

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
March 20, 2026, Regular Meeting

An adjourned regular meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 20, 2026 (date statutorily changed to accommodate training), 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 Clerk Antonia Faulkner, and County Attorney Bryan Ernstberger.

Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes took time to recognize women in Calloway County who are making history, as it is Women's History Month. He began by congratulating the Murray State Women's basketball team on winning their second straight Missouri Valley Tournament Championship with an overall season record of 31-3. He continued by recognizing the Calloway County Women's Basketball team and Calloway County Women's Track team on their accomplishments this season with a resolution. Judge Imes introduced a special guest, Mr. Owen Saul, the son of County Court Security Officer Nicholas Saul and County HR Director Tori Saul.

The minutes of the February 18 regular meeting were reviewed by the Court. 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 Tonya Robinson presented the financial statement to the Court. Motion made by Squire Stewart, seconded by Squire Crutcher, to approve the statement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. She then presented the bills to be paid. Motion made by Squire Crutcher, seconded by Squire Stewart, to pay the bills as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court discussed the second reading of Ordinance #20-0320-A, a budget amendment regarding Sheriff's funds. Time was offered for public comment; there was none. The Court returned to session. Motion made by Squire Rister, seconded by Squire Crutcher, to approve the second reading of the ordinance as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court reviewed cash transfers. Motion made by Squire Rister, seconded by Squire Crutcher, to approve the cash transfers. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Jailer Ken Claud presented the jail's budget for approval. He credited Ms. Tonya for all her work in reducing the budget by \$65,000. There was no need for approval, as it is included in the County's budget.

County Clerk Faulkner presented the 2025 final settlement for approval. Motion made by Squire Stewart, seconded by Squire Rister, to approve the settlement and accept the excess funds as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented resolutions. He began with approval of the Resolution for the Calloway County Women's Basketball team (#26-0320-A) and the Calloway County Women's Track Team (#26-0320-B).

Motion made by Squire Stewart, seconded by Squire Crutcher, to approve both resolutions. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Motion made by Squire Stewart, seconded by Squire Crutcher, to approve Resolution #26-0320-C approving the execution of a MOA between Calloway County Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, concerning the Howard Road bridge. The CCBIP will fund the replacement of this bridge at \$800,000. After discussion, the motion was approved. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court listened to CCFR representative Zach Stewart regarding a resolution to support a CCBD grant for a new fire station. The Court discussed the grant slot required from the County, the new building cost, the old Southern States building on the lot, whether the County would be responsible for any funding, and that the grant could be up to \$1 million with additional grants available. Motion made by Judge Imes, seconded by Squire Stewart, to approve Resolution #26-0320-D as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes presented, in the form of a motion, approval of Resolution #26-0320-E supporting agricultural hemp industry development and regulatory clarity in Calloway County. After discussion, motion seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court discussed Board appointments. First, Mark Manning contacted the Court to reappoint two members to the Industrial Development Authority Board. Amy Futrell and Jerry Duncan are willing to serve a four-year term to expire February 20, 2030. Motion made by Judge Imes, seconded by Squire Rister, to approve the appointments as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Next, the MCCH Board bylaws state that the Fiscal Court should make an appointment from the names submitted by the nominating committee to the County Judge Executive. The three names submitted were Robert Guerin, Nathan Crafton, and Glenn Allen Jones. Motion made by Squire Crutcher, seconded by Squire Rister, to appoint Mr. Glenn Allen Jones. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

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

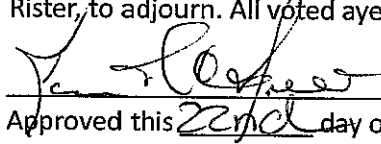
At the time for Committee/Staff reports, Deputy Judge Executive Gina Winchester presented the Admin/Ordinance Committee minutes. She asked the Court to approve the revised job descriptions and the revised job application. Motion made by Squire Rister, seconded by Squire Stewart, to approve as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. She then mentioned work on animal ordinance revisions.

Squire Ricky Stewart discussed the Transportation Committee's recent meeting being an information gathering session. Ms. Winchester discussed the Cemetery Board and the America 250 Committee event with the Kentucky Historical Society tree planting. At this time, Judge Imes presented a Proclamation for Arbor Day to go hand in hand with the tree planting and Earth Day. Jeremy Whitmore, Tourism Director, presented the new partnership with TN RiverLine.

Squire Rister updated the Court on progress with TVA regarding Boatwright, including insurance, partnerships with funding, and positive reports from TVA, though the process is still ongoing. He also discussed pigeon netting for the old Courthouse.

Judge Imes discussed the painting of the old Courthouse, the new Kentucky road rating system, and the need for training so that the County can have a similar rating system for planning ahead. The Court discussed the purchase of two new dump trucks, including timeline of delivery, cost, attachments, and financing. Road Supervisor Chris Franklin reported he is waiting on bids for spread boxes, blades, and plows for the trucks.

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



Approved this 22nd day of April, 2026 by Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes