

CALLOWAY COUNTY  
FISCAL COURT MEETING  
February 21, 2024, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday February 21st, 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, and County Clerk Antonia Faulkner. County Attorney Bryan Ernstberger was absent due to training.

The Court reviewed the minutes of the January 23, 2024 regular meeting. 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 Rister to approve. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Stewart, seconded by Squire Rister to approve the payment of the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes called on Sheriff Nicky Knight to present his final settlement. After a discussion, Sheriff Knight turned over to the Court \$242,673.22 in excess fees, asking the Court for the money back for office operating cost. Squire Rister commented on his review of the Sheriff's budget and appreciation of the money that he had to turn over to the Court. Squire Rister made the motion to give the money back to the Sheriff as part of his deputy support over a 4 month period (March-June). Motion seconded by Squire Crutcher. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented to the Court by request of EM Josh Kerr the approval of the Regional Mutual Aid Agreement. After a discussion, a motion was made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the agreement and signing by Judge Imes. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented by way of Resolution a request from Developer Bobby Tabors. Discussion followed by the Court to accept Hill Drive and Landon Lane into the County Road system. The roads were assumed to be in the system for some time when it was found they were not; the developer made final improvements and requested the acceptance. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court reviewed a resolution to discontinue a portion of Mills Trail. The time was open for public comment and there was none. Squire Rister read to the Court comments from Mr. Bobby Bazzell opposing the discontinuance. Mr. Bazzell has concerns with problems that may come about in accessing Watson Cemetery. Squire Rister explained that the current landowner plans to maintain the section of road for Cemetery and farmland access, he does not feel this would be cause for the county to continue maintaining the small portion of Mills Trail. This section was deemed by two viewers and the Road Supervisor as not serving a public purpose. After a discussion motion made by Squire Rister to close the section as advertised. Motion seconded by Judge Imes. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

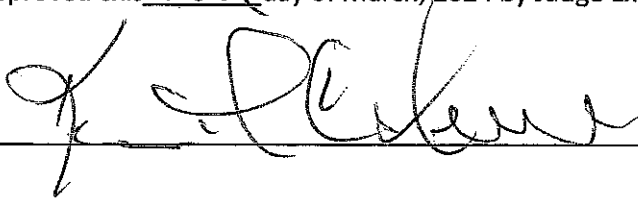
Judge Imes recommended to the Court to rename Don Cherry and Robert Norsworthy to another 3-year term to expire February 17, 2027 on the Weaks Center Board. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the recommended re-appointment.

Judge Imes then presented personnel changes. Squire Crutcher moved to accept the personnel appointments presented. Squire Rister seconded. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Gina Winchester and Tori Saul presented a report from the Admin./Ordinance Committee. Jailer Ken Claud reported a near perfect audit for the jail at 96% on programs and 100% on record keeping. He credited the success to one of his staff members, Jessica Chiles. Squire Rister discussed trash on the road ways and ways to possibly get the community to remember to tarp their trailers while hauling. Squire Cherry discussed construction signage on Johnny Rodertson Road. Judge Imes recognized Bill Marcum for his willingness to volunteer to help the county with a bridge project and mentioned the need for some cyber security equipment in the Court Room to video the meetings and use for training.

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

Approved this 20th day of March, 2024 by Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes



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