

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

An adjourned regular meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 20, 2026, in the Calloway County Courthouse Annex. In the absence of Judge Imes due to an accident, Senior Magistrate Squire Don Cherry 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 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 was absent due to an accident.

Squire Cherry presented to the Court a resolution recognizing and honoring the life and service of Ronnie Burkeen who passed away unexpectedly. Clerk Faulkner read the resolution before the Court. Squire Cherry then presented a resolution recognizing and honoring Ronnie Guthrie upon his retirement from the County.

Squire Cherry requested the approval of the April 22nd 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, Mrs. Tonya Robinson presented to the Court 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 seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the payment of the bills. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the cash transfers. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Mrs. Robinson presented to the Court the budget transfers. After a discussion motion made by Squire Crutcher, seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the budget transfers as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Squire Cherry called to order a public hearing for County Road Aid and LGEA funds. There were no public comments. Regular session was brought back to order. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the agreement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The first reading of the 2026-2027 Fiscal Court Budget was presented, motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the first reading as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court then discussed approval of the annual standing orders and preapproved expenses to submit to the Department of Local Government. Squire Rister questioned the Western Shores line. Mrs. Robinson explained the use of the funds to pay property tax on the County owned lots. At the request of the Co. Treasurer motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the order as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Treasurer then requested approval of blanket orders for cash transfers for FY 2026-2027. After a discussion motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the request as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Tonya then asked the Court's approval of budget amendment 1 regarding loan payments on two dump trucks. Motion

made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the first readings as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

At the April meeting the Court approved the first reading of a new ordinance to replace Ordinance No. 06-0321-A addressing concerns for animal control in the county. The Court began with a public hearing regarding the ordinance. There were no comments. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the 2nd reading of the new ordinance as presented (Ord. No. 26-0520-A). All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to repeal the original Ordinance No. 06-0321-A. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Sheriff Nicky Knight then presented Sheriff's final tax settlement 2025. After a discussion motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the settlement as presented. Squire Rister took the time to thank the Sheriff's staff for excellent work, while Squire Cherry expressed his gratitude for not only the excellent law enforcement work but also the disciplined budget procedures and helping the people. All voted aye and the approval was so ordered.

The Court took the time to discuss the Resolutions presented at the beginning of the meeting. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve Resolution #26-0520-A Ronnie Burkeen and Resolution #26-0520-B Ronnie Guthrie. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

One board appointment was presented to the Court. The term of Danny Perry on the Murray Transit Authority expired May 18, Mr. Perry had served only one year and was willing to serve a full term. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to reappoint Danny Perry to a 4-year term to expire May 20, 2030. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

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

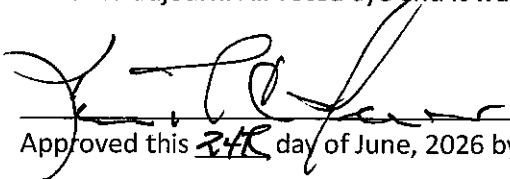
The Court then discussed bids for the Road Department. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve Morris and Ahart as the primary providers of red gravel. Also approved was Max Arnold as the primary fuel provider as Heritage Petroleum pulled their bid from consideration. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court was presented with a contract from the Community Foundation of West Kentucky to reestablish the Murray Calloway County Animal Shelter Agency Fund, which currently sits in a limited money market interest bearing account, into a non-endowed agency fund by agreement. The contract would move the money into a fund A or B investment account. The existing temporary fund currently has \$161,343 that can be added to or taken out upon request. Squire Rister asked Bryan and Tonya if they felt there was concern with investing the original \$10,000 that was put into that account since it was ARAP funds. After a discussion motion made by Squire Rister was seconded by Squire Crutcher to move the money into a non-endowed plan B (conservative) investment account. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Deputy Judge Exec Gina Winchester presented an update on the admin/ordinance committee and the safety committee.

The surplus auction at the Road Department will be held June 10 at 12, motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to approve the update surplus list. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Squire Stewart presented to the Court a motion to approve the purchase of lights for the animal control truck. After a discussion, motion seconded by Squire Rister. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

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


Approved this 24th day of June, 2026 by Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes