

CALLOWAY COUNTY  
FISCAL COURT MEETING  
December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 17, 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.

Judge Imes welcomed and recognized Court guest starting with Miss Ava Bogard and Mr. Ryan Marchetti from Calloway County High School. Miss Ava has excelled in academics to the point that, in County Attorney Ernstberger's words, "scares the competition." Miss Bogard's recent accomplishment placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the National Civics Bee competition in Washington D.C. was acknowledged by the Court in the form of a Resolution. Next, the Court acknowledged the historic football season for Murray High School. The Tigers went 14-1 losing only to Christian Academy of Louisville at the KHSAA Class 3A State Championship, along with honoring Mr. Wyatt Robbins as player of the year. A resolution was presented to Coach Melvin Cunningham, Principal Tony Jarvis, and Assistant Superintendent Whitney York for the recognition of the players, coaches, support staff, and the entire MHS community. Judge Imes then took the time to welcome Mr. Hollis Alexander, new relationship officer with KACO and Mr. Kent Barlow, director of Second Chance Workforce. Second Chance Workforce is working with the County Jail for inmate training.

The minutes of the November 19, 2025, meeting was 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.

Judge Imes called on County Treasurer Ms. Tonya Robinson. Ms. Robinson began with the financial statement. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart 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. Tonya then asked for the Court's approval of transfers. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the budget transfers. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister, seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the cash transfers. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

County Clerk Antonia Faulkner requested the Court's approval of the 2026 Clerk's proposed budget. Motion made by Squire Stewart was seconded by Squire Rister to approve the budget as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the Clerk's annual order setting maximum salaries as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Ms. Faulkner then asked the Court, on behalf of the Calloway Board of Election, to approve the election worker pay at \$250. After a discussion motion made by Squire Stewart, seconded by Squire Crutcher. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court approved the 2026 holiday and meeting schedule with a motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes requested the Court's approval of Resolution #25-1217-A recognizing Ava Bogard for her outstanding achievement in the National Civics Bee Finals. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by

Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve Resolution #25-1217-B recognizing the Murray High School Football team for a historic winning season. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court discussed Resolution #25-1217-C regarding the discontinuance of county road maintenance on Nova Lane. The regular session was recessed to open a Public Hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was adjourned and the Court back into regular session. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Resolution #25-1217-D for the Murray Calloway Industrial Development Authority proposing to apply for a grant from Purchase Area Regional Industrial Authority to support the creation and operation of the MCIDA training center. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the resolution as presented. Resolution #25-1217-E approving the execution of a MOA between the Court and the Commonwealth, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways for Potts Road Bridge CCBIP funds was discussed. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court reviewed personnel appointments; motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The appointments for the Senior Citizens one-year terms to expire on Dec 31 were discussed. Motion made by Squire Stewart was seconded by Squire Rister to approve the reappointment of Ronald Babb, Warren Hopkins, Darryl Lee, Charles Nesbitt, and Shirley Robinson. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

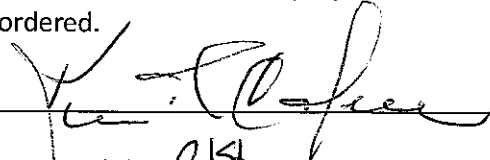
EMS Director Josh Kerr presented the annual renewal of the Statement of Affiliation Agreement with the CCFR. He took the time to express the appreciation for their service this past year which included working 73 accidents with injury, 74 with no injury, 7 land searches and 3 water rescues. With no changes to discuss motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the MOA as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Sheriff Nicky Knight asked the Court to approve the surplus of two vehicles. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the surplus as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. He mentioned the tax collection was at 78% and seems down from the past. Squire Cherry appreciated Mr. Knight's informative radio interview regarding tax collection online.

There were no Admin/Ordinance Committee minutes to discuss but an update of the Safety Committee was presented by Ms. Gina Winchester, she took the time to acknowledge Ms. Tori Saul's efforts for the safety of the county employees. Jailer Claud welcomed the Court to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Workforce graduation; Squire Rister acknowledged the work of Mr. Kent Barlow, a high school classmate of his.

County Attorney Bryan Ernstberger along with Squires, Cherry, Crutcher, Rister, and Stewart and County Clerk Faulkner wished all a Merry Christmas. Judge Imes congratulated Road Supervisor Chris Franklin on completing his KYTC Road Master and Road Scholar training, congratulated Emily Cook and the Animal Shelter on the save rate and adoption numbers and acknowledge HR Tori Saul on her work with the Safety committee and the grant for eye wash stations for different departments.

With Merry Christmas wishes and no further business for the Court Judge Imes asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to adjourn. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

  
Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2026 by  
County Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes