

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
January 21, 2026, Regular Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday January 21, 2026, 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 took the time to welcome special guest MCCH CEO Reba Celsor along with others from Leadership Murray Sandy Lynn, Cody Myers, Kelsey York, Paul Miller, and Chris Payne. The Court then recognized Ms. Angie Matheny with Resolution 26-0121-A honoring her 27 years of service and her retirement from the Jail as Deputy. Motion made by Squire Rister was seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court reviewed the minutes of the December 17 regular 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.

Treasurer Robinson presented the treasurer's report. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the financial report. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister, seconded by Squire Stewart to pay the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the cash transfers. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Ms. Robinson then asked the court's approval to go into a contract with ACA Prime regarding 1095 Health Insurance Forms. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the contract as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

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

Judge Imes presented board appointments for the Hazel 641 Water District. Upon the recommendation of Judge Imes motion made by Squire Stewart, seconded by Squire Rister to reappoint Alli Hillard-Robertson to another 4-year term to expire 1/18/2030, appoint Scooter Paschall to expire 7/7/2028 to replace Nancy Mieure who moved out of district, and Kayla Dale Bennet to expire 5/25/2029 to replace Ricky Walls who resigned. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Squire Rister presented a resolution to the Court regarding Calloway County's participation in the 250th Anniversary Celebration of America (America250KY). As part of this initiative, a Liberty Tree (Tulip Poplar – the State Tree of Kentucky), supplied by the Kentucky Division of Forestry, will be planted on or around Arbor Day. In accordance with the agreement, a committee is required; Deputy Judge Executive Gina Winchester had reached out to the Wendell Oury Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution through Kathy Timmons, which agreed to form the committee. Squire Rister moved, and Judge Imes seconded, approval of Resolution 26-0121-C as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The Court was then presented with a resolution honoring and memorializing the late Johnny Gingles for his service and dedication to the Fiscal Court as Magistrate. Motion made by Squire Rister, seconded by Squire Stewart to approve Resolution 26-0121-B as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

During staff/official reports Jailer Ken Claud passed on his appreciation of Leadership Murray for their interest in the Calloway County Jail, he enjoyed showing them around and discussing the issues. County Attorney Bryan Ernstberger remembered Johnny Gingles. County Clerk Antonia Faulkner offered information regarding the upcoming Primary Election.

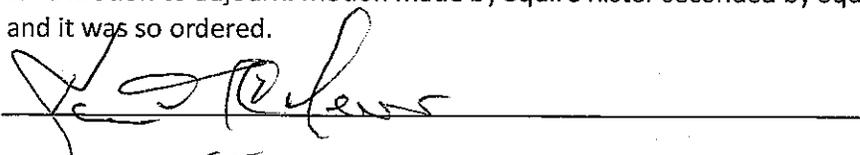
Deputy Judge Gina Winchester gave committee reports for the Admin/Ordinance committee, the Safety Committee, and let the Court know the new Cemetery Board will meet Jan 26 at 9am. Ms. Winchester also shared for the record, that Eugene Daniel Shipley was born 2/23/1933 in the Murray Calloway County Hospital, Gina Shipley was born 2/12/1964 in the Murray Calloway County Hospital, John Ryan Winchester was born 4/28/1997 in the Murray Calloway County Hospital, and the fourth generation James Riley Winchester was born 1/19/2026 in the Murray Calloway County Hospital. Judge Imes offered congratulations to Granny Gina.

Squire Cherry offered his condolences for Mr. Johnny Gingles, "He will be missed" and asked that Road Supervisor Chris Franklin to inform the magistrates of the priority list of roads if the bad weather comes.

Squire Rister recalled Mr. Gingles showing him which roads were promised for paving after his election, and he recognized Ms. Georganna Clemmons for her work at the Road Department. He then reviewed the final 2020 KY Division of Waste Management Rubber Modified Asphalt Grant report, noting that road usage was consistent until farm operations began after the test asphalt was installed.

Judge Imes began a discussion regarding planning for a new Animal Shelter. Judge Imes asked the Court to approve a contract with Shelter Planners of America as presented by Emily Cook. After further discussion, motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the first step survey. Squire Rister explained his apprehension to pay for this plan then his discussion with a local contractor asking if a plan would be necessary, the contractor said it would be worth the money to get the plan. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes then discussed the County working with the city to make application to the state for a Community Development Block Grant to renovate the Senior Citizens Center, housed in the George Weaks Community Center. The State determined that the County Judge Executive involvement is a conflict of interest since the County owns the building while the Weaks Center Board manages it. The County Judge Exec. and the City of Murray Mayor both serve as voting members of the Weaks Center Board. Judge Imes publicly disclosed that he will abstain from voting on any matters involving this grant as long as he continues to serve on the Board by way of being an elected official. Judge Imes opened the Court meeting up for public comment regarding such per CFR 570.489. There was no public comment. The Court returned to regular session Judge Imes asked in the form of a motion to enter into Executive Session, motion seconded by Squire Rister. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

A motion was made by Squire Rister to return to the regular court meeting. Motion seconded by Squire Cherry. All voted aye and it was so ordered. There being no further business for the Court Judge Imes asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to adjourn. All voted aye and it was so ordered.



Approved this 18th day of February, 2026 by
County Judge Executive, Kenneth C. Imes