

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
MARCH 20, 2024, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday March 20, 2024, in the Calloway County Court House Annex. Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A prayer was led by John Dale. 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 Brian Ernstberger, and County Clerk Antonia Faulkner.

The Court reviewed the minutes of the February 21, 2024, regular meeting. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister 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 Cherry, seconded by Squire Rister to approve. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher, seconded by Squire Rister to approve the payment of the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the cash transfers. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the first reading of the budget amendment. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve budget transfers. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Michael Ray, Safety & Loss Control Manager from KACO presented to the Animal Care & Control Director, Emily Cook a grant check of \$3,000.00 for a lift ramp for help with lifting animals into the truck. The Insurance Loss Control program for KACO began in 2019 with Calloway County receiving 4 grants to date.

Judge Imes presented an ongoing concern related to roads in the Fort Heiman area. It was understood that the roads were part of the National Park System and not an obligation of the County. At the September 15, 2009, Fiscal Court meeting, a resolution was passed to transfer Fort Heiman Road to the Park Service, however, the Park Service never "officially" accepted it. Brian McCutchen, Superintendent for Fort Donelson gave an update on the action of the Park Services, their obligations, and jurisdictions. They have been working since November and are in the last steps to finalize a deed transfer of the road. However, it will take more time and they will give updates monthly on the progress. Current landowners in that area, Mr. Johnathan Bailey and Gerry Melton requested by written petition discontinuing Fort Heiman Road and Nelom Brown Road from the County Road system so that they may have the property to maintain. The County understood that the roads were the responsibility of the Park Service and although that was not the case the roads had not been maintained by the County in several years. Present at the meeting, Mr. Melton spoke on the issues. Judge Imes recommended the Court move forward with the KRS process to remove the two roads out of county maintenance. Squire Cherry requested that due to the misunderstanding, not the fault of the landowners, the County repair the roads before turning them over to the landowners. County Attorney Brian Ernstberger discussed the statute stating that counties may not spend money on roads if they planned to discontinue maintenance. Judge Imes discussed the next steps and requested the Courts permission to move forward.

Tourism Director, Jeremy Whitmore presented a video compiled as a visual history of the County. The video was paid for by a Kentucky Local History Trust fund grant, and will be used as a tool for schools showing Calloway County history, along with being available on the County's website for the public.

Jailer, Ken Claud presented to the Court the 2024-2025 Jail budget and a DLG grant for jail arraignment equipment. There were no questions for Mr. Claud, but the Court commented on a job well done.

Squire Paul Rister presented to the Court a request for approval of the first reading of an ordinance establishing licensure requirements for solar energy systems in Calloway County, on behalf of the Admin/Ordinance Committee. After a discussion, it was agreed the public hearing and second reading would be taken at the April meeting.

Antonia Faulkner, County Clerk requested the Court to approve the County Clerk's 2023 Final Settlement. After a discussion, the motion was made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the settlement of \$179,475.00 as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Squire Rister discussed with the Court the bid for pest control services for county buildings. The Servall bid was the highest bid, therefore not considered. The Bug Master bid was the least for the CCFR buildings and other buildings varied, while the McGee Pest Control bid was lowest for County buildings and higher for CCFR buildings. It was the recommendation of Squire Rister to split the contract between Bug Masters and McGee. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the bids as recommended. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes mentioned the road dept bid requests would go out and be available by the May meeting.

The Court reviewed a resolution authorizing the Judge to enter into any agreement with HomeLand Security for the FY 2024-2025 application cycle. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve Resolution 24-0320-A as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Discussion regarding the approval of resolution memorializing prior Fiscal Court decisions to discontinue specified roads, including George Key Road (2012), Hilltop Lane (2020), a portion of Crouch Road, Martin Chapel Road, and Duncan Trail (2022), from the County Road system. This resolution is an official action needed so that PADD may update the State Road list. After a discussion, a motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the resolution 24-0320-B.

Deputy Judge Executive Gina Winchester presented to the Court a resolution 24-0320-C in regard to the matter of recognizing the Calloway County Clerk's office. After a discussion and the thanks of County Clerk, Antonia Faulkner, motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to approve the resolution as presented.

The Court discussed and approved as a whole resolutions 24-0320-D, 24-0320-E, 24-0320-F, 24-0320-G, as they relate to the PADD and the Murray Art Guild CBDG grant. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to approve the resolutions and contract as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes, in the form of a motion, requesting a 6-month extension on the contract with Janette Dewitt to sell the remaining 9 lots in Western Shores. Motion seconded by Squire Rister. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to approve the termination of the Measurement and Verification Services contract with Energy Systems Group. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court discussed a request of the Sheriff's office to enter into a 5 year license agreement

with Skyway towers for \$450/month, with a 2% inflation cost each year after. Cost will be paid out of the 911 fee fund. The relocation of communication repeater equipment to this tower will boost emergency communications in the southeast part of the county; Hamlin area. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented board appointments. Mark Manning to be re-appointed to the Purchase Area Regional Industrial Authority. A notice of the resignation of Mr. Lance Allison on the Library Board was acknowledged, and the court awaits official notice of the two possible candidates to choose from for his replacement.

Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the personnel changes as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Gina Winchester presented the Admin/Ordinance committee minutes. Paul Rister appreciated the efforts regarding discretionary funds, questioned getting the animal shelter committee together to work on the new building, and asked about using the insurance tax money for paving in the spring as a good faith effort and using state funding later in the year. Judge Imes discussed the state part in the discretionary funds, the narrowing down of projects, and emergency funds that could be tapped. He also mentioned the need for 'more homework' regarding the animal shelter project. As far as the insurance tax money is concerned, that is up to the Court just a reminder of the bridge needs.

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

Approved this 17th day of April, 2024 by Calloway County Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes


