

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
August 19, 2026, Regular Meeting

An adjourned regular meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday August 19, 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, and County Clerk Antonia Faulkner.

Judge Imes introduced Bryan Black from KYTC District 1 to present the Rural and Secondary Road report. Mr. Scotty Sholar came before the Court to present a \$10,000 donation from TVA for the Bell & Clock tower restoration project; TVA is doing their part to make life better for the TN Valley people. This donation secured the funds to complete the project, hoping to get everything installed by the end of the month.

The Court heard from the special taxing districts, presentations by Mignon Rutledge for the Library, Matt Chadwick for Extension, and Mr. Bobby Hale on behalf of the Fire District. Copies of Conservation District and East Fork Conservatory were in the packets as presented last month. Judge Imes announced that the Health Dept. would meet on August 25 to set their tax rate.

Judge Imes requested the approval of the minutes from the regular July 15 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. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to waive the formal reading and approve the minutes of the July 20 special meeting, all voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to waive the formal reading and approve the minutes of the July 30 special meeting. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Tonya Robinson presented to the Court the treasurer's report. Motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the financial report. 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. The Court discussed the cash transfers, motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to approve the cash transfers as presented, all voted aye and so ordered. Treasurer Robinson asked the Court to approve an amendment to the standing order adding the Road Department lease & purchase payment. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Crutcher was seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the addition as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

A public hearing was called to order regarding the second reading of the 2026 County tax rates. There were no comments, the hearing was closed, and the regular meeting was called back to order. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the rates at .1390 on real property, which is lower than 2025 rate of .1410 and keeping the motor vehicle and personal property, rates the same as 2025. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Deputy Judge Exec. Gina Winchester presented to the Court for approval the County's Drug Free Workplace Policy. The Admin/Ordinance committee reviewed the policy, made no changes, and asked the Court for the annual approval. After a discussion motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the policy as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes called on Sheriff Nicky Knight regarding his request for approval of an amendment to his budget. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the amendment as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Sheriff Knight then asked the Court to approve the surplus of a department vehicle. After a discussion, motion made by Squire Rister, seconded by Squire Crutcher to surplus the vehicle. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

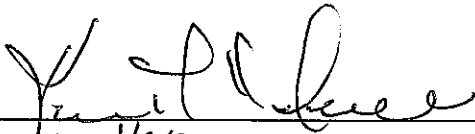
Resolutions were then presented to the Court for approval. The Court recognized, with Res. 26-0819-A, Matthew Kohlenberger, and his company Twin Lakes Construction for the in-kind donation of labor and materials to paint the County Jail workhouse. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered, Mr. Kohlenberger was presented with a copy of the resolution and made an honorary Calloway County Squire. The Court then reviewed Res. 26-0819-B adoption and approval of a revised MOA between the County and KYTC, updated CCBIP funds to repair or replace Wrather Road Bridge not to exceed \$480,000.00. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve the revised MOA. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court then discussed Res. 26-0819-C, an agreement between the County and KYTC for FLEX funding for FY 2026-2027 not to exceed \$411,471.00. A discussion included the \$112,781 carryover, even with that amount the total is still \$81,830.00 below what the State told us to budget for in July. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to approve the resolution as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes began a discussion of where the county will expense its Opioid Settlement Funds. Jailer Ken Claud has requested these funds be directed to the jail to help offset expenses on current programs. After speaking with KACO reps, it was found that this is a place for these funds to be spent. Motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Crutcher to approve Res. 26-0819-D designating county-received KY Opioid Settlement funds to the Calloway County Detention Center for eligible opioid remediation programs. Squire Crutcher asked the public to be made aware of the amount of money was available. It was stated the current amount is \$46,856.59 that has been accumulated; the County receives roughly \$6000 per year. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The State submitted a supplemental agreement for the Charley Miller Road Bridge project for the Court's approval at the last minute. Discussion of the request included the fact that the project money had been awarded; the project had been completed and paid for. Judge Imes asked the Court's authorization to sign after further review. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Crutcher to authorize Res. 26-0819-E as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court then discussed Res. 26-0819-F regarding an agreement with KYTC for Tobacco Road project partial grade and drain and resurfacing. Motion made by Squire Cherry was seconded by Squire Crutcher to accept and authorize Judge Imes to sign for the Court. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

The Court had no board appointments to review. The Court reviewed personnel appointments, motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

At the time for staff/official reports Deputy Judge Exec Gina Winchester presented the Admin/Ordinance committee meeting minutes that included info on two SOP approvals for the road department, drug free workplace policy, and EM's ordinance being placed on the county website. She then called on Jeremy Whitmore of Destination Calloway to update the Court on the committee. He admonished the active Board which he has worked with for five years now and reviewed the 2026-2027 budget. Judge Imes thanked Jeremy for his work. Judge Imes then discussed the Executive Order to rebrand tourism commission with DESTINATION CALLOWAY. Emily Cook, Animal Control Officer, reported on the shelter's no-kill status, noting the staff and community's support through fostering, limited intake, the farm/barn cat program, spay and neuter efforts for strays, assistance for pet owners in need so they can keep their animals rather than surrender them, and the shelter's continued partnership with Best Friends. Judge Imes, in the form of a motion, asked for the Court's authorization to pay \$22,000.00 to Verdin East Clock Restoration for the clock & bell tower project. Judge Imes asked for a second on his motion, motion seconded by Squire Crutcher. Squire Rister asks if the money is from the TVA \$10,000, Destination Calloway \$11,000, and the Historic Society \$500 donations? He was advised that yes, the payment would be from the donations made. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Squire Rister discussed the Governor's Executive Order on data centers and expressed interest in the County continuing work on an ordinance establishing a one-year moratorium. Judge Imes stated that if at least three magistrates wanted to proceed, the matter could be placed on the September agenda. Rister also discussed the permitting approval process for Boatwright Trail with TVA that has been in the works for 1 year and 3 months, total cost is currently less than \$3000.00 but would like to get the project complete as soon as possible. There were no other staff or official reports to be made.

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 on this 16th day of September, 2026 by Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes