

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

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

The Court began a special presentation with honoring the Murray State University Women's Basketball team, approving Resolution #25-0318-A. The resolution highlighted the 2024-25 team's achievements. Coach Rechelle Turner and senior players accepted the honor. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the Resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court then honored the Calloway County High School Boys and Girls Basketball teams accomplishments with Resolution #25-0318-B, motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the resolution as presented. The resolution was presented to Head Boys Coach Brad Cleaver and Head Girls Coach Kirsten Collins. Court members discussed several accomplishments of other athletic organizations, academic organizations, and arts organizations.

The minutes of February 19, regular scheduled Fiscal Court meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by Squire Cherry 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 Crutcher and seconded by Squire Rister to approve the report as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. She then presented the bills to be paid. After a discussion, the motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister, to approve. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes mentioned the DLG request for payment of \$157,227.00 to Clark Construction for MAG Block Grant, this is the second payment made by the County. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the transfers as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Ms. Tonya presented the Court Budget Amendment first reading regarding the Sheriff excess fees and the Transportation 80/20 Bridge funds. After a discussion, the motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the first reading as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes requested the Court's approval to sign the contracts pertaining to Active 911 and Virtual Academy reoccurring expense for the telecommunicators. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Rister to approve the request as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Jailer Claud presented to the Court the Jail Budget for 2025-2026. He noted the increase of \$430,000 in the Jail Personnel line over last year's budget. Squire Rister mentioned for clarification that the increase was not total based on the recommendation of the salary survey.

Antonia Faulkner presented to the Court the County Clerk's final statement for the year ending 2024 for approval. She highlighted a few items and turned over the excess fees. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the settlement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The PADD asked the Court to approve a resolution authorizing Judge Imes to sign a contract for professional services to administer Community Development Block Grant on behalf of the Murray Art Guild. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister to the resolution #25-0319-E and contract as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court then presented resolution #25-0319-D honoring the late Mrs. Sue Jones Outland, former Calloway County Treasurer. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court discussed resolution #25-0319-C honoring the service of Mr. Steve Owens's 29 years of service to the Murray Calloway County Hospital. After a discussion, the motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to re-appoint Bradley Smith to serve another 4-year term on the Dexter/Almo Water District board to expire 5/2028. All voted aye and it was so ordered.


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

Deputy Judge Executive, Gina Winchester gave an update on the Admin/Ordinance Committee and the Safety Committee. No action to be taken.

During staff/official reporting Squire Cherry thanked the former public officials in attendance for their work in the County, Squire Rister recognized accomplishments of other school organizations including archery and academics, Judge Imes commented, 'the Lord has been gracious to us and our community.' County Attorney Brian Ernstberger congratulated the Calloway County Middle School Academic Team, being 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State and in the top 5 for the last 5 years. Representative Mary Beth Imes was in attendance and took the time to share her appreciation of the community and its blessings.

The Court called on Nathan Baird to begin a ceremony honoring Mr. Dan Galloway for his years of service to Calloway County. Judge Imes presented Resolution #25-0218-A and a Squire Certificate to Mr. Galloway thanking him for all his accomplishments. Mr. Galloway was the first telecommunicator in Calloway County serving under five Sheriffs. The first AED used by the Sheriff's Department was on Mr. Galloway several years ago. Mr. Galloway was praised for his calm, helpful demeanor that was often the only thing between 'law enforcement and tragedy.'

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 16 day of April 2025 by County Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes