

Supreme Court of Kentucky

2019-02

**IN RE: Appointment of Circuit Court Judge to the Bath County Project
Development Board**

ORDER

In House Bill 203 (2018), the Kentucky General Assembly authorized a Court of Justice Capital Construction Project for Bath County.

The Administrative Procedures of the Court of Justice Part X, Sec. I, Construction Program Development (AP Part X), adopted by Supreme Court Order 2014-17, require Project Development Boards to act as the agent of the local unit of government and the Kentucky Court of Justice to develop Court of Justice capital construction projects.

Under AP Part X, Paragraph 3-2(B), a Project Development Board is comprised of several voting members, including the “county’s most senior (by local term) Circuit Judge.”

Bath County’s most senior Circuit Judge pursuant to paragraph b. above, Judge Beth Lewis Maze, is unable to serve on the Bath County Project Development Board, having been suspended from duties by Order of the Judicial Conduct Commission dated September 24, 2018.

AP Part X, Sec. I, Paragraph 1-2, authorizes the Chief Justice to “terminate, assign, appoint or reassign Project Development Board Members” and to “implement changes and amendments to AP Part X to ensure that the best interests of the Kentucky Court of Justice are served.”

Because Judge Maze is prohibited by Order of the Judicial Conduct Commission from acting in her official capacity as a judge, the Chief Justice hereby appoints Judge William Lane, 21st Judicial Circuit, Division 1, to serve as the Circuit Judge representative on the Bath County Project Development Board for the duration of the Project or until his term ends pursuant to AP Part X, Sec. I, Paragraph 3-3(G).

Entered this 15th day of January 2019.



CHIEF JUSTICE