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Why do / don't you feel informed on the status of the military airport / runway recently planned for the Bluegrass Army Depot?

38 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	There is so much more to this than the little bit of information provided.
2	anonymous	I got more information from the groups that formed to challenge/fight the expansion that the elected officials.
3	anonymous	Williams tried to sneak this through
4	anonymous	I only say somewhat because your current Judge Executive has and will never tell you the whole story and facts. He's gone to great lengths to hide a lot of vital information from Magistrates and the public, this is a fact.
5	anonymous	Secretive and lied to the people
6	anonymous	I was part of the group opposing it and am very familiar with the workings of Frankfort.
7	anonymous	Was a closed door meeting. Could have been good for bourbon county but judge Williams messed it up. If he had tried to be open and up front it could have worked. He prefers to keep citizens in the dark.
8	anonymous	Understand the need for it, but understand the people that live in that residence, but they would have to deal with
9	anonymous	Only informed with what they want you to know. Local administration lies and hides information about the whole plan.

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10	anonymous	Our local government, state rep and state senator tried to make back door deals to condemn 2k acres of prime farm land to do this deal. Zero transparency from our elected officials.
11	anonymous	Didnt know anything till the conflict
12	anonymous	No comment
13	anonymous	It was covered more regionally, so I was able to get information from other sources as well as the local paper.
14	anonymous	It has always been tried under the table (3) times before anyone knew anything about it
15	anonymous	Feel everything with this project has been under the table and not meant for the public to find out
16	anonymous	Haven't heard anything about it.
17	anonymous	Very opposed as we would be under flight path. Very disappointed with current judge who supported the project even though residents/magistrates overwhelmingly oppose it. If he had not retired I would have voted against him in primary
18	anonymous	Think it came way way to close before we found out.
19	anonymous	I receive info from the Citizens for Bourbon County.
20	anonymous	too much happened and we only knew about AFTER the fact.
21	anonymous	I am very informed because I actively participated in opposing it. I also read the Bluegrass Station Proposal from those thieves who intended to steal

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		land by way of eminent domain and they also were hoping the land values would decrease so they could get it real cheap. Currently, I also review every single piece of legislation that is being introduced in the state of Kentucky by our House and Senate. I closely watch everything they do.
22	anonymous	No one reports on it. No one digs into it nor is it discussed, everything's kept a secret
23	anonymous	Do not. Opposed to family farms being swallowed up
24	anonymous	Lack of information.
25	anonymous	The county judge is not open and honest about this project and the cost implications to tax players.
26	anonymous	Not in my area so it doesn't effect me as much
27	anonymous	Never heard of it until the citizens living in the area threw a fit. Thought the plan had been shelved?
28	anonymous	I thought the citizens had spoken on that issue.
29	anonymous	I thought once it was voted on years ago that the decision was made to not move forward
30	anonymous	That is in my backyard and we don't need a runway for planes. Helicopter landings are fine. It seems to be shrouded in secrecy.
31	anonymous	No. But that is okay. Sounds great.
32	anonymous	Dead subject Officials won't take the time to talk or meet

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33	anonymous	I was the Deputy Director at Special Operations Forces Support Activity
34	anonymous	It is no longer an issue !!!
35	anonymous	Thought this plan was shutdown at the state legislature; if new plans are underway, that has not been shared through any channels
36	anonymous	No idea about this. Is there an email list I am unaware of?
37	anonymous	Some information has been available, but I learned about it from those it directly affected.
38	anonymous	No one has all the information. That information is at the Governor's office and with the generals at BG Station. I do wish they could have given our elected officials all the information to pass on to everyone. Then they could have decided or looked for other options. We just don't have real information. The topic is so toxic no one can actually discuss it. For my experience when something gets that toxic the issue is dead and it's time to move on to other projects.

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Why do / don't you support the airport / runway being built partially in Bourbon County?

42 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I just don't have enough information. While it could bring jobs, I personally know some families it would negatively affect. I have very mixed feelings about this. Plus... I don't want large military planes flying closely over my home.
2	anonymous	This would not be beneficial to our County financially or otherwise, regardless of what has been presented. The facts are, it would greatly decrease property values which decreases property taxes, which decreases revenue to the County. The potential payroll taxes that might be generated, would not be enough to make up for the loss tax revenue.
3	anonymous	Environmental impacts
4	anonymous	It would have utilized eminent domain to take 4000 (up to 10000 in the future) acres of land from private property owners to build an international cargo airport and an industrial park under the guise of supporting the military. I do not support government secrecy and do not support allowing the government to lie about its true intentions (ie, making money for "five key investors," not military related). It was a taking of private land for use by private investors and out of state corporations.
5	anonymous	I just know what ppl were saying on social media
6	anonymous	Let the people know
7	anonymous	As it would bring jobs and growth
8	anonymous	The creation of jobs that pay well in the area

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9	anonymous	Does not benefit Bourbon County, taking away farm land.
10	anonymous	see above
11	anonymous	Growth
12	anonymous	Prime farmland that needs to be protected
13	anonymous	I felt it was not necessary and an over reach of eminent domain
14	anonymous	Same answer
15	anonymous	Not good for the ecosystem, farms
16	anonymous	That shouldn't be on the top of lists on things we need here.
17	anonymous	Ruin the rural atmosphere, hurt the horse industry, only benefits Fayette County. .
18	anonymous	No benefit for citizens, loss of peoples land.
19	anonymous	Never
20	anonymous	It will completely destroy the area and most of Bourbon County. It is the wrong kind of growth.
21	anonymous	I just don't have enough information to make an informed decision.
22	anonymous	we need our farm land!

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23	anonymous	It is taking away from farmland which can feed families and animals and houses that are close by.
24	anonymous	<p>First, I don't support eminent domain. Stealing land from voters to give to corporations is disgusting. We, the taxpayers are funding the theft, which makes it even more insulting. I had one of the farmers who was going to lose their land knock on my door, and I said I am in and I will support you in your battle! That's community. Secondly, I do not support it because it is an agricultural area. It would destroy the agricultural industry and lead to water, air, noise and light pollution. It would permanently destroy prime farmland for a project that would eventually end when the government money stop pouring in-- leaving behind a useless, polluted abandoned eyesore.</p> <p>Additionally, you think residents and livestock want noisy cargo planes flying overhead just so some greedy private corporation can enrich themselves at the expense of an entire well established agricultural industry and the residents?! These farms provide countless jobs and increase interest in and bring in tourism dollars into the county and the state. The inner blue grass region is known as the horse capital of the world. That's our niche. Do you think people travel here to here to see airports?! Furthermore, it is a disgusting abuse of taxpayers' funds which would be utilized to enrich a private corporation who is a government crony and part of the military industrial complex. Most of humanity would like peace and quiet and to be left alone by slimy organizations whose agendas only benefit their own pocketbooks and stroke their God complex at the expense of freedom and life. Every single elected official who participated in the attempt to slam this through surreptitiously in the budget bill in 2024 is a disgrace to the office they hold at the behest and trust of their voters. I am sick and tired of corrupt and selfish fools running the show. They lack the foresight and care to see the long-term damage it would cause. Career politicians and local elected officials are the only jobs I know of where they can steal from and screw over their employer and still keep their jobs. Try that in a private corporation or private business setting and you would be escorted out of your office by security. Maybe we just need to fire most everyone and start over.</p>

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25	anonymous	Please reread what I said a couple questions ago. There's your fucking answer
26	anonymous	Not sure about this question? Scott Co airport?
27	anonymous	Effects local farms.
28	anonymous	It will not benefit Bourbon County citizens. The ROI is BAD!!!
29	anonymous	How will it be used, for public transport or military/ personal use?
30	anonymous	Hurts farming and wildlife in the area. The current roads couldn't handle the extra traffic. Again, putting the cart before the horse.
31	anonymous	To bring this back up is an insult to the voters and how truly clueless the elected officials are
32	anonymous	It would also bring in more people/businesses to our county therefore boosting our economy
33	anonymous	It's not necessary to start with. What needs to be flown into or out of that base? If it needs to fly, move it to another base that has a runway already. If its personnel let them fly into Lexington, ride a van or bus to Bluegrass.
34	anonymous	I think it is a great idea generally, but I am not informed enough, if it means taking someone's land or interfering with their peace and use of their own land, than NO. However, if it is on land that is already government owned and does not negatively impact citizens, I am very much in support.
35	anonymous	Cost
36	anonymous	There was no solid customer for the use of the airport.

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37	anonymous	It is no longer an issue !!
38	anonymous	Impact on agricultural land, noise pollution, lack of benefit for Bourbon county
39	anonymous	Absolutely more important than farm animals and a few people
40	anonymous	No reference. What is the timeframe of flight takeoff and landing?
41	anonymous	Imminent domain being used for monetary gain and not what it was created for.
42	anonymous	Only if the farmers and local officials have control of some sort. But we don't have the information to make those decisions and I don't think anyone in our county has enough information.

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34.

Why do / don't you feel informed about the Waste Management Station relocation?

26 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	This was not a project I heard about until it was done.
2	anonymous	Needed to be in a better location.
3	anonymous	Haven't been paying as much attention as I could
4	anonymous	It is nice but closed on Saturday. I work Monday through Friday. When should I use it. When the city ran the old one there was at least on Saturday a month it was open. Send my money and I can't use it.
5	anonymous	I have attended meetings about it.
6	anonymous	WASTE! Moving is Not going to help that area! What would help is sell the empty lots and built small homes
7	anonymous	No comment
8	anonymous	I have not heard about it
9	anonymous	Haven't heard anything about it
10	anonymous	Same as everything else. Talked about and things made with just a few in charge
11	anonymous	Hadn't kept up with it.
12	anonymous	Seems a waste of money.

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13	anonymous	What!!!
14	anonymous	next door to a school? What are you thinking?
15	anonymous	You can look at the corresponding government websites to see what they are doing and watch meetings live or on replay. It's not that hard.
16	anonymous	Directly involved
17	anonymous	Seems silly.
18	anonymous	Thought it was a waste of money.
19	anonymous	I was involved in the very early stages
20	anonymous	Again it seems all city and county business is shrouded in secrecy.
21	anonymous	I think it is a lot of expense and I am not sure it was worth it and this decision seemed more virtue signaling than any true need.
22	anonymous	Who ??
23	anonymous	Multiple meetings about the process; write-ups and updates in the newspaper
24	anonymous	Absolutely have now determined I am completely unaware of what is happening in my area and am grateful for this survey...
25	anonymous	Not a lot of information given.
26	anonymous	Because I help to right the wrong for the west side community. The old transfer station hurt everything in their neighborhood. It needed to be

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		addressed 50 years ago. I'm not saying the new transfer station is perfect but the positives out weight the negatives for sure.
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36.

Why do / don't you feel informed about the West End Renovation Project?

31 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Never heard of it.
2	anonymous	I have no idea what this is.
3	anonymous	Have been attending P&Z meetings where it's discussed
4	anonymous	It a great idea. Needs more community support. City seems to want to help but county is to busy building a park for pickle ball and out of town kids.
5	anonymous	I feel it shouldn't be just a West End renovation. It should be throughout the county why I pick one location where there's a lot of other locations that need to be taken care of as well. Make it a joint effort throughout the county.
6	anonymous	Westside Neighborhood Association is correct name-not West End.
7	anonymous	Wont help
8	anonymous	Politicians like to virtue signal on social justice issues and use it for political points. Those issues seem to be front and center.
9	anonymous	I have not heard about it
10	anonymous	Same answer
11	anonymous	Not heard anything about it
12	anonymous	Don't keep up with it.

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ID	Name	Responses
13	anonymous	Never heard of it
14	anonymous	Didn't know
15	anonymous	Can someone let us know where the city is publishing this information ?
16	anonymous	we only hear AFTER changes have been made
17	anonymous	It's not something I have been following actively. It's a choice.
18	anonymous	Directly involved
19	anonymous	Never heard of that.
20	anonymous	I know nothing about this project.
21	anonymous	It that's the neighborhood renovations where the old waste station was then I'm aware of what is happening, but the people living there should be making the bulk of the decisions.
22	anonymous	I haven't stayed informed
23	anonymous	Needs to be a weekly report published in the newspaper about what's going on.
24	anonymous	I have no idea what it is. I do not know why I am not informed except that information about it does not come to me and I do not know enough to seek out the information.
25	anonymous	No

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ID	Name	Responses
26	anonymous	I don't know what the West End project is.
27	anonymous	I have heard some high level plans, but believe more community meetings will occur as decisions are being made
28	anonymous	Don't know much
29	anonymous	See above.
30	anonymous	Limited or no information given.
31	anonymous	It's a long process and there is lot of support. The good part is it will take very little of the cities/ counties budget and most monies will be grants or state funds.

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38.

Why do / don't you feel the emergency services offered by Paris and Bourbon County meet our current needs?

28 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Albeit slowly, we are growing. I'm not confident our fire services are adequately staffed and prepared to meet the needs of Bourbon County. Same for law enforcement.
2	anonymous	The city fire department needs another station location. The police departments (both city and county) are not staffed enough and cannot keep personnel.
3	anonymous	Our Emergency Services I feel are not adequately staffed. My reason for stating this is, we've never been able to "keep good qualified EMS/Fire staff". They come here to get trained and put in time, until they find/get a much better paying job in another County/City.
4	anonymous	The county EMS is stretched thin because of sprawling housing and lack of resources
5	anonymous	Good folks
6	anonymous	I feel that there needs to be another fire station
7	anonymous	The Paris Police department is severely understaffed and underpaid. They have gone the right direction with the new chief. So hopefully things will come back together soon
8	anonymous	Need updated radio communication equipment
9	anonymous	Need more

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10	anonymous	The city council allowed unethical behavior at the police department. The council waited too long to address the situation and lost over half its department. The current city manager has no urgency in fixing the situation. The department is dependent on a part time chief who can't implement his policies until possibly July. Meanwhile several guys want to leave and three are set to retire in the next 6-9 months.
11	anonymous	Won't let me answer
12	anonymous	We had need for an ambulance recently and they arrived quickly and were very professional. They also seem to work well with surrounding areas.
13	anonymous	No I don't. Can't get it where I can put No above
14	anonymous	The hospital here isn't equipped to help major issues.
15	anonymous	Doesn't meet our needs
16	anonymous	They are grossly underpaid. I can't speak for the current staff but what I know is when you aren't compensated properly then your willingness to go above and beyond decreases.
17	anonymous	Yes, they are responsive. My neighbor called and there were multiple units there to assist. Antidotal, but they do their job around here.
18	anonymous	Top notch training/people/equipment
19	anonymous	Need another fire station and another ambulance crew.
20	anonymous	Over spending on expensive ladder truck that was not justified.

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21	anonymous	They do use social media to tell us what is happening but I'm not aware of any issues regarding them having enough manpower/ equipment to service the area.
22	anonymous	I'm not informed
23	anonymous	Little or no funding for volunteers, county acts like if they give them money they will waste it.
24	anonymous	When my husband was sick with cancer, they responded very quickly.
25	anonymous	Inadequate resources to support the needs of the county
26	anonymous	Not enough ambulances, medics or EMT's
27	anonymous	There are times when more is needed.
28	anonymous	With the budget we have we are doing really well. Compared to other rural communities we are light years ahead