

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
January 24, 2024, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday January 24th 2024, 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 December 20, 2023, 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 Rister, seconded by Squire Cherry to approve. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Cherry, seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the payment of the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes asked the Courts approval to move forward with Jim Smith Contract estimate to repair Colman Branch bridge and go with the best option for Squire Holland bridge pending the approval of a request at the State level for the 80/20 grant match. After a discussion, a motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the motion. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Jailer Ken Claud presented the 2023 jail report and Sheriff Nicky Knight presented the 2023 sheriff report. The Court appreciated both gentlemen's work. Squire Cherry commented to keep up the good work and requested that we look back into the ankle monitoring program.

The Court reviewed Resolution 24-0124-A adopting 0.206 miles of Edinborough Drive West and 0.093 miles of Starview Trail into the County Road system. After a discussion, a motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Resolution 24-0124-B regarding the matter of supporting the development of a Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan as requested by the PADD office was discussed. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes, in the form of a motion, presented resolution 24-0124-C in regard to the matter of recognizing and honoring Ezra Foote in his achievement completing all the requirements to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop No. 2045 Murray, KY. Motion seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the resolution as presented allowing the Judge to present the resolution to Mr. Foote at the ceremony. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Murray Calloway County Hospital Personnel Committee bylaws indicate that one member be from the Fiscal Court on the committee. Because Squire Eddie Clyde Hale was the last appointee and no longer a member of the Court, Judge Imes named, in the form of a motion, Squire Ricky Stewart to the Personnel Committee. Motion seconded by Squire Rister. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes, in the form of a motion, asked for authorization to nominate Joetta Kelly to fill the vacancy of Dr. Ken Winters on the MCCH Board. Motion seconded by Squire Stewart. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented personnel appointments. After a discussion motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Cherry. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Josh Kerr presented to Judge Imes the EM Deputy Directors for 2024. With the permission of the Court Judge Imes had prepared an Executive Order appointing William (Bill) Call, Jeff Steen, Robert Trenholm, and Zach Stewart as volunteer deputy EM Directors. Motion made by Squire Stewart, seconded by Squire Rister to approve the Executive Order as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Gina Winchester gave an update on the Admin/Ordinance Committee, she also took the time to recognize the work of the 911 Center and its officers. Bryan Ernstberger, County Attorney, commented on the work the Sheriff has done. County Clerk, Antonia Faulkner spoke on the new computer system at that office. Jeremy Whitmore, Calloway Tourism reminded the Court he is beginning his work to let visitors know about our lakes, as he travels to some Outdoor Shows. Don Cherry appreciated constituents exercising their right to democracy, Paul Rister mentioned looking at Mills Trail 0.622 miles to be discontinued on the north section. Larry Crutcher appreciated the work of the jail and the sheriff's department. Ricky Stewart appreciated the work of the Road Department. Judge Imes agreed with the great work of all the departments, noting it was a pleasure to work with this team!

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

Approved this 21st day of February, 2024 by Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes.


