equipment bids and emergency services updates.

The meeting began at 9 a.m. with an invocation by

Magistrate Bodner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and routine approvals of the prior meeting’s minutes, budget transfers, cash transfers, and bills.

New business included a proclamation recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness, continuing the county’s effort to highlight community safety and support services.

Several departments presented tax rate matters. Library Director Colleen Hall, the Fire Department,

and the Conservation District each addressed tax rate proposals for the new fiscal year, requiring court review and approval.

Recycling Director Angie Muncy brought forward bids related to the county’s glass pulverizer program. The equipment is expected to support ongoing sustainability efforts by processing recyclable glass more efficiently.

City Engineer Josh Morgan presented an Economic Development

Administration (EDA) grant approval for consideration, which could help fund infrastructure improvements or expansion projects within the county.

Emergency Medical Services Director Mike Rogers addressed two items of importance: the purchase of a new defibrillator and a notice of privacy practices update for EMS operations. Both matters were slated for action to improve emergency response and

compliance with patient care regulations.

Treasurer Shannon Greene closed the list of new business with the August monthly settlement, providing the court with updated financial figures and an overview of county spending.

The meeting also included an executive session under KRS 61.810(1)(g), allowing magistrates to discuss a proposal involving a business entity. Such sessions are permitted

when public discussion could jeopardize negotiations or business retention.

As part of the regular format, magistrates, the county attorney, and County Judge-Executive were scheduled to give closing comments before adjournment.

The Fiscal Court will continue its regular meeting schedule through the fall, addressing financial, infrastructure, and community service needs as they arise.

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