

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
September 24th, 2025, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday September 24th, 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, 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.

Before the start of court proceedings, Judge Imes acknowledged Mr. William Cowan, a Republican representative on the Calloway County Board of Elections, for his service following his resignation after 14 years with the board. Sheriff Nicky Knight, board member, and County Clerk Antonia Faulkner, board chairperson, gave Mr. Cowan a gift in recognition of his contributions during his tenure.

Judge Imes called on Ms. Faulkner to read resolution #25-0924-A honoring the life and service of the late Mr. Mark Kennedy and presented the Resolution to his widow Ms. Jackie Kennedy. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Clerk then read resolution #25-0924-B honoring the memory of the late Captain Mike Hopkins of the Calloway County Jail. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes presented the resolution to Lieutenant Deputy Brad Rowland for the jail employees.

The minutes of the August 20 regular 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.

Judge Imes called on County Treasurer Mrs. Tonya Robinson to present her report. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the financial statement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Stewart to pay the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the transfers as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented to the Court the second reading of an Ordinance pertaining to regulations of medical cannabis business operations in Calloway County. He then called to order a public hearing, there was no comment, and the public hearing was closed and the regular session called back in to order. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the second reading of Ordinance #25-0924-A as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court considered a resolution discontinuing road maintenance on Eldridge Lane. After a discussion, motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Crutcher. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented board appointments. First, in the form of a motion by Judge Imes, to reappoint Lauren Kelly representing the hotel industry and Adam Carver representing the restaurant industry to the Calloway County Tourism Commission, AKA Murray Calloway Tourism Commission. Both with a recommendation by Jeremy Whitmore, both will serve a 3-year term to expire 9-16-2028. Motion seconded by Squire Rister. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court then discussed the letter of resignation from Mr. Charlie Boren from his long-time position as commissioner on the Dexter-Almo water district. With Judge Imes recommendation motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to appoint Randy McCallon to fill the remainder of the term to expire 5-19-2025. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Next, discussion of appointments on the 911 Appeals Board. Motion made by Judge Imes to reappoint Rebecca Mahaney to expire June 2028 and appoint Chris Wooldridge to replace Jordan Smith's remaining term to expire June 2026. Motion seconded by Squire Cherry. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court discussed a letter from the Commissioner of Libraries with two names for consideration to the Library Board. Invoking KRS 173.490 and having previously adopted the alternative appointment process by Resolution #22-1115-A, a motion was made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Stewart to appoint Ronnie Burkeen to the board to expire 8/15/2029. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court reviewed personnel appointments. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the appointments as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to surplus a 2022 Jayco M174BH travel trailer acquired through FEMA. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes discussed the County Attorney's efforts in reviewing a contract with the City of Murray for facility upgrades to Weeks Senior Citizens Center as part of a CDBG. Judge Imes asked the Court's approval to contract with Janette Dewitt of Kopperud Realty to list the remaining five lots in Western Shores Sub. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the authorization. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes then mentioned that because we still own 5 lots in the Western Shore Subdivision the Fiscal Court is allowed 5 votes at the Homeowners Association meeting.

During Committee/Staff reports Ms. Gina Winchester presented the admin/ordinance committee minutes, mentioning the request to bring back the cemetery board, the approval of the animal shelter SOP, and a FEMA update. At her request, in accordance with the SOP for CERT volunteers, a motion was made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to allow the future payment for background checks for CERT Volunteers. All voted aye and it was so ordered. County Attorney Ernstberger acknowledged Mr. Mark Kennedy and his work. Clerk Faulkner thanked the Court for acknowledging Mr. Cowan, she then spoke to the Court about the CBE approval of precinct line changes for Calloway County. Squire Rister began the discussion of mowing the Hwy 641 lot. The Court was reminded that per Res #24-0717-A consent had to be from the full FC. Motion made by Squire Rister, seconded by Squire Cherry to have the Road Dept. take care of fall maintenance on the lot. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Squire Cherry expressed his thanks to all volunteers, especially those with military backgrounds. Judge Imes presented in the form of a motion to begin the process of inspection and public notice for Nova Lane to be taken out of the County Road system. After a discussion motion seconded by Squire Stewart to move forward with the removal. In the form of a motion Judge Imes requested authority to move forward with removing East Y Road from the County Road System if it is determined that it is not a state road and is officially designated as a County Road. Motion seconded by Squire Crutcher. All voted aye and it was so 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Imes', is written over a horizontal line.

Approved this 15th day of October 2025 by County Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes