

**JOINT BUDGET WORKSHOP
BOURBON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
CITY OF PARIS
PARIS-BOURBON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
PARIS, KENTUCKY
April 3, 2025
6:00 pm**

HONORABLE: JUDGE MICHAEL R. WILLIAMS

CITY MANAGER: JAMIE MILLER

PARIS MAYOR: JOHN PLUMMER

**MAGISTRATES: SCOTT WELLS, KRISTAL CAMERON, TODD EARLYWINE, HENRY LOVELL,
LEWIS STUBBLEFIELD, BART HORNE**

COMMISSIONERS: WALLIS BROOKS, TIM GRAY, SHARON FIELDS, STAN GALBRAITH

Others in Attendance: Kathleen Stone (Court Clerk), Pat Conley (Citizen News), Lindsey Stewart (Attorney), Dana Boone (Bourbon Co. Treasurer), Dana Mingua (Deputy Judge), Gordon Wilson (EDA Director), Tom Cook (EDA Assistant), Tony Asbury (Bourbon Co. Sheriff), Myron Thomas (Paris Police Chief), Michelle Thornsburg (Planning Administrator), Mark Burden (Director Narcotics Task Force), Scott Toadvine (E-911 Dispatch)

Judge Williams sounded the agenda @ 6pm

Welcome message and introductions

Judge Williams called meeting to order passed out copies of agenda items, also copies of the agreement with the Fiscal Court. He explained that we are just sharing information, no voting, meeting approved months ago. We need to work together to do what is best for our community. We will be going in the order that is on the agenda and you will be able to ask questions. Before we start, a couple of announcements. The Ribbon Cutting event for the opening of Hinkston Creek Boat Ramp in Millersburg was postponed and will take place April 11, 2025 at 11:00am. This is the official opening of the ramp. Regarding the county park on Millersburg Rd, we need to submit a request for Federal Budget FY 2026 budget. Congressman Barr asks that City officials send letters, and also county officials to send letters in support of the park for this FY 2026 budget, by April 23, 2025. If you have questions about sending letters just let me know.

BLUEGRASS NARCOTICS TASK FORCE (BNTF)

Mark Burden, Director of the Bluegrass Narcotics Task Force presented budget request presentation to the city and county. Task force was started January 2018 by inter-local agreement. We partner with Paris Police, Cynthiana, Bourbon, and Harrison Co. Agencies. Introduced seasoned detectives. They are passionate about getting drugs off the street. Listed local law enforcement partners, FBI, KY State police, etc. Three Prong approach entails enforcement, Community engagement, and Prosecution. Major drugs of focus: Fentanyl, Heroin, Crack, etc. With drug arrests we find guns, money, and drug paraphernalia. Money found goes to commonwealth attorney and. 2 milligrams of fentanyl can kill a person. Crimes associated with drugs, thefts, assaults, robberies, carjacking, shootings, and deaths. Detective Burden went over some major prosecutions this past year. Offenders traffic enough fentanyl to kill everyone in Harrison County. Death investigations, they had criminal charges both in Bourbon and Harrison counties. Involved in a lot of Community involvement. Training, 40 hour in-service training every year saves money. Force Multiplying, \$400,000 (4 detectives) \$50,000 office staff, \$20,000 equipment, \$40,000 investigative expense, \$16,000 liability insurance. Thank you for your service, you are doing a great job!

During the February 13, 2025, BNTF Board Meeting, the board voted to support the task force, with each participating agency committing \$20,000.00 for operational expenses.

PARIS-BOURBON COUNTY JOINT E-911 BOARD

Scott Toadvine – Gave budget report for E-911

Brad Oberlander, CPA started the presentation of budget request – Call Volume Analysis 9,514 emergency calls 2021, 7,805 2024. Revenue sources City/ Fiscal Court Contributions. State CMRS Revenues, Land Line Revenues are on a decline. Landlines have a \$3.00 service fee. 2019 \$181,566 2023 \$217,000. CMRS up 101,260. Total Income trends city and county are making up for decreases. Salaries and Benefits have gone up, inflation, Operating expenses, Major equipment purchases. Our wages are low, we get them trained and then they leave for higher pay.

Capital Outlays, major equipment. Always looking for grants to supplement costs. Our Cash Balance has declined from 2020 \$452,116 to 2024 \$7,191. City and FC contributions 12,000 increase. Requesting \$966,600 divided between city and county. 2021 Financial Impact, upgrade of phone systems. Challenges coming up - Land line revenue, CMRS revenue, Net Revenue Gap, Cash balance low for 2025. Strategic recommendations – Increase funding, update fee structure, etc. Emergency calls in take.

Stan Galbraith- how many FTE's do we have? Jaime - There are 9, 11 are authorized. We get a check quarterly.

Jamie Miller – requested budget would get them back

Stan Galbraith– estimated budget number 77%

Brad, some capital improvements coming in. Two major projects, 10-8 system and total phone helps dispatcher with calls. We will apply for grant for total phone, we will have to hold off if grant does not come through.

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Stan – people, when they call they want, fire, police, EMS etc. It's hard to fund it all. We have to come with a new stream of revenue. Judge Williams we need new Radio Dispatch System at a cost of \$80,000. Old outside alarm system is antiquated, hard to get parts. Technology gets old quick. We either pay for keeping it current and working properly, or we don't have it.

Requested contribution from City and County for FY2026 is \$483,020.00.

PARIS-BOURBON COUNTY JOINT EMS BOARD

City of Paris Fire Chief Duffy - Not increasing anything, not increasing manpower, we are fully staffed now. We do need more trucks. Transporting 70% of our calls to Lexington. This leaves us short of vehicles here where we need it. If you call 911 in county, transferred 450 calls out of 800 calls. Ties up trucks 2-3 hours depending on locations and transfers. 20% go to UK. 14% go to other hospitals. We do not get reimbursed for everything. Bourbon Co transfers can take 45 min to 1 hour. Emergency crew deployed 2019 \$662 per run now 2025, \$934 per run. Personnel Investment Training is costly. Training is costly with a lot of hours, then they can't be left alone for a time. New truck prices have doubled, and they have to be ordered 2-3 years out. We Bill insurance \$1,300 per run, we collect \$376. If the patient is Medicaid or Medicare we cannot bill for them. We must provide the service whether patient can pay or not, whether they have insurance or not. Shuffling patients resets insurance. New transport stair chairs cost 12,000 a chair. Shortfalls keep popping up from Medicare, Medicaid, insurance companies.

Cash Balance and Sustainability is dropping over the years. FY 2025 deficit \$110,852 vs FY2019 deficit \$40,431. Total Operating expenses \$1.8M to 2.4M. Estimated funding needed for 2026 \$1,367,020. Not a lot of money coming in to operate, while still providing services. Gaps, outstanding accounts receivables 2019 337,884 to 2025 1,123,103. It takes insurance companies 180 days to review cases. We have started billing just to do service call, whether patient goes to hospital or not. Kristal – can you refuse call, Duffy - no we cannot refuse call.

Duffy - We only do pre-authorizations after calls. We bill the patients not the hospitals. We do not want to tell calls that we do not have a truck to send for their emergency.

Judge Williams - Do we want to go on or postpone meeting until another day.

Sharon Fields – yes please postpone meeting, Library lights are on a timer and they will go out on us. Everyone is okay with scheduling another session at another determined date.

Gordon Wilson wants to pass out their documents ahead of the next meeting. EDA will present at the next determined meeting.

Judge Williams and Jamie Miller will coordinate the date and time for the next joint meeting to wrap up the final presentations.

Requested contribution from City and County for FY2026 is \$683,510.00.