

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
February 19, 2025, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday February 19, 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, Deputy Judge Gina Winchester and County Clerk Antonia Faulkner. County Attorney Bryan Ernstberger was absent due to attending a conference.

The minutes of January 15, 2025, regular scheduled Fiscal Court meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Squire Stewart 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, Ms. Tonya Robinson presented to the Court the financial report for approval. A motion was made by Squire Rister and seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the report as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. She then presented the bills to be paid; she highlighted an additional check to be approved. This was an account error placing 911 fees into the wrong account, this would move the money to the correct account. After a discussion, the motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister to approve the payment of bills as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes mentioned the DLG'S request for first payment of \$83,862.00 to Clark Construction for MAG Block Grant.

Sheriff Nicky Knight presented to the Court his 2024 final settlement allowing for \$259,727.37 to be turned over to the Court. Sheriff Knight asked the Court for the money back to help with deputy salaries. After a discussion, the motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to return the money to the sheriff for deputy salaries in four (4) payments. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Sheriff Knight then asked the Court to surplus the 2016 Dodge 15000 Caravan used for transport. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the surplus as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented the Resolution #24-0219-E approving the authorization to make application and enter agreements with KY Office of Homeland Security for 2025. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

WK&T had informed the Court of a grant award it received from USDA Federal ReConnect to build approximately 94 miles of fiber in Calloway County. A motion was made by Squire Stewart and seconded by Squire Rister to approve Resolution #24-0219-B confirming the Courts commitment to make application to the G.R.A.N.T program of 2024 established through HB 9 to request the 25% match totaling \$1,786,301. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court discussed approving the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between Calloway County Fiscal Court and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways in the amount of \$430,000.00 for Clayton Road Bridge, Resolution #24-0219-C. Squire Rister questioned if the amount was based on an estimated cost. Judge Imes responded that in fact it was an estimated cost but felt confident in the numbers. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to

approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so order. Motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister to approve the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between Calloway County Fiscal Court and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways in the amount of \$505,000.00 for Furches Trail Bridge, Resolution #24-0219-D. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented to the Court a resolution honoring Daniel A. Galloway for 29 years of dedicated service. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve Resolution #24-0219-A as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes called on EMS Director Josh Kerr to present a contract with the Commonwealth regarding FY2024 EMA Program Fund (EMPG 2024 Cycle). After a discussion, the motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the contract as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Mr. Kerr then presented the Emergency Management Memorandum of Understanding with ARcare. The MOU would 'establish a formal working mutual aid relationship.' Motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the MOU as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Josh then gave an update on the recent flooding acts and the warming center.

Judge Imes discussed the Taylor Store Bridge bids, he recommended going with the lowest bid, which was \$143,626 from Jim Smith Construction. Motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the bid as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes then discussed his idea of pulling out the bridge on 1st Street in Almo but determined that choice would not allow for entry into farm fields. He then discussed different options to repair the bridge. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to authorize Judge Imes to follow up with repairs to the bridge not to exceed \$35,000.00 with existing contracts. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes was contacted by the Extension Board regarding an appointment for an unexpired term. Judge Imes recommended Mr. Kim Puckett to the unexpired term of Mr. Nick Wyatt, to expire December 2027. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Cherry to appoint Mr. Puckett to the unexpired term. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

A motion was made by Judge Imes and seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the personnel changes as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Deputy Judge Executive Gina Winchester commented on behalf of all the staff; she would like to thank the Court for their willingness to do a salary study, although market level is not possible, the review and willingness to make market adjustments as the budget will allow was appreciated.

The Court and Sheriff Knight discussed the request to surplus an AED LIFE PAK 500. This unit was donated to the department some time ago. The unit is old enough that batteries, etc. cannot be replaced and the unit is of no value. This unit was used to save the life of Mr. Dan Galloway, and the department would like to present it to Mr. Galloway at his retirement. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the surplus and donation as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Ms. Winchester then presented the Admin/Ordinance committee report. HR Tori Saul mentioned the Safety Committee meeting. Squire Rister and Squire Cherry would like to in the future recognize achievements of high school organizations' achievements. Squire Cherry added the improvement of

departments planning for disasters instead of simply reacting to disasters. This comment was echoed by Judge Imes and by Squire Stewart.

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



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