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## Danville City Commission reviews stormwater ordinance

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The Danville City Commission held its regular meeting Monday, July 28, addressing a range of topics from zoning changes to grant approvals and stormwater management fees.

Mayor Atkins called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., and the Commission moved quickly through agenda items,

beginning with approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

During the general session, updates were presented by CVB Executive Director Kendall Clinton on the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Nick Warren on IT matters. Planning and Zoning Director Hannah Gray brought two items requiring commission action: a zone change recommendation for 447 S. 3rd Street and a joint zoning ordinance amendment.

City Manager Earl Coffey presented the administration portion, which included Resolution #2025-07-28-01 accepting an FAA grant. Coffey also gave the City Manager's Report before the floor was opened for public comments and commissioner updates.

Under financial matters, the commission approved payment of bills. In the utilities section, Resolution #2025-07-28-02 regarding the sole source purchase of a TOC analyzer was

presented by Finance Director Leigh Compton and required action.

City Engineer Josh Morgan led several discussions under public service, including an engineering report, a cemetery rules and regulations update, and a second reading of Ordinance #2053, proposing a stormwater management fee increase. The commission also considered Resolution #2025-07-28-03, related to the 2025 KYTC CPPP grant application.

In the public safety section, Resolution #2025-07-28-04, concerning Applied Digital Solutions, was introduced by Police Chief Tony Gray.

The meeting concluded with a closed executive session to discuss litigation, property acquisition, and personnel matters, if necessary, before adjourning.

The full meeting is available for viewing at the city's official YouTube channel: City of Danville, Kentucky.



The Danville-Boyle County Convention and Visitors Bureau recently awarded tourism grants to five local organizations to promote events such as Balloons Over the Bluegrass. (Photo submitted)

## Danville CVB awards \$12,000 in tourism grants

STAFF REPORT

The Danville-Boyle County Convention and Visitors Bureau recently awarded a total of \$12,000 to five local organizations to support marketing and advertising efforts for upcoming events aimed at drawing visitors to the region.

The funding is part of the CVB's grant and sponsorship program, which is reviewed twice annually and is designed to assist events that promote tourism in Boyle County. Applications were evaluated at the CVB board of directors' July 21 meeting.

"The CVB has budgeted more than \$150,000 to spend over the next year on advertising and marketing to help attract new visitors to Danville and Boyle County," said Kendall Clinton, executive director of the CVB. "We

incorporate some of our local events and visitor locations into those advertising and marketing campaigns, but the CVB's grant program allows local organizations to tap into some of our funding to create their own advertising and marketing plans."

The five organizations receiving funding were:

- Junction City Matters - Awarded \$1,500 to promote Balloons Over the Bluegrass, scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 24 at the Danville-Boyle County Airport.
- Danville's Small Town Christmas - Received \$1,500 to help market its third annual Christmas festival on Saturday, Dec. 6, which will include live music, vendors, and visits with Santa.
- Forkland Community Center - Awarded \$1,500 to advertise the 53rd

Forkland Heritage Festival and Revue, set for Oct. 10-11 at the Forkland Community Center.

- Main Street Perryville - Granted \$5,000 for marketing two events: the Perryville Commemoration: Troops, Turtles & Traditions on Oct. 3-4, and Perryville Christmas: Songs of the Season on Nov. 29.
- Art Center of the Bluegrass - Received \$2,500 to support brochures, radio ads, and digital marketing for upcoming programming.

The grant program is part of the CVB's broader effort to boost tourism and highlight local culture, events, and attractions. For more information about the grant program, contact [cvb@historicdanvilleky.com](mailto:cvb@historicdanvilleky.com). A full calendar of upcoming events is available at [www.danvillekentucky.com](http://www.danvillekentucky.com).

## Blood donor will win free groceries for year

STAFF REPORT

One lucky blood donor will win a year's worth of free groceries as part of the Kentucky Blood Center's (KBC) Summer of Saving campaign, which wraps up this August with a grand prize giveaway.

All donors who give blood between Aug. 1 and Aug. 31 will be automatically entered into the drawing to win 52 \$200 gift cards to Kroger or another grocery store determined by KBC based on the winner's location. Official rules and details are available at [kybloodcenter.org](http://kybloodcenter.org).

Locally, community members can participate during the upcoming Danville blood drive on Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Boyle County Public Library, 307 W. Broadway St., in the Heart of Danville Community Room.

All donors will also receive a "Stay Peachy" T-shirt while supplies last.

Blood donations typically decline during the summer months due to travel, vacations and school breaks, yet the demand for blood remains steady — and in some cases increases. KBC officials are urging the public to step up and give during this critical time.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with a signed parental consent form), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good general health, and present a photo ID. Parental consent forms for 16-year-olds can be found at [kybloodcenter.org](http://kybloodcenter.org).

Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule a donation, visit [kybloodcenter.org](http://kybloodcenter.org) or call 800-775-2522.

## Boyle County joins national conference for county leaders in Philadelphia

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Boyle County was among 18 Kentucky counties represented at the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference and Exposition, held July 11-14 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Julie Wagner, Boyle County Administrator, joined more than 3,400 county officials from across the nation at the event, which is the largest gathering of its kind. The conference brought

together local government leaders to discuss policy issues, share best practices, and explore solutions to the most pressing challenges facing counties.

Other counties in the Kentucky delegation included Boone, Butler, Carlisle, Floyd, Green, Hardin, Harlan, Henry, Jefferson, McCracken, Menifee, Metcalfe, Oldham, Scott, Union, Warren and Webster.

The four-day conference featured dozens of sessions led by policy and subject-matter experts, nonprofit and private sector leaders, and intergovern-

mental partners. Key issues addressed included workforce and economic development, mental health and substance use recovery, housing affordability, disaster preparedness, artificial intelligence, and effective governance.

Conference highlights included Webster County Judge/Executive Steve Henry speaking during a forum focused on NACo's Building Resilient Counties in Coal Communities initiative, and Harlan County Judge/Executive and Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) President

Dan Mosley being interviewed about opioid recovery efforts in rural communities. Boone County Judge/Executive Gary Moore chaired the inaugural meeting of the new Midsize County Caucus, while the Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk led NACo's Audit Committee.

The event also offered full-day learning forums, networking opportunities, and policy committee meetings aimed at helping counties stay informed and proactive in responding to national and local challenges.

As a benefit to county elected

officials, the Kentucky Association of Counties covers national membership dues for all 120 counties, making it possible for leaders from across the state to participate in NACo programs and events.

Through attendance at the NACo Annual Conference, counties like Boyle gain access to resources, legislative updates, and tools to enhance local services and strengthen their communities.

More information about NACo and its initiatives is available at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org).