

CALLOWAY COUNTY  
FISCAL COURT MEETING  
May 15, 2024, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 AM on Wednesday May 15, 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 April 17, 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 Rister, seconded by Squire Stewart to approve. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister, seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the payment of the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to grant permission to County Treasurer, Tonya Robinson to pay additional bills to Jim Smith Contracting and Murray Paving. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the cash transfers as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the budget transfers as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court discussed the first reading of a 2023-2024 budget amendment #2 regarding KYTC Emergency Funds received to make repairs to Coleman Branch and Squire Holland bridges. Motion 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 authorize a new line item for AUTO INS TAX. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to authorize the new line item in the current 2023-2024 budget. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to authorize Mrs. Robinson to open a new checking account at The Murray Bank in the name of Calloway County FC Automobile Ins tax and transfer \$942,317.37 from the Road Fund into the new account. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Mr. Mike Olive, District 1 Road Engineer, presented to the Court the rural and secondary road report. Squire Rister expressed his gratitude for the reduced speed limit on Robertson Road off of Hwy 121. Judge Imes expressed gratitude for the crossover on Hwy 641 at the County Extension office driveway.

New business began with Judge Imes explaining the KYTC contracts for County Road Aid. A public hearing was opened for comment discussion, there was none. The hearing was closed and resumed regular session for the Courts approval of and authorization for the Judge to sign. Motion made by Squire Rister

seconded by Judge Imes to approve resolution #24-0515-A County Road Aid Cooperative program agreement. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

County Clerk, Antonia Faulkner requested an approval of an amendment to her 2024 Budget. The approval would allow an addition of a line item to include HB 1 grant funds. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the request as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented the second reading of the County 2024-2025 budget. Mrs. Robinson explained changes that the Department of Local Government wanted regarding transfers, with no changes to the bottom line. The public hearing was called to order. There was no comment. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the second reading of the 2024-2025 county budget as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court discussed the first reading of an ordinance addressing the requirement for taking roads into the County Road maintenance system. The Court also discussed recent passage of HB 829 which makes changes to KRS Chapter 218B to legalize medical cannabis in KY. Along with the first reading of an ordinance pertaining to the regulation of medical cannabis business activities in Calloway County. Squire Cherry asked to discuss a resolution which would add a question on the ballot for the voters to make the determination of the activities of medical cannabis in Calloway County. Squire Rister asked County Attorney Ernstberger, if this resolution did not pass could it be brought back up at a later meeting. Mr. Ernstberger replied that it could. After a discussion, a motion was made by Squire Cherry to approve the resolution as presented. There was no second and no final vote, it was determined that the resolution would 'lay on the clerk's desk' and could be called for approval again.

Other business included a resolution to take Westhaven Lane into the County Road system. Squire Rister discussed the request, review, and repairs by the developer. The motion was made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the inclusion of Westhaven Lane into the County Road system. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes made a motion to reappoint Charles Boren to the Dexter-Almo Water District to expire 5-19-2028, motion seconded by Squire Rister. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes in the form of a motion recommended Gina Crider to fulfill the unexpired term of Lance Allison on the library board to expire 8-15-2026. Motion seconded by Squire Crutcher. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes asked the approval of the personnel changes. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister. All voted aye and it was so ordered.


Judge Imes, in the form of a motion, asked for the approval of the Road department materials bids as presented which included a list of the primary and secondary vendors. Motion seconded by Squire Rister, all voted aye, and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes discussed the authorization to move forward with replacement of a new security camera system for the building that houses the 911 Center and Sheriff's office from Communications Inc.

Gina Winchester shared the committee reports with an update on the Admin/Ordinance committee and the Animal Care & Control committee. Judge Imes commented on the work that Josh Kerr EM Director and Clifty Gardner, Road Dept. did to keep us safe during the week's weather event. Squire Ricky Stewart commented on the complication and hard decisions to be made by the Fiscal Court. He expressed his appreciation of the work done on the ordinances, the need for clarity, and the patience of the citizens. Squire Rister asked about any updates on the broadband grant work in the northeast portion of Calloway, and the progress of putting together a list of Department needs to be purchased with the LAFTC funds. Mrs. Winchester responded regarding a new broadband grant, the last update included waiting for applications to open for funding. Gina took the time to brag on Josh Kerr and his work with opening the MSU shelter in which 58 people used during the recent storm, on Chris and Road Department staff's work getting trees off the road, and on Nathan Baird E911's Communication Center clean audit. She mentioned an update regarding the deeds on the roads at Fort Heiman, with a reminder of the June deadline for the National Park Service. Antonia Faulkner reminded everyone of the upcoming primary election on May 21 and the locations/times for both early voting and day of election.

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

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024 by Calloway County Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes

  
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