

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
April 22, 2026, Regular Meeting

An adjourned regular meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday April 22, 2026, in the Calloway County Courthouse Annex. Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and led 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 Imes requested the approval of the March 20 meeting minutes. 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.

County Treasurer Tonya Robinson presented the treasurer's report starting with a request to approve the financial statement. After a discussion motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the statement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister was seconded by Squire Stewart to pay the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court then reviewed the transfers, motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the transfers as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court then approved the payment to Squire Stewart for 2026 incentive pay, motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the payment. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Admin/Ordinance committee presented for a first reading revisions to Ordinance 06-0321-A an Ordinance providing for animal control consistent with KY revised statutes and establishing a trap-neuter-vaccinate-return program for community cats. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the first reading as presented, all voted aye and it was so ordered.

At this time Judge Imes presented resolutions for consideration. The Court reviewed Res. 26-0422-A adopting and approving the execution of County Road Aid with the Transportation Cabinet. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

There were no Board Appointments to be made, and the Court reviewed personnel appointments. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the appointments as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes discussed the variety of services required for the FY 26-27. Road bids to be submitted for approval in primary and secondary order were discussed. Judge Imes in the form of a motion rejected the red gravel bids asking that the bids be resubmitted for later review and approval. Motion seconded by Squire Rister, all voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to accept the bids as presented:

<u>BID</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>SECONDARY</u>
Aggregate	B&N Trucking	Keeling Farms, Vulcan, Arcosa
Asphalt Emulsion oil	Marathon	none
Bridge maintenance	Swift Environmental	none
Culverts/Bands	Sykes Farms	Energy, Metal Culverts
Fuel	Heritage	Max Arnold, JSC Terminal
Heavy Equipment/Hauling	Swift Enviro/Morgan	Keeling Farms, West Calloway
Hot Mix/Chip & Seal	Mt Carmel Stabilization	none
Paving	Murray Paving (MPI)	Central, Parker

The Court then discussed bids for Fire Extinguisher services and eye wash stations. There were no bids for eye washing stations and two bids for fire extinguisher services with a recommendation to contract with Fire Safe Services in Murray. Motion made by Judge Imes was seconded by Squire Rister to approve the contract as presented. Deputy Judge Exec Gina Winchester mentioned the current vendor did not send in a bid and there is no active contract with the county. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

A request for bids for debris removal in case of a weather event was presented, motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the 3 bids received. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes asked Squire Rister to present the pest control service bids. Squire Rister explained that of the four bids received, Bug Master was the lowest for Calloway County Fire & Rescue, but for all the County facilities McGee Pest Control was the lowest bid overall. In discussion, it was mentioned that last year with McGee there were double billing issues, which were later cleared up, and the business was no longer local but corporate. After a discussion, it was determined that the CCFR would handle their own contract with Bug Masters while the County would go with McGee saving \$667.00 annually. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve McGee Pest Control. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes stated that bids for lawn care and cleaning would be reviewed at a later meeting. The Court then discussed items to surplus at the road department. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to surplus the mentioned items and any additional items on the road department lot (this does not include the dump trucks mentioned on the attached list), all voted aye and it was so ordered. A live auction will be conducted at the Road Dept. at a later date.

Judge Imes requested authorization to move forward when the time arrived for ground testing and cleaning of the property for the new animal shelter building. The property in question is adjacent to the current animal shelter, which is already owned by the county. After the discussion it was determined there would be no action to take and that Judge Imes would keep the court informed and keep things moving.

County Clerk Antonia Faulkner requested the approval of the proposed 2026 budget. An adjustment in disbursements was made with no changes to the bottom line. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Cherry to approve the amended budget as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.


Deputy Judge Winchester updated the Court on the Admin/Ordinance Committee and HR Tori Saul mentioned Safety Committee. Minutes presented in packets.

In other business, Treasurer Robinson requested approval of a CD renewal at The Murray Bank, motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to approve the renewal as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Judge Imes was seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve a 4-year loan for \$365K with FNB Bank at 4.53% interest rate for two dump trucks. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes reminded all present of the America250 tree planting ceremony on April 25. He then introduced Mr. Michael Patton, and Mr. Patton presented to each of the Court members a copy of the charcoal drawing by Ms. Daisy Grimes (senior MSU art student) of the Calloway County Courthouse. Mr. Patton then discussed the study of the building, its architect, and contractor. Although most buildings have those names listed on the building, the Calloway County Courthouse does not. Mr. Patton researched and found that A.J. Bryan of GA had migrated throughout the South building 40 courthouses with only 17 that are still standing and only 5 of those are operating as a public service building. He presented his plans to Calloway County in 1912 at which time the Court approved those plans, Mr. Bryan did not collect the average fee of \$1000.00 from the Court instead he turned them over free of charge. Mr. Patton expressed the need for this building to keep the downtown alive, that the task of keeping 'the ole girl standing' falls on the Fiscal Court.

During staff/official reports Squire Rister discussed the Boatwright Trail project presenting a rendering of the project when the final permits are available. Judge Imes asked the Court to review the proposed County Budget for 26-27 before the first reading at the May meeting. County Attorney Bryan Ernstberger mentioned to the Court the thanks to 'elder statesmen' that worked to clean up dilapidated buildings on 6th Street providing a greenspace across from the County Attorney's office.

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


Approved this 20th day of May, 2026 by Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes