

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
June 19, 2024, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 AM on Wednesday June 19, 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 May 15, 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. The Court reviewed the May 24 special meeting minutes. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to waive the formal reading and approve them. 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 Rister, seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the payment of the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the budget transfers as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the second reading of budget amendment ordinance # 24-0619-A as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Members of The Murray Calloway County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Shannon Waltmon, Mr. Nathan Crafton, and Ms. Michelle Bundren addressed the Court to simply keep in contact, update, and acknowledge the work and relationship of the Chamber.

Judge Imes presented to the Court the second reading of an Ordinance to address road standards when taking roads into the County Road maintenance system. A public hearing was opened, there were no comments, the regular meeting resumed. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 24-0619-B. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court discussed the LATFCO funding and request for purchases for the county. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the list as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Mr. Josh Kerr presented to the Court the Emergency Operations Plan for the County. This plan has been approved by the State, ready for the Fiscal Court approval, then to be approved by the City of Murray and the City of Hazel. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the plan as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. At this time County Clerk Antonia Faulkner read a PROCLAMATION of Amateur Radio Week 2024 for Calloway County, after a discussion Judge Imes asked the Court in support, to make a motion to authorize the proclamation. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

A discussion regarding amendments to the Admin. Code will be moved to the next called meeting. A discussion was had about the renewal of the contract with Bridges LLC, the EAP provider for the County. A motion was made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the renewal of the contract as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court discussed the personnel salary increases. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the changes as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Squire Cherry chose to abstain from the vote on the action because he was not able to be at the work session and could not grasp the wage changes. He trusted his fellow Court members decisions. Squire Rister asked if postponing the vote would give Squire Cherry time to review. Squire Cherry chose to abstain from voting. Squire Rister discussed the need for continued exploration regarding job description and job reviews for performance raises. Employees need to know what to do to "make more money" based on fact not observance. Judge Imes agreed, working with HR Tori Saul to build such and he looks forward to people finding a career path with the County. A motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the personal actions.

Judge Imes presented Board Appointments. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to reappoint Larry Crutcher to the Fire District Board. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Stewart to reappoint Ricky Walls to the 641 Water District. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Crutcher to reappoint Sue Outland to the Purchase Area Development District (PADD) Board and to the PADD Housing Corp. Committee, Ricky Stewart to the PADD Transportation Committee, Tonia Casey, and Justin Tidwell to the PADD Commodities and Food Bank Task Force, all are three year appointments and will expire June 30, 2027. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

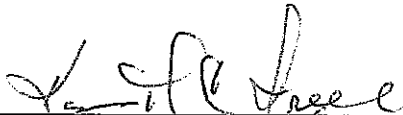
For informational purposes, Judge Imes discussed with the Court an Executive Order appointing Michael Stanger as a replacement for Brian Stedelin on the Board of Assessment Appeals and named Earleen Woods as the Chair of the Appeals Board. Judge Imes presented an Executive Order forming a new committee, EM/911 Center Facility Committee. This committee serving as a focus group to possibly merge the Emergency Management and the 911 Communication center into a new facility, includes members Zach Stewart, Nathan Baird, Josh Kerr, Nicky Knight, Paul Rister, Ricky Stewart, and Bill Marcum. He asked in the form of a motion for the support of the Executive Order. Motion seconded by Squire Rister. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Deputy Judge Exec. Gina Winchester presented committee reports. That included work to be done on unaddressed properties in the county and how those properties could be turned into tax collected properties. She took this time to read a letter of thanks to the road department for the prompt help during the recent storms and thanked all first responders to the storm on May 26.

Squire Rister mentioned the first hook up of broadband in northeast Calloway County occurring this Thursday. He also mentioned, for the sake of the media and citizens, that during a storm to report a downed tree to the Sheriff's Department non-emergency phone number (270)-753-3151, so that there is a central place for departments to turn to. Nathan Baird, 911 Coordinator, passed on to the Court that the recent grant request from Homeland Security had been denied as the County is a level 3 agency. This is not the first time this has happened, but the need for equipment is there and 911 will be requesting the funds to replace equipment from the 911 line of the budget. Tourism Director, Jeremy Whitmore

provided to the Court new paraphernalia to promote KY LAKE and the County. In closing Judge Imes mentioned a probable special meeting on June 28th and the next regular meeting to be July 17 at 9:00 a.m.

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



Approved this 4/17/24 day of July, 2024 by Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes