

January 21,2013

To the Citizens of Nicholas County;

After much prayer and thought I have made a very tough decision.

Tomorrow I will inform the Governor's office of my decision to retire effective Jan. 31st 2013. This has been a decision that has been on my mind for sometime. I realized that I wasn't going to be able to accomplish the things I wanted to do when I came in office for various reasons.

I want you to know that I never worried about getting reelected or how much the job paid. Nicholas County has been my home and the county and the people of this county has been very good to me. I thought this would be a chance to give something back. I soon realized that the judge exec. doesn't have much control over the decisions of the county. The Kentucky Revised Statues states that the Judge Exec. can do this or that but on the end of the statue it says with approval of the fiscal court.

We all know by watching the federal and state government that we cannot get anything done if we cannot work together. I know that we as a court haven't done our best. For this I sincerely apologize. It was my job as county judge to bring the court together and I failed to do this. I guess this is like a ball team, if the team doesn't win the manager gets fired.

I really do worry about the state of Nicholas County and our future. We are the seventh smallest county in Ky. by population but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't have the opportunities that other counties have. We have to be able to work together to get anything done if we want our county to move forward. If we want to stay where we are then the saying (If we always do what we have always done we will always get what we have always got). The sad part is that I don't think we will stay where we are if we don't do something. Time will not let us stand still. We can go forward or we will keep on losing ground to the other counties.

I can write a book on what I think we need but I don't have all of the answers any more than anyone else. It takes an effort by everyone. We have some really good people that wants to see Carlisle and Nicholas County move forward and I intend to work with them anyway I can. I will also be working to get Maysville Community College in its permanent location.

I want everyone to know that I really appreciate the support you have given me. I did not intend to go out this way but again if it will help the county to have someone else in the Judges office I am O.K. with it. I will offer my help to whoever is appointed to fill my term if they want it. I hope that the court and citizens will support your new Judge Executive to make Nicholas County as good as it can be.

Thank You and May God Bless Each and Everyone of you.

Sincerely
Kenny Lyons