

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
July 17, 2024, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, July 17, 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 heard a presentation of the Tourism Commission from Mr. Jeremy Whitmore, Executive Director. Squire Rister complimented the work done, the projects in place, and Jeremy's work with it all.

The Court reviewed the minutes of the June 19 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. The Court reviewed the June 28 special called meeting minutes. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Stewart to waive the formal reading and approve them. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Tonya Robinson, County Treasurer, presented to the Court her reports. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the financial statement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to pay the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the transfers as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Robinson presented for the Courts approval the 2023-2024 Treasurer's Settlement. After a discussion, a motion was made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the settlement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Sheriff Nicky Knight presented to the Court the 2023 Tax Settlement. Sheriff Knight explained to the Court that the balances in red totaling \$11.13 are a program rounding issue. With that explanation, the motion was made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the settlement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes took the time to commend the Sheriff and his deputies on a 'significant impact on the drug' issues in Calloway County. Sheriff Knight gave all the glory to his deputies.

Squire Don Cherry presented to the Court a resolution related to the County's 641 & 80 Property. The approved resolution reiterates the commitment to transparency, calling for no future action to be taken regarding the property without the Fiscal Court approval at an open meeting. Motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister to approve Resolution #24-0717-A with the date change from July 18 to July 17, 2024. Judge Imes abstained from voting, four 'ayes' allowed for the resolution to pass, and it was so ordered.

Clerk Faulkner read to the Court a resolution presented by Squire Don Cherry authorizing a referendum to determine whether cannabis business operations may occur in Calloway County. Motion made by Squire Cherry and seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the resolution as presented. Before a vote was taken, Squire Rister asked if the wordage of the ballot question should be on the resolution? County

Attorney Ernstberger agreed that it should. The amendment to the resolution would add, "The ballot for the 2024 election shall state, as follows: "Are you in favor of the sale of medical cannabis at a licensed dispensary and the operation of other cannabis businesses in Calloway County, Kentucky?" After a discussion motion made by Squire Cherry to approve the amendment to the resolution adding the wordage to Section 2 of the resolution. Motion seconded by Squire Rister. A vote on the amendment was passed unanimously. Then a vote was taken upon the original motion of the resolution. Judge Imes then asked for a roll call vote, Squire Stewart, Squire Crutcher, and Squire Cherry voted AYE, Squire Rister and Judge Imes voted NAY. A vote of three to two allowed for the amendment to the resolution to pass, and it was so ordered.

The Court reviewed personnel changes. After a discussion motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the changes as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

In other business, Deputy Judge Exec. Winchester gave reports from the 911 Committee and Admin./Ordinance Committee. Squire Rister commented that from committee discussions about personnel needs, he was in favor of the Road Department advertising for additional help. Jailer, Ken Claud asked the Court to approve the purchase by the Jail of a mini-van for inmate transfers from a jail employee. After discussion, motion made by Judge Imes and seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the purchase of the 2017 Chrysler Pacifica for \$5,000 and allow the treasurer to issue the check. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes mentioned the Jail grant for \$4,396 for tasers and cartridges. He also mentioned the State's approval of the 2024 County Emergency Management Plan. He reminded the Court that Ag. Commissioner, Johnathon Shell would be at MSU on Monday, July 22 and Heath O'Brian will be in Murray on Tuesday, July 30 to discuss the new State Bridge program. Lastly, he informed the public of a bid opening for the construction of the new Murray Art Guild project to be on Monday, Aug. 5 at 2:00 PM in the Annex.

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

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


