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FRANKFORT, KY – At its November 16, 2023 meeting, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found Mike Ballard of Burkesville, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Mr. Ballard admitted to violating one (1) count of the Executive Branch Code of Ethics. Specifically, as a former Highway Superintendent II, District Eight Cumberland County Maintenance Crew for the Transportation Cabinet, Mr. Ballard allowed staff to use state resources to wash private vehicles on several occasions.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Mr. Ballard agreed to pay a \$2,000.00 civil penalty. He also agreed to a public reprimand and waived any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing a Final Order.