

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

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday November 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 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.

Judge Imes welcomed and introduced President of Murray State University, Dr. Bob Jackson. Dr. Jackson came before the Court to present MSU projects, to present the University's economic impact on the County and the benefits that come with the County and University working well together. He also shared his thoughts on the potential of building a new Animal Shelter in conjunction with the new Vet Tech facility. The Court expressed their appreciation for the update and the work Dr. Jackson has done for Murray State University. Judge Imes specifically thanked Dr. Jackson for his service, leadership, and friendship.

The Court reviewed the regular meeting minutes for October 16, 2024. 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.

County Treasurer, Mrs. Tonya Robinson presented to the Court the treasurer's report. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the financial report as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to pay the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister to approve a transfer. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Sheriff Nicky Knight asked the Court's approval of his purposed 2025 budget as a whole. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the purposed budget as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the Sheriff's 2025 annual order setting maximum amount for deputies and assistants. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Sheriff Knight asked the Court to surplus a 2019 Dodge Charger with equipment. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the surplus as requested. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented the Resolutions for approval. First was a resolution naming Josh Kerr, EM Director as the designated applicant agent for Calloway County allowing him to file for certain federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve Resolution 24-1120-A as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court reviewed a resolution authorizing the Judge to enter into an agreement with the KY Office of Homeland Security for FY 2024 grant funds in the event Calloway is selected for a cyber-security grant. Motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister to approve Res. 24-1120-B. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes recessed the regular session to call a Public Hearing to order for public comments as related to taking Cecil Lane out of the County Road system. There were no questions or comments. The Public Hearing was closed, and regular session reentered. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Stewart to remove Cecil Lane from the County Road system making it a private drive. All voted aye and it was so ordered. At the request of the 911 Director Judge Imes presented to the Court a resolution to approve the naming of a private drive, Warner Paradise Lane. The naming of this lane will help first responders and mail delivery. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve Resolution 24-1120-D as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to require the requestor for road name/road signage to pay a \$100.00 fee for the initial sign. The Road Department will install the sign and maintain going forward. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Mrs. Tonya Robinson read to the Court, for their approval a resolution recognizing the work done by our County Clerk's office, Election Board, and Election workers who helped with the 2024 Election. County Clerk, Antonia Faulkner expressed her appreciation to all involved and to the Court for the recognition.

Judge Imes took the opportunity to comment on the need to combine elections to save the counties money by having an election every other year.

The Court discussed Personnel Appointments. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the appointments as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.


Judge Imes presented Calloway County Extension board appointments. From a list submitted by the council motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to reappoint John Rudolph and appoint Nick Wyatt to a 3-year term to expire 12/2027. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court discussed the RFP for the upkeep and maintenance of the Court House/Annex lawns. Only one bid was received. Judge Imes and Squire Rister had questions about the bid. The Court chose to get the answers before going further with the approval. No action taken.

Deputy Judge Exec. Gina Winchester gave the Admin./Ordinance committee report from a special November 12 meeting. She asked the Court to adopt the SOP regarding the family and medical leave act. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister to adopt the SOP as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Antonia thanked the Court again for the recognition. Squire Rister thanked the Road Department of straightening the stop signs, it seems menial, but it shows we care to take care of the big and small. Judge Imes recognized Road Department Supervisor, Chris Franklin for completing the training and graduating as a UK ROAD scholar.

Judge Imes asked the Court to go into executive session. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to recess the regular session and go into Executive Session (KRS 61.810 personnel). All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister, seconded by Squire Crutcher to exit Executive Session. All voted aye and it was so ordered. No action was taken.

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.



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Approved this 18th day of December, 2024 by County Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes