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**BULLITT COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE**



**State of Bullitt County**

**Services Provided**

Planning and Zoning

Code Enforcement

**Emergency Medical Service**

**Emergency Management**

**County Wide Dispatch**

Animal Shelter

Bullitt County Economic Development

Parks and Recreation

Coroner

County Surveyor

**Sheriff Department**

Jail

County Wide Road Maintenance

County Clerk

PVA

Government Buildings: Circuit Court, Detention Center, County Road Building, County Wide EMS and Dispatch, Red Cross, Animal Shelter, Senior Citizen Center, and Ancillary Buildings

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**Inherited:**

Office computer stripped of hard drives, very few records only treasurer, CFO and County Clerk minutes, and no furniture in the Judges office. Keys to office left in Dispatch

**EMS (Emergency Management Service)** Prior to January 7 in 2018 lost 44 employees due to noncompetitive wages and benefits along with 10 supervisors. The staffing at the time was 45 full time employees 5 Paramedics and 40 Emergency Medical Technicians. The staffing number should have been 48 full time employees with a makeup of 24 Paramedics and 24 EMT's.

7,200 uncollected bills to the tune of \$ 3,384,341 from 120 days out to 22 months.

Operating close to the same budget in 1991 as EMS was operating with 3 ambulances for about 5,000 runs. In 2018 EMS operated 5 ambulances and 2 chase cars in 2018 with 12,000 service calls. The county was subsidizing EMS on the average 1.7m a year over the last 3 years. Hardin County a community similar to our size subsidized their EMS 200k during the same period of time.

**E 911 Dispatch** – 5 million dollar project on going for over 2 years which included work on new dispatch center and radio system so all agencies in our county and surrounding community agencies can communicate for rapid response. Also, included new headquarters in the EMS Salt Well Drive location. Significant loss of personnel in 2018. Both of these projects was scheduled for completion in 2018.

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**EMA – (Emergency Management Agency)** no drills in the last three years – emergency sirens for warning 1 still in boxes. They should have been installed 2 years ago. Drills should have been conducted at the least annually.

**Road Department** – little or no documentation for equipment, complying for Commercial Driver’s License holders operating our equipment.

**Sheriff Department** pay – lowest rate in Bullitt County for paid patrol officers in the county.

**Where we are now: March 9, 2019**

**EMS** – effort to reduce turnover wages raised compatible to other services in the area – still on the low end of scale.

Internal Promotions to experienced and dedicated team members  
Hiring for Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics to bring staffing to the minimum of 48 employees to operate 5 ambulances and 2 ALS vehicles 7 days a week 24 hours per day. The ideal balance is 24 Paramedics and 24 Emergency Medical Technicians

**Dispatch** – The radios disbursed to First responder services – seeking opportunity with Louisville Water tower at Exit 112 for Motorola Communicate dish placement or the AT&T tower. This would negate a non-budgeted expense that would range from 300k to 500k for repairing or constructing a new tower for the required

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equipment. We are investigating how to raise the benefits for the professional Dispatchers.

**EMA** – We are installing 7 emergency sirens to fill in county wide gaps, signaling emergency conditions, we will be conducting for the first time in 3 years county wide first responder services exercise. Completing the central radio project.

**Road Department:** All vehicles meet the CDL license requirements, the employees along with inmates have painted the entire interior of the shop. The shop looks great.

**However, we are facing serious head winds.**

Bullitt County is one of 9 revenue or Fee based counties in the Commonwealth these counties have populations above 70k and the fee is based on our population. This an example of how revenue or fee based sharing works.

**Example** we now have a population of 80 thousand residents, we send up 1 dollar in collected taxable revenue and the Commonwealth returns us .75 cents to operate our county. When reach 100k population which we will do in the 2020 census we will send up 1 dollar and the commonwealth will send us only .50 cents returns to operate our county. The pension phase in is over 4 million in the next 3 years.

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We need increased local road funding as the toll credits of 150m will decrease and reportedly end in 2021. At this time our local road funds will decrease.

**2019 - 2020 Fiscal Year Priorities are as follows:**

**Public Safety:**

First Responder agencies providing the tools they so deserve ensuring our community we have the best of the best heading into emergencies where others are leaving.

The teams are the Sheriff Patrol increased pay, Dispatch Completion of Center, Emergency Medical Service adding the 6<sup>th</sup> Advanced Life Service Ambulance, Emergency Management Agency completion of Siren installations and Communications network.

Our first responders are in need of significant pay and benefits so we stop being a training center for other agencies in surrounding counties.

Enhance our Website for the County and Fiscal Court – Professional Electronic equipment for the Fiscal Court meetings allowing for greater accessibility to News Outlets and Social Media.

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**Transportation**

Continue the great partnership with the Mayors to develop the comprehensive transportation and infrastructure plan for the 2020 Legislative Session.

Attached is the signature document for the Kentucky Department of Transportation Shift Application for major state road projects.

Note the signatures of the 5 Mayors,

The Magistrates of Fiscal Court and the County Judge to support this transportation infrastructure plan submitting to the 2020 Legislative session.

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**Shift Analysis**

**Bullitt County Joint Road Plan**

Bullitt County is one of the fastest growing counties in Commonwealth of Kentucky. We are centrally located with I-65 and CSX Railroad running straight through the middle of our county linking both Jefferson and Hardin counties. Bullitt County location has made our community a coveted location for business opportunities e-trade, growth of the Bourbon industry, tourism with both Kentucky Bourbon Trail, Bernheim and the Parklands along with a growing wine industry.

Bullitt County is one of eight revenue sharing counties in the commonwealth. As an revenue sharing county we need continued support from the Commonwealth of Kentucky. As our aging infrastructure continues to effect movement of commerce both North South and East West in our county. Our road infrastructure has experienced some improvement in the last decade as we have moved from 60 thousand to 80 thousand residents.

**The County and City Officials are in agreement that the following roads are in need of improvement.**

<b>Bullitt County Judge Executive</b>	<u>Jerry Summers</u>	Date <u>2-22-19</u>
<b>Fox Chase Mayor</b>	<u>Chris Taylor</u>	Date <u>2-22-19</u>
<b>Hillview Mayor</b>	<u>Steve Adams</u>	Date <u>2-22-19</u>
<b>Lebanon Junction Mayor</b>	<u>Ray Williams</u>	Date <u>2-22-19</u>
<b>Mt. Washington Mayor</b>	<u>Steve Carter</u>	Date <u>2-22-19</u>
<b>Shepherdsville Mayor</b>	<u>Curtis Hochstetler</u>	Date <u>2-22-19</u>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> District Magistrate</b>	<u>Tommy Mitchell</u>	Date <u>2/26/19</u>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> District Magistrate</b>	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>2-22-19</u>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> District Magistrate</b>	<u>Joe E. Barwell</u>	Date <u>2/22-2019</u>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> District Magistrate</b>	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>2/25-2019</u>

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Left to Right House Economic Development Chairman Representative Webber, Bullitt CFO Griffey, State Senator Seum, Mt. Washington City Manager Porchino, Mayor Dangerfield, Mayor Eaden, Mayor Taylor, Judge Summers, Mayor Hockenbury, Mayor Armstrong, Senate President Robert Stivers.

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Left to Right: Bullitt CFO Keith Griffee, Mayor Hockenbury, State Representative Tom Huff, Mayor Dangerfield, Mayor Eadens, Mayor Taylor, State Representative James Tipton, Transportation Committee Chairman Representative Santoro, Judge Summers, Economic Development Committee Chairman Representative Webber

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**Kentucky Highway 44E:** 2010 Transportation study for improvements from Shepherdsville to Spencer County Line. Multiple upgrades to intersections including Bells Mill Road, Bogard Lane, and Bleemel Lane were completed. The 2010 Plan provides for the completion and improvement of Hwy 44 from Bogard Lane to the Spencer County Line improving congestion and accommodating future growth. The completion of the original 2010 plan recommendations is a top priority.

**Kentucky Exit 121:** Blue Lick and John Harper Freeway improvements at this exit. We have multiple concerns from First responders as they head into traffic on John Harper along with congestion on Blue Lick due to accelerated growth of both Industrial and Commercial on Blue Lick. The west side of Exit 121 is now an Opportunity Zone and development will accelerate and will add to the strained traffic patterns caused by the growing employment of the industrial and commercial growth.

**Kentucky Exit 112:** Highway 245 from Exit to Bergheim Forest and Arboretum 2.5 miles of planned, right of ways purchased and engineering finished. This exit and Highway 245 is an economic engine for our community with both the bourbon industry and tourism and also, the main travel pattern for the employees from Nelson, Washington and Marion Counties that are employed in Jefferson and Bullitt County (Industrial Parks in Bullitt County Highway 480, Exit 116 on I – 65 over 5,000 employees daily).

**Kentucky Highway 61:** While the northern portion of KY 61 has been completed as a 4-lane highway, the southern portion will become a priority as Alpha Way and Exit 114 are completed. Exit 114 from Alpha Way to KY 61 south of Shepherdsville, needs to be expanded to 4 lanes to the intersection of KY Hwy 245. (Exit 114 will develop rapidly as both Bullitt Fiscal Court and Bullitt Economic Development Authority are studying the area for best fit commercial and residential growth. The Future of 61 would eventually end at the I -65 interchange Exit 105.)

**Kentucky 434:** This is the main route for southern residents of Bullitt County traveling to Hardin County. The entrance road to the bridge crossing the Rolling Fork River on Ky. 434 constantly erodes when the Rolling Fork floods. KY 434 either closes completely or travel is reduced to one lane for extended periods of time. A permanent solution is sought for this main route for EMS and residents to Hardin County.

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Before we conclude and have time for a few questions

We would like to Thank the Following:

Flag Presenters

Chief Eric Butler – South East Fire

Chief Lane Troutman – City of Shepherdsville Fire

Brigade Commander Tommy Leach – South East Fire

Prayer and Salute to the Flag

Mayor Larry Dangerfield Lebanon Junction

Paroquet Springs

Vicky Downing and her team

Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce

Anita Stump and her team

Bullitt Fiscal Court

Lora Padgett

Candice Renfrow

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Conclusion as you see we have a great opportunity ahead for this administration. The journey will have great and not so great moments. However, this administration will stand accountable to the residents of Bullitt County!

May we have time for a few questions

Thank All of You for Attending!

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