

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
October 16, 2024, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday, October 16, 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 Brian Ernstberger, and County Clerk Antonia Faulkner.

The Court was introduced to the new Health Department Director, Ms. Tracie Jenkins. Ms. Jenkins is excited to be here and work with our community.

The Court reviewed the minutes of the September 18, 2024, regular meeting. Motion made by Judge Exec. Imes and 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 Crutcher, seconded by Squire Rister to approve. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Stewart, seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the payment of the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the cash transfers as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Sheriff Nicky Knight presented to the Court a request to amend the Sheriff's 2024 Budget. He explained the need to amend was due to the increase in revenue caused by the 2023 Sheriff Office excess fees that the Court had granted back to that office. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the amendment as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Chief Deputy Thomas Marshall of the Jail presented to the Court a request to approve the updates to the Jail Policy. After a discussion, a motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the updates as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes discussed amendments to the County's Solar Farm Ordinance 24-0417-A. As part of the 2nd reading of the amendments, he then called to order a Public Hearing. There were no comments, and the public hearing was closed, and the regular meeting was called back to order. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the amendments as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court discussed approving a resolution accepting the Rural Secondary Road Aid funding through the 80/20 KYTC Bridge Program. Justin Tidwell worked with the KY State Bridge Inspector to make application for state funding to repair 5 bridges (Beechy, Cherry Corner, Howard, Tobacco, and Workman roads). Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve Resolution 24-1016-A as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. This agreement would allow the County up to \$80,000 reimbursement for the \$100,000+ 5-bridge projects. Squire Rister and Judge Imes discussed the use of the auto insurance premium tax the County now collects for use on County roads and County bridges. These funds are totally dedicated to the roads, and made the recent clean up and maintenance around

10 bridges possible. Squire Rister recapped a discussion from the Monday morning planning meeting to allow Swift Environmental to cleanup and add riprap where needed as indicated by the KYTC bridge inspection reports to another 15 bridges. The Road Department had 9 bridges that it would soon begin to clean up. Judge Imes discussed a new State Bridge Inspection program trying to make sure structures are safe and taken care of. The program would also allow for an increase in the tonnage weight limit posted by the KYTC on some bridges to help with school bus routes.

The Court then reviewed a resolution recognizing the Calloway County Agricultural Fair, Inc. for their support in working with Emergency Management following a County Declared State of Emergency. The Fair Board allowed the use of their land and building for FEMA to have a location where citizens could file an application for individual assistance from damages that occurred during the Memorial Day storms. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve Resolution 24-1016-B. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Mr. Jamie McMillen of the Fair Board thanked the Court for the recognition and mentioned they were glad to have the facility to utilize and the ability to help.

Judge Imes presented a resolution to approve naming two new private drives in the county at the request of the 911 Director for addressing. Bixby Lane (off of Roosevelt Road) and Brandon Lane (off of 641 S) would allow for better location of homes on these roads for first responder and mail delivery. After a discussion, a motion was made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve Resolution 24-1016-C as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court was made aware of the request by Mr. Joe Dan Taylor to take Cecil Taylor Lane in Almo off the county road system, making it a private drive. The process will begin, and action will be taken at the next meeting.

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

Judge Imes discussed a few 911 purchase requests. One was to renew a maintenance contract with Nelson Systems, Inc at a cost of \$13,627.53. A second request was to purchase a new copy machine after getting quotes. A third request was for three battery charging solar panel systems to be placed at three radio tower sites. This would allow for continuous battery backup power should WKRECC power be down. The total cost is \$17,160.00. Judge Imes asked the Courts permission to approve the request in the form of a motion. Motion seconded by Squire Crutcher, all voted aye, and it was so ordered.


Judge Imes asked the court in the form of a motion to reappoint Bobby Dietz to the Murray Planning & Zoning Board with an expiration of 12/2028. Motion seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the appointment as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Deputy Judge Exec. Gina Winchester indicated that the Admin. /Ordinance Committee did not meet in October, but that the next committee meeting was set for Dec. 9. The Animal Care Control Committee will meet on October 21 regarding a location of the new animal shelter. Lastly, she presented an invitation to an Anti-Stigma Training on Nov. 12 at 6:00 pm in the Annex. This invite is to the entire community.

County Clerk, Antonia Faulkner discussed the upcoming election. Squire Rister brought up that a constituent asked him about the Kirksey vote center being closed early at the last election. Ms. Faulkner assured the Squire and audience that that center did not close before 6 pm on Election Day.

Tourism Director Jeremy Whitmore commented on the recent great Hazel Day, and the Court said a special hello to PVA, Mrs. Nikki Crouch who attended the meeting to support her dad, who had accepted the recognition the Fair Board received.

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


Approved this 17th day of November, 2024 by Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes