

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
April 16, 2025, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday April 16, 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 minutes of March 19, regular scheduled Fiscal Court meeting were reviewed. 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. After reviewing the minutes of the March 24 special called meeting a motion was made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve waive the formal reading and approve as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes reminded the Court of the presentations of Special Tax Districts with no action to be taken. The East Fork Clark's River Conservancy has made available their set annual budget that added a 4% millage tax increase.

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 Rister seconded by Squire Stewart, to approve. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Ms. Tonya presented the second reading of the Budget Amendment to the Court, concerning the Sheriff excess fees and the Transportation 80/20. A Public Hearing was entered for comment on the budget amendment. There was no comment, the public hearing was closed, and regular session called back to order. After a discussion, the motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the second reading as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Ms. Robinson asked the Court to approve the 2025-2026 annual standing order. Motion made by Squire Rister to approve. Squire Rister questioned if Murray Electric Utility was listed on last year's list. Ms. Robinson explained it was not and that the first paragraph mentions the utilities to be paid when due. Motion seconded by Squire Crutcher, all voted aye, and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve a blanket order for cash transfers. All voted aye and it was so ordered. A public hearing was called for comment on LGEA funds, there were no comments, the hearing was closed and regular session reentered. Ms. Robinson stated that the LGEA funds for the upcoming fiscal year have decreased from \$8,000 to \$6,000. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve, accept, and disperse those funds as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes mentioned the DLG request for payment of \$163,980.00 to Clark Construction for MAG Block Grant, this is the third payment made by the County. The Court then reviewed the County Road Aid Cooperative Program Agreement. Judge stated the amount for this Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2025 is \$1,649,680.39. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve Resolution #25-0416-A as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Treasurer Robinson presented the first reading of the 2025-2026 County Budget totaling \$20,277,141.58. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the first reading of the budget as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

New business began with Sheriff Knight requesting approval of his budget amendment. After a discussion, the motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the request as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Squire Rister presented to the Court the first reading of an Ordinance as it pertains to street legal special purpose vehicles. With the passing of SB 63 in this year's legislative session, it allows counties to opt in by ordinance. The wording of the ordinance follows the new state law, with the exception of not allowing the special purpose vehicles on roads with speed limits greater than 55 mph. The vehicles must be properly licensed, insured and must meet requirements of 'special purpose vehicles. After a discussion, the motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the first reading as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Josh Kerr, EMS director, presented to the Court the work and help done during the most recent weather event. Resolution #25-0416-B recognized and appreciated the outstanding service of the EMS including but not limited to the VFW, CERT, Calloway County Road Dept and Class D Inmates from the jail, Calloway County Fire Rescue, 911 Center and Sheriff's office, Animal Care and Control officers, churches, nonprofit organizations, and Murray State University. After a discussion, the motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes recognized that this is the National Telecommunicator Week and Animal Control Appreciation Week, saying both deserve more than a week's worth of appreciation.

Judge Imes discussed the road department material bids. On Monday, the bids were opened and a spread sheet listing primary/secondary approvals was presented based on a 40% price, 20% Experience/Response Time, 20% Available Product/Owned Equipment, and 20% Past Performance system, and that the call would be based on job location and vendor availability. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to accept the vendors as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Ms. Winchester, with the help of the County Attorney's office, will have a master contract signed locking in prices to begin July 1, 2025. Judge Imes discussed the bids for Clayton Road and Furches Trail bridges. Because these projects will be totally funded by the state, Judge Imes recommended that the one bid be rejected and allow the state to handle the work through their procurement and state contracts.

Judge Imes presented board appointments beginning with the passing of Mr. Riley Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey's appointment to the Library Board would need to be filled. After a discussion motion made by Squire Rister, seconded by Squire Stewart to appoint Kaeleigh Morris to serve until 8/18/25. All voted aye and it was so ordered. With the retirement of Mr. Steve Owens from the Hospital Board Judge Imes recommended, in the form of a motion, Mr. Grant Rudolph to fill the remainder of the term to expire 3/31/27. Motion seconded by Squire Rister, all voted aye, and it was so ordered. Judge Imes in the form of a motion recommended Amy Futrell to be reappointed to another 4-year term on the Hospital Board to expire 3/31/2029. Motion seconded by Squire Stewart, all voted aye, and it was so ordered. Judge Imes asked the Court for an approval to fill the vacated position on the PADD board at the passing of Ms. Sue Outland. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Stewart to approve Ms. Gina Winchester to the PADD Board of Directors and to the PADD Housing Corporation Committee both to expire June 30, 2027. The Court reviewed personnel changes; motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the changes as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes asked the approval to surplus Grubbs Road Bridge and dirt at the road department. This would allow the sale of the bridge and of the dirt to be loaded by the road department for buyers to transport. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to approve the surplus as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

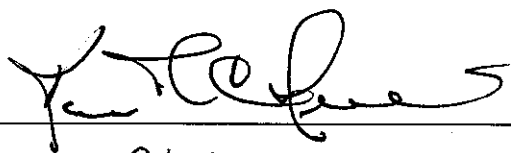
Ms. Gina Winchester presented the Admin/Ordinance committee updates. At this time Judge Imes requested the reaffirmation/reauthorization of the current 4 committees (Admin./Ordinance, Transportation, Animal Care & Control and Safety & Loss Control) and added the Long Range Planning & Financing committee. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the request as presented. All voted aye and it is so ordered.

Dan Galloway addressed the Court regarding his appreciation to all those involved with his retirement celebration.

Staff and official reporting began with Squire Paul Rister. Squire Rister noted for the record that the Admin./Ordinance Committee had discussion about the need for an MOA for residents of the County that want to connect a personal culvert from their property to a county culvert under a county road.

Squire Cherry wished all a happy Easter weekend. Squire Stewart reminded all to have patience with repairs and cleanup after the recent storms. Judge Imes mentioned the changes to CPPP Funds which include the date of application and percentage match (17.5%) due from the county. Nathan Baird, 911, requested the Court to approve the purchase of new workstations to allow for a CAD update that is needed. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the purchase of the equipment as requested. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Emily Cook, Animal Shelter Director, asked the Court to recognize the late Mrs. Kathy Hodges for her service to the community people and animals.

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

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Approved this 21st day of May 2025 by County Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes