

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
March 14, 2023, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday, March 14th, 2023, in the Calloway County Court House Annex. Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. The following duly qualified members of the Court were present: Squire Don Cherry, Squire Paul Rister, Squire Larry Crutcher and Squire Ricky Stewart. Also present were County Treasurer Tonya Robinson, Deputy Judge Executive Gina Winchester, County Attorney Bryan Ernstberger, and County Clerk Antonia Faulkner.

The minutes of the February 15 regular meeting were reviewed by the Court. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to waive the formal reading and approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

County Treasurer, Tonya Robinson, asked the Court to approve the financial statements as presented. Motion made by Squire Crutcher, seconded by Squire Stewart to approve. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Cherry, seconded by Squire Rister to approve the payment of the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher, seconded by Squire Rister to approve the cash transfers within the budget. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes recessed the regular meeting and called to order a Public Hearing regarding the second reading of an ordinance pertaining to tax on gaming machines, there was no comment to be made. The Public Hearing was then open for comment on the second reading of the ordinance for the 7% insurance tax. County Attorney Bryan Ernstberger spoke on two revisions from the original 1st reading to clean up the ordinance. A Whereas statement was added to declare the purpose of the tax to be for the use of maintaining county roads and Section 5.0 was added that mirrored language the City of Murray's ordinance contains. Mr. Jason Billington of the Murray Insurance Agency spoke against the tax and followed up with his appreciation for the work of the Fiscal Court to maintain what they have to with what funds they have. There being no further comments the public hearing was closed and the regular meeting called back to order. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to approve Ordinance 23-0314-A establishing a tax upon the owners of gaming machines. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the second reading of Ordinance 23-0314-B imposing a tax upon insurance companies for the privilege of engaging in the business of insurance. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

County Clerk Antonia Faulkner presented to the Court the 2022 final settlement. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the final settlement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Jailer Ken Claud presented the Jail proposed budget for 2023. Mr. Claud gave Mrs. Robinson credit for most of the work done on the budget and reminded the Court there is no action to take. This proposed budget for the jail is only required to be presented at this time.

The Court then reviewed personnel appointments. Motion made by Squire Crutcher, seconded by Squire Stewart to appoint Stephen Wells and Cody Freeman to deputy jailers and Kevin Peters and Cayla Jessee to sergeant deputy jailers. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Crutcher to appoint Pat Scott to fill the remaining term of Mr. Tracy McKinney on the Fire District Board, this term will expire June 30, 2026. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Motion made by Judge Imes to accept bids as presented for specific road department materials. Motion seconded by Squire Cherry. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

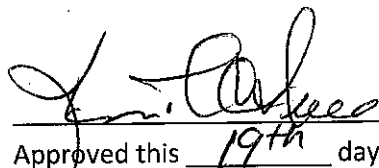
Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the only bid presented to clean up an illegal dump by Siteworks LLC. The cleanup of an illegal dump at 470 Rowlett Trail would be reimbursed by a state grant. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Gina Winchester presented the ordinance/admin committee report along with at time change from 3pm to 1pm on the second Monday of the month.

Squire Paul Rister mentioned the approval of the County 5-year Solid Waste plan that Justin Tidwell had worked on and the digitization of the Fiscal Court minutes back to the 1930s. Squire Cherry and Squire Stewart commended the Road Department, CCFR, West KY Electric and MES on the service done following the recent storms.

Judge Imes allowed for public comment. Mr. Robert Geurin expressed his appreciation of the FC and although he was not for the 7% insurance tax he understood and was not against it.

The next FC meeting was scheduled for April 15, 2023. There being no further business before the Court a motion was made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Stewart to adjourn. All voted aye and it was so ordered.



Approved this 19th day of April, 2023 by
Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes