



Town of Boyce



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TO: KALB News

DATE: 10/1/2026

RE: KALB News Report of 9/30/2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

The current Mayor & Town Council administration came into office in Boyce in 2023.

In response to your news article yesterday on the **2024 year audit** of the town, we would like to clarify a few issues with information which KALB would not have been aware of when you ran that article.

The specific "*alleged*" debt that you referred to of \$1,139,528.00 owed to MPERS (Municipal Police Retirement System) was a claim for 13 years of "*allegedly owed*" contributions that MPERS claimed the town owed – all of them predating this current Mayor & Town Council administration – in other words we inherited this major financial problem – that is why the "*alleged debt*" appears in the 2024 audit. The MPERS lawsuit against Boyce was part of a statewide campaign by MPERS against over 100 small municipalities across our state demanding past due money from each town/village – and there were over 30 lawsuits filed by MPERS against small towns/villages from across the state. Boyce with the help of our Risk Management Insurance attorneys fought these claims in court very hard and in June of this year (2026) we were able to reach a total settlement for \$160,000.00 which this Mayor & Town Council were able to pay off in one lump sum because we had been saving town money to pay off debts just like this one. Unfortunately, MPERS applied ALL of that \$160,000.00 to the retirement fund for current Chief of Police -MPERS did that on their own and the town had no say so in that decision ! Thus, the \$1,139,528.00 debt you reported has been extinguished.

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Additionally, when this current Mayor & Town Council administration came into office in 2023, we inherited a financial mess and a tremendous amount of debt from the prior town administration and have continued to received past due invoices for services and/or materials that were incurred during the prior administration but never paid. Many of those pre-existing debts have been paid off through the due diligence and financial management over the past 3 years by this dedicated and hard working Mayor & Town Council.

Just one of the primary financial problems the current Mayor & Town Council inherited when we came into office in 2023 was the financial crisis resulting from overspending by the Boyce Elected Chief of Police Department – the over expenditures by the Elected Chief of Police Department PRIOR to our Mayor & Town Council included:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Town Council P.D. Budget</u>	<u>Actual P.D. Expenditures</u>	<u>P.D. Amount Over Budget</u>
2019	\$ 287,476.00	\$ 528,029.00	\$ 240,553.00 (84%)
2020	\$ 297,200.00	\$ 725,535.00	\$ 428,335.00 (144%)
2021	\$ 532,576.00	\$ 992,158.00	\$ 459,582.00 (86%)
2022	\$ 367,984.00	\$ 1,399,650.00	\$ 1,031.666.00 (280%)

- **From Town Records Prepared By The Town of Boyce CPA**

The current Mayor & Town Council took decisive action to reduce this flagrant overspending by the town's Elected Chief of Police Department – Sheriff Mark Wood and his staff were extremely helpful and instrumental in assisting the citizens of Boyce by agreeing to contract with our town to provide law enforcement protection and town patrols for our citizens. This major change in operations by the current Mayor & Town Council has reduced the Elected Chief of Police Department annual expenditures from \$1,399,650 in FY 2022 to approximately \$300,000.00 annually for the last 3 years – **a savings of over \$1,000,000 a year to the citizens of Boyce** while maintaining good & safe law enforcement for our citizens !

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As you are hopefully aware, the small town of Boyce with a population of 880 is made up of good hard working citizens and families who love their community. Unfortunately, the opening of the I-49 interstate and other national/state economic factors have contributed to compromising the economic vitality of our little town and a reduction in the financial status of our little town.

However, this current Mayor & Town Council administration has been and shall continue to work hard to continue to provide the vital services necessary for our citizens and develop new economic development opportunities to improve the financial position of the town and our citizens. We are currently working on several projects that we believe will improve the financial stability of the town and our citizens.

We sincerely believe that the town is in much better shape than what we found when we walked in 2023.

As we did not have an opportunity to respond to your inquiry prior to you running your story, we now respectfully request that you post this response on your website.

Thank you for your professional assistance on this issue.


Mayor Kelvin McCoy.

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AGENDA
October 6, 2026
807 Londonderry Avenue, Boyce Town Hall
6:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Determine a quorum.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Invocation.
5. Call for any person to identify themselves and the agenda item(s) **ONLY** on which they wish to comment.
6. Motion of approval of the minutes of the regular council, meeting held September 1, 2026.
7. Motion of approval to pay the monthly bills.
8. Police Department.
9. Fire Department.
10. Interim Superintendent.
11. Community Outreach.
12. Town Engineer.
 - a. Resolution-----Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) Program.
 - b. Resolution-----Town of Boyce Condemnations resolution Authorizing Notice.
 1. Case File 2026-01-----916 Mayo Street
 2. Case File 2026-02-----812 Longford Street
 3. Case File 2026-04-----204 Belfast Avenue
 4. Case File 2026-05-----207 Belfast Avenue
 - c. Resolution-----Town of Boyce Clearance Application Local Fund Administration.
 - d. Resolution-----Town of Boyce Clearance Application Local Funds Legal Services.
13. Town CPA.
14. Town Attorney.
15. Mayor's Report.
 - a. Resolution-----A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOYCE RENEW/ADOPT THE RAPIDES PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2026.
 - b. Dixie Roofing
16. Motion to adjourn.