

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
November 15, 2023, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday, November 15, 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 October 18 regular meeting. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart 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 Rister 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.

New business began with Mr. Jereme Rose presenting to the Court information regarding Recovery Ready Community Certification, HB 7. The survey and collection of information to apply for certification is a platform for the community to determine what is happening, how to begin a means to help work on the problem, and to determine where the gaps are so that those gaps may be addressed. Mr. Rose interest in being certified is to start a conversation about substance abuse and recovery in our area. A discussion followed.

Sheriff Nicky Knight presented to the court, for approval, his 2024 Annual Order setting maximum amount for deputies and assistants. Motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the Sheriff's 2024 proposed budget. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Sheriff informed the Court that as of today 63.89% of county property tax have been collected.

Judge Imes presented to the Court the request to discontinue Tulip Lane and a portion of Marr Lane in the County Road system. The regular meeting was recessed, and a public hearing was called to order. There being no comment the public hearing was closed, and the regular session brought out of recess. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to approve Resolution # 23-1125-A discontinuing county maintenance of .1 mile of Marr Lane and all of Tulip Lane. Judge Imes presented to the Court a letter from Mr. Larry Cherry requesting the closure of Larry Cherry Lane. After a discussion, it was determined to first go through the process to close the road.

Judge Imes presented to the Court a Resolution on behalf of the PADD to adopt the regional multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve Resolution # 23-1115-B as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

EMS Director Josh explained the need for the approval of an Executive Order. The EMS agreement from 2019 had not been official signed by the Court, the Executive Order allows for Judge Imes to sign

acknowledging official approval. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the Order as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented to the Court a request for the reappointment of Mr. Brian Stedelin and Ms. Gina Wilmurth to the County Extension Council, both to expire 12-31-2026. Motion made by Judge Imes Seconded by Squire Stewart. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

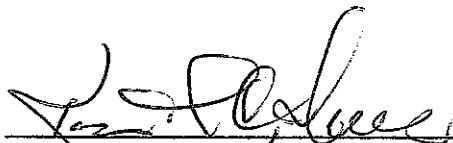
Judge Imes presented to the Court personnel changes. After a discussion, motion made Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the changes as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

In May, the Court discussed a bridge closure project on Old Salem Road. In June three bids were presented with the low bid being Jim Smith Contracting. Judge Imes made a recommendation to move forward with the demolition and redesign project. After a discussion motion made by Squire Imes seconded by Squire Crutcher to authorize Judge Imes to sign the contract with Jim Smith Construction.

Judge Imes presented to the Court a letter of support for Murray/Calloway County ATC. After a discussion motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to approve the letter of support as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Deputy Judge Exec. Gina Winchester presented committee reports. HR, Tori Saul welcomed Leadership Murray to the meeting and County Clerk, Antonia Faulkner spoke about the recent election turnout of 38%, exceptional turnout.

There being no further business before the Court motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye and it was so ordered.



Approved this 10/20 day of December, 2023 by
Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes.