

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
May 21, 2025, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday May 21, 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 meeting began with an update for the State Road plan from Mr. Michael Oliver, District 1 Road Engineer from KYTC. The rural/secondary plan money for Calloway County totaled \$1,824,874.00. Mr. Oliver also discussed the project currently on 4th Street and responded to the safety concern Squire Rister brought up regarding the intersection of Hwy 80 and Hwy 299. This discussion included the addition of an R-Cut (Restricted Crossing U-Turn) in the highway intersection to be put in this summer.

The Court then discussed the minutes of April 16, regular scheduled Fiscal Court meeting. 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 a review of the minutes of the April 28 special called meeting the motion was made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to waive the formal reading and approve as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The minutes of the May 12 special called 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.

Mrs. Tonya Robinson, County Treasurer, presented to the Court the finance report. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the report as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The treasurer presented the bills to be paid. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to pay the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. She then presented the required fund transfers. A motion was made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the transfers. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court discussed the first reading of a budget amendment regarding FLEX funds. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the first reading as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The regular meeting was recessed to call to order a Public Hearing regarding the approval of the second reading of the 2025-2026 County Budget. There was no public comment. The Public hearing was closed, and the regular court meeting called back to order. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the 2025-2026 Budget as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court reviewed an ordinance concerning street legal special purpose vehicles. The approval was postponed to the June 2025 meeting to ensure the ordinance included any new regulations from the Transportation Cabinet, which would be issued by that time.

Resolutions were then reviewed. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve Resolution #25-0521-A approving the execution of MOA between the Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways for the replacement of Clayton Town Road Bridge (CR1595) Bridge # 018C00036N. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes asked the clerk to read Resolution #25-0521-B recognizing National Emergency Medical Services

(EMS) week. The motion made by Squire Stewart was seconded by Squire Rister to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented to the Court a Proclamation, recognizing Building Safety Month-May 2025.

As part of an emergency bridge request for Grubbs Bridge, Judge Imes presented the only RFP received. This bid from Jim Smith Contracting estimated the repair cost at \$89,629.00. After a discussion, the motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve Judge Imes to sign the contract. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court discussed the approval of a four-year agreement with the Western Shores Subdivision to pave certain roads in the subdivision totaling 3.58 miles (see road list). The list shows certain roads for certain years, the question was asked, 'Can the roads be changed as needed'? Judge Imes responded that it would be an option as needs may change. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to approve the agreement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court reviewed Board Appointments. The Murray Airport Board requested the Court to reappoint 3 Airport Board Members. Tim Cantrell and Steve Owens, while Brandon Kindle declined the reappointment. Mr. Scott England would replace Mr. Kindle's appointment. Their terms will begin May 16th and run through May 2028. Motion to approve the appointment as presented made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Crutcher, all voted aye, and it was so ordered. By Executive Order Judge Imes appointed Janette DeWitt to the Board of Assessment Appeals. Mrs. DeWitt will serve a three-year term to expire June 15, 2028. Judge Imes appointed Michael Stanger as chair of the Appeals Board for 2025.

Judge Imes presented personnel appointments/changes as prepared by HR. After a discussion, the motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the request as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Deputy Judge Exec. Gina Winchester presented the Admin/Ordinance committee minutes and the Safety Committee minutes. HR Tori Saul presented to the Court a request of approval to allow Judge Imes to sign the renewal contract with MASA. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Road Department Supervisor, Chris Franklin request the Court to purchase two dump trucks. Judge Imes, in the form of a motion, recommends the Court to sign a purchase order for two dump trucks. The motion was seconded by Squire Crutcher, all voted aye, and it was so ordered. The estimate cost per truck is \$174,000. These trucks are on back order and would not be available until 2026.


The Animal Shelter would like to partnership with Best Friends Animal Society Nonprofit. This partnership will not require a contract; the partnership will offer in-kind gifts to help support the shelter.

During Staff/Official Reports County Attorney Bryan Ernstberger introduced Eli Finley, a CCHS grad. Interning in his office for the summer. He also introduced his guest Emma Rae and Don Ernstberger Calloway students interested in the works of the County Attorney. Squire Rister brought up a discussion regarding the TVA permit needed for property at Boatwright Trail to be developed for public use. Squire Rister, in the form of a motion, requests to apply for the 26A permit which includes a fee of \$1,500.00. Motion seconded by Squire Crutcher, all voted aye, and it was so ordered. The Court was made aware

that the Tourism Commission would be willing to help with excess fees to a certain extent because both groups realize that the money involved is a large unknown. Squire Don Cherry expressed his appreciation of the work of the Road Department. Squire Larry Crutcher was glad to see the interest young people had in the Court. Squire Ricky Stewart appreciated the work Squire Rister has done regarding the Boatwright Trail project and reminded folks to be patient with the work on the roads. Road Department Supervisor, Chris Franklin, thanked the Court for their patience with tree removal, and for the new dump trucks. Jeremy Whitmore (CC Tourism) mentioned the collaboration of the CCHS fishing team and the Professional Fishing being on Kentucky Lake.

The Court then recessed the regular meeting to enter an Executive Session. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to close the regular session and enter executive session. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court exited the executive session and returned to the regular session. There being no action to take regarding Executive Session and no further business before the Court, motion made by Squire Stewart to adjourn, motion seconded by Squire Cherry. All voted aye and it was so ordered.


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