

CALLOWAY COUNTY  
FISCAL COURT MEETING  
August 20, 2025, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday August 20, 2025, in the Calloway County Courthouse 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, and Squire Larry Crutcher (Squire Stewart was absent). Also, present were County Treasurer Tonya Robinson, Deputy Judge Gina Winchester, and County Clerk Antonia Faulkner (County Attorney Bryan Ernstberger was absent).

Judge Imes introduced the Court to Dr. Ron Patterson, MSU's 15<sup>th</sup> President, and Dr. David Meinschein, MSU Board of Regents and new Superintendent to Murray Independent Schools. Both spoke of their excitement and commitment to the schools and community. Next, the Court recognized the MSU Racer Baseball Team's accomplishments of winning the Missouri Valley Conference and making it to the College World Series and Coach Dan Skirka's accomplishments of being named Coach of the Year by way of a resolution and squire certificate. Judge Imes recognized Mr. Michael Oliver for his retirement from the KYTC with a resolution and shared that Bryan Black will be taking his place. Judge also mentioned the passing of Mark Kennedy and his serves to the community.

The minutes of July 16, 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 aye and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Tonya Robinson presented to the Court the treasurer's report. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the financial statement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to pay the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court discussed cash transfers. Motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister to approve the cash transfers. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes mentioned the DLG request for the last payment to Clark Construction for MAG grant.

Judge Imes presented to the Court the second reading of the ordinance as it pertained to 2025 County tax rates. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the Ordinance #25-0821-A as presented. Judge Imes recessed the regular meeting for the purpose of a public hearing for the proposed 2025 County tax rates. There being no comment the regular meeting was called back in to order. Motion voted all ayes, and it was so ordered. At this time Judge Imes asked special taxing districts to present their tax rates. Ms. Mignon Reed from the library presented to the Court the 2025 tax rates at 4.8 cents per \$100 for real property, which is 0.1 lower than last year, and 5.6 cents per \$100 for personal property. Mr. Robert Geurin presented to the Court the County Extension rate at 2.5 cents per \$100 for real property; their 2024 rate was 1.5 cents. Although this rate exceeds previous years, Mr. Geurin noted that the Extension Office, which does not collect tax on personal property and has maintained the same rate for years, has had to use reserve funds to sustain its services. These services touch more than 15,000 citizens. Squire Rister spoke on attending the Board's meeting and made the Court aware of some of the services the Extension offers the community. Especially expressing the appreciation of the programs geared towards kids and the community.

Judge Imes discussed with the Court the first reading of an ordinance regarding the operations of medical cannabis in the County. Deputy Judge Exec Gina Winchester explained to the Court that the

Admin/Ordinance committee after speaking with the County Attorney and researching State guidelines have for review the first reading of the new ordinance for the County on the operations of medical cannabis in the County.

In the form of a motion Judge Imes presented for official record resolution #25-0820-A regarding Mr. Michael Oliver and resolution #25-0820-B regarding the MSU Racer Baseball team for approval. Motion seconded by Squire Crutcher. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The County Attorney had prepared a resolution for the Courts approval as it pertains to KRS 173.730 Motion made by Judge Imes and seconded by Squire Rister to approve resolution #25-0820-F. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes asked the Courts approval of resolution #25-0820-d authorizing him to approve the Department of Rural & Municipal Aid Agreement to accept 2025 FLEX funds, motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court reviewed resolution #25-0820-E accepting Victory Lane into the County Road system. Motion made by Squire Rister on behalf of Squire Stewart to approve the resolution as presented, motion seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The PADD requested the Court's approval of a resolution in support of a DRA grant. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Crutcher, seconded by Squire Rister. Squire Rister questioned if the application was for Hopkins Road. Judge Imes says yes. All voted aye and it was so ordered to approve resolution #25-0820-C.

The Court had no board appointments to approve. The personnel changes were reviewed. Motion made by Squire Rister to approve the changes as presented, including accolades to recently retired Mr. Ralph Ramsey. Motion seconded by Squire Crutcher. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

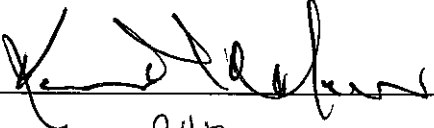
The Court reviewed surplus vehicles, one from the County Sheriff and one from the Animal Care & Control. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to surplus the vehicles as requested. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

It was then time for the committee reports. Ms. Winchester reported on the Admin./Ordinance Committee and the Safety Committee. She called on HR Executive Assistant, Ms. Tori Saul, who asked the Court to approve the Drug/Alcohol policy with no changes. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the policy with no changes. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes recognized Tori's work to get Calloway County Fiscal Court meetings on YouTube, he recognized Nathan Baird's tech help at the Animal Shelter, Sheriff Knight and his staff/deputies for their continued work on drug enforcement and finally a happy birthday to Ms. Emily Cook animal enforcement officer. He thanked Chris and the road department for their work. Sheriff Nicky Knight thanked the Court for recognizing his deputies' efforts and noted that more space for evidence would be needed as a result. The discussion led Judge Imes to comment on "let me know what you need," with Sheriff Knight requesting an okay to make the changes at his building out of the Sheriff budget.

Judge Imes noted the September meeting dates have changed to Sept. 22 at 8:00 AM for the Judge's Work Session and Regular Fiscal Court meeting to Sept 24 at 9 AM in the Courthouse Annex. He then requested a motion to enter executive session according to the KRS 61.810(1)(f) regarding personnel and KRS 61.810(1)(b) regarding property matters. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to exit regular session and enter into executive session. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Motion made by Squire Rister to conclude the executive session and enter back into the regular session of the Fiscal Court meeting was seconded by Squire Crutcher, and all voted aye. At which time, a motion was made by Judge Imes and seconded by Squire Rister to accept the KDL recommendation to appoint Mr. Mark Mallory to the Library Board to fill the vacancy of Ms. Deborah Bell. His four-year term would expire on August 15, 2029. All voted aye and it was so ordered. In a second motion, Judge Imes asked the court's approval to request the Commissioner of Libraries to re-submit two new names to fill the vacant position of Riley Ramsey. Squire Cherry seconded and all voted aye so it was ordered.

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

  
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Approved this 24th day of September 2025 by County Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes