CALLOWAY COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING June 18, 2025, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday June 18, 2025, in the Calloway County Circuit Court room at the Judicial Building. 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 May 21, the regular scheduled Fiscal Court meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to waive the formal reading and approve the minutes as presented. All voted age and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes called on County Treasurer Mrs. Tonya Robinson. That report began with the approval of the financial statement. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the statement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court then reviewed the bills. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to pay the bills, all voted aye, and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the transfers. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Mrs. Robinson then asked the Court to approve the second reading of budget amendment 25-0618-A regarding Flex Funds. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes mentioned to the Court the request for payment to Clark Construction through the MAG grant fund. He also presented the Health Department tax rates for 2026; these rates will remain the same as last year at 2.8 for real property and personal property at 3.1 for motor vehicles.

Sheriff Nicky Knight presented to the Court the 2024 tax settlement. The motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the settlement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented to the Court Resolution #25-0618-A regarding Administration Code amendments. There being no discussion, the motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve resolution # 25-0618-B supporting The JOB CORPS program and it's continued operation and federal funding. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes in the form of a motion presented personnel changes continuing the salary study recommendations. Seconded by Squire Rister, all voted aye, and it was so ordered. Judge Imes then presented a personnel change, in the form of a motion, granting the non-elected County employees a 2.9% cost of living increase. Motion seconded by Squire Rister, all voted aye, and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes in the form of a motion recommended the appointment of Chris Franklin to serve as Road Supervisor for the remainder of a two-year term, according to KRS 179.020, commencing on July 1, 2025 and concluding on January 12, 2027. Motion seconded by Squire Stewart, all voted aye, and it was so ordered.

Deputy Judge Executive Mrs. Gina Winchester presented to the Court the Admin/Ordinance committee meeting minutes, mentioning a new standard operating procedure the committee approved to streamline the way individuals to report road problems to the road department.

During staff reports, Squire Rister requested, in the form of a motion, approval to discontinue Sharmae Lane (0.112 miles) from the County Road system. The road, primarily a driveway, is surrounded by land owned entirely by John Charles Holt, the requester. When questioned, County Attorney Brian Ernstberger saw no need for the procedures as the requestor owned the property all around the road. The motion was seconded by Squire Stewart, approved unanimously, and so ordered.

Squire Rister also proposed a road name adjustment with John Purdom and Harry Truman drives. At present, the road names change in an area where it appears the road should still be called John Purdom Drive. The motion suggested reducing Harry Truman Drive from 0.208 miles to 0.093 miles, ending at Washington Drive, and extending John Purdom Drive from 0.440 miles to 0.555 miles to end at Washington Drive. Rister had previously discussed with Nathan Baird, 911 Director, and no residents are impacted by this change. After discussion, the motion was seconded by Squire Stewart, unanimously approved, and so ordered.

County Clerk, Antonia Faulkner reported the Board of Assessment Appeals meeting was held the day before and all went well.

There being no public comment or other business before the Court the motion was made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Cherry to adjourn. All voted age and it was so ordered.

Approved this

_ day of July 2025 by County Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes