

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
January 15, 2025, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 11:15 am on Wednesday January 15, 2025, 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, County Attorney Brian Ernstberger, and County Clerk Antonia Faulkner.

The minutes of the December 18, 2024, were reviewed. 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.

Tonya Robinson presented the treasurer's report. The Court reviewed the financial statement. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the financial statement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Crutcher to pay the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Mrs. Robinson presented one transfer; motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the transfer as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes brought before the Court 911 Policy Changes to be approved. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the changes as presented; all voted aye, and it was so ordered.

The Court reviewed the annual CCFR affiliation with the County. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the affiliation. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

In the form of a motion Judge Imes presented the personnel changes. Motion seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the changes as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

There were no committee reports. The minutes of the Admin. & Ordinance Committee were in the Magistrate's meeting packets. Judge Imes did discuss the Executive Order signed Friday Jan. 10 closing non-essential county offices due to inclement weather.

During Staff/Official reports, Ken Claud presented the 2024 Jail update. Squire Cherry, Squire Crutcher, and Judge Imes commented on a job well done and the seriousness of the job that everyday citizens may not realize. Sheriff Nicky Knight presented to the Court 2024 statistics. Judge Imes commented 'fantastic job,' commenting on the realization of the numbers. Squire Cherry questioned where the drugs are coming from, starting a discussion on China and the border. Squire Rister commented on the good job of Chris Franklin and the Road Department staff during the recent snow event. He also mentioned the research he had been doing regarding the County's delinquent property tax bills. According to the County Clerk's records, there are still 1,506 unpaid tax bills from 2023. Most of these bills come from small parcels in undeveloped areas close to the lake. Many of these parcels have not had property taxes paid on them in several years. In some cases, the actual landowner is not even known. Unfortunately, the taxes due are much smaller than the cost to legally pursue. He went on to thank Representative Imes for introducing legislation that might help streamline the process and reduce the cost to pursue these perceived "abandoned" properties (KRS 132.012) to get them into the possession

of either adjacent landowners or someone wanting to build upon them, but either way, and identifiable owner willing to pay the property taxes.

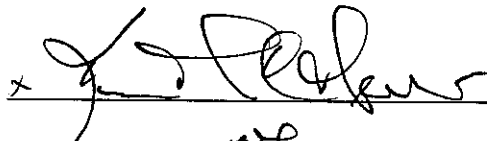
Judge Imes remarked on the kind comments he had heard and seen on social media regarding the Road Department's response during the inclement weather. Squire Cherry seconded that comment.

Dan Galloway, a County 911 Telecommunicator, spoke to the Court about his 29 wonderful years with the County. He will be retiring in February 2025 but will continue to pray for the Sheriff's Office as he knows "the boys are working their selves to death for this County". He also commented that Calloway County should feel lucky to have a dispatcher supervisor like Nathan Baird. Judge Imes voiced his appreciation of Dan.

Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to enter executive session regarding personnel matters under KRS 61.810(1)(B). It was noted that two separate topics regarding personnel would need to be discussed. For the first item County Attorney Ernstberger, HR & Compliance Manager Tori Saul and Animal Care and Control Director Emily Cook were needed to attend. For the second item, Sheriff Nicky Knight, Jailer Ken Claud, and HR & Compliance Manager Tori Saul were needed to attend. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The motion was made by Squire Cherry to conclude the Executive Session with no action for the Fiscal Court to act upon. The motion was seconded by Squire Rister. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

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

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Approved this 19th day of February 2025 by County Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes