

CALLOWAY COUNTY  
FISCAL COURT MEETING  
May 17, 2023, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 17, 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 Court reviewed the minutes of the April 19 regular meeting. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry 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 Rister, seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the payment of the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher, seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the cash transfers. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes recessed the regular meeting and called to order a Public Hearing regarding CRA/LGEA funds. There were no comments, the hearing was closed, and the regular meeting called back into session. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the use of the funds as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes recessed the regular meeting and called to order a Public Hearing regarding Budget Amendment #2 excess fees for the Sheriff, County Clerk grant money, and illegal dump grant money. There being no comment, the public hearing was closed, and regular session called back to order. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the second reading of budget amendment #2. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The regular session was again recessed, and a Public Hearing was called to order regarding the second reading of the repeal of Ordinance #03-2018-A State Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Services. There was no comment, the regular meeting was called back into session. After a discussion, a motion was made to approve the second reading of a repeal of the ordinance by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

County Treasurer, Tonya Robinson presented to the Court Budget Amendment #3, budgeting unexpected money from FEMA and KYTC. After a discussion, a motion was made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the first reading as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Mrs. Robinson asked the Court to approve the blanket order for FY 2023-2024. Motion made by Squire Rister was seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the blanket order as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. She then asked the Court to approve a standing order for FY 2023-2024, motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the standing order as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court then reviewed the draft of the FY 2023-2024 County Budget. After a discussion, a motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the first reading. Squire Rister noted that county employee's salaries have not kept up with inflation. This budget does include a pay raise, and with the county changing to a new insurance carrier, the amount of premium the employee pays will likely offer some savings. All voted aye and the first reading of the budget was approved.

Judge Imes presented to the Court, in the form of a motion, the first reading of an ordinance for a proposed gas tax. This would take effect only if the State were to make it legal but will be null until that time. Motion seconded by Squire Stewart to approve. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented in the form of a motion an order to approve personnel changes. Motion seconded by Squire Crutcher, all voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented Board Appointments to the Court. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to re-appoint Joe Dan Taylor to the Dexter Almo Water District, term to expire 5-19-2027. All voted aye and it was so ordered. He then presented the establishment of a Reapportionment Committee according to KRS 67.045. In the form of a motion, Judge Imes appointed Jane Benson (dist.2), Bill Marcum (dist. 3) and Lisa Farris (dist.4) to the committee paying them a stipend of \$200.00 each. Motion seconded by Squire Rister to approve the appointments as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

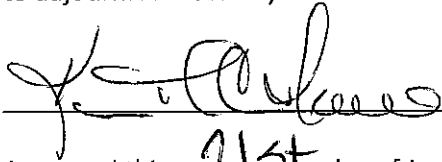
The Court discussed an RFP to consider for a bridge replacement project on Old Salem Road. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to advertise for bids setting a bid opening date for Monday June 19 at 8am. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes asked the Court to enter Executive Session in regard to KRS 61.810 (b). Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to recess the regular session and go into executive session. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to exit executive session and enter back into regular session. All voted aye and it was so ordered. In order to square up the county's recently acquired property on Hwy 641 North, Judge Imes negotiated an agreement with the company that owns the adjoining cemetery property whereby the county will pay for some construction work being done on behalf of the cemetery to repair leakage that affects both properties. In exchange for this payment of construction work, which is well below the appraised value of the parcel, the owner of the cemetery will convey that parcel (3.6 acres) to the county. It is a great deal for the county and really a win-win for all involved. County Attorney, Bryan Ernstberger, has drafted an agreement to this fact that has been sent to the cemetery owner's counsel. The maximum total the county would be out for the construction work would be \$86,400.00 or less. The property owner asked the County to put \$100,000.00 in the County Attorney's escrow account as surety. Judge Imes asked in the form of a motion to be allowed to one, sign the agreement as County Judge, two, to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer \$100,000.00 of general county funds into the County Attorney's escrow account, three, to request county funds be transferred back to the County from escrow upon a fully executed terms of agreement by both parties, and four, further authorize the Treasurer to pay the ultimate purchase price from designated budgeted ARPA funds. Motion seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the motion as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Gina Winchester gave an Admin./Ordinance Committee update. Jailer, Ken Claud asked the Court to approve a resolution supporting a grant for court video equipment. The equipment could save money on transport and personnel involved in getting inmates to court appearances. Squire Rister made a motion

to approve Resolution #23-0517-A as presented. Seconded by Squire Crutcher. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Mr. Claud gave an update on the annual jail inspection. He was happy with the results and took time to acknowledge Jessica Childs high scores on record keeping. Squire Rister took the opportunity to discuss the ankle monitoring program and its possible savings. It was agreed that the biggest savings would be in medical cost as the County is liable for a portion of medical bills for all inmates. Squire Rister, Jailer Claud, and Judge Imes determined that looking back into a local monitoring system would be beneficial. Gina reminded the Court that in 2019 there was an RFP for equipment that could be 'resurrected'.

County Clerk Antonia Faulkner discussed the recent election and Board of Election determinations. There being no further business before the Court motion, made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Crutcher to adjourn. All voted aye and it was so ordered.



Approved this 21st day of June 2023 by Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes