

## MEDIA STATEMENT RE: ROYALTY APPEAL

The Bardstown City Council had an opportunity for this case simply to go away, but could not leave well enough alone. Instead, your City government chose to escalate this matter through their actions of last week in filing civil counterclaims and making referrals to other governmental authorities for potential further action. In doing so, it is apparent that your Council and new administration intend to continue to prioritize publicity, politics and conflict over the needs of, and at the considerable expense of, its citizenry. By their actions, Mr. Royalty has been left with no choice but to respond to their unwarranted actions, and perhaps find some measure of justice from the unjust actions of the City Council, arising out of an unjust investigation and an unjust law.