

CALLOWAY COUNTY
FISCAL COURT MEETING
September 16, 2026, Regular Meeting

An adjourned regular meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 9:00 a.m. CST/10:00 a.m. EST on Wednesday, September 16, 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 Attorney Bryan Ernstberger, and County Clerk Antonia Faulkner.

The Court reviewed the minutes of the August 19 regular meeting. Motion made by Squire Stewart seconded by Squire Rister to waive the formal reading and approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Judge Imes, in the form of a motion, moved to waive the formal reading and approved the minutes of the August 28 special meeting. Motion seconded by Squire Rister, all voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes called on County Treasurer Tonya Robinson for the treasurer's report. Motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the financial statement. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Motion made by Judge Imes was seconded by Squire Rister to pay the bills as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. The Court then discussed an additional last-minute bill for the road department, motion made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the bill as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered. Ms. Robinson then presented to the Court for approval the cash transfers, motion made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Stewart to approve the transfer as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

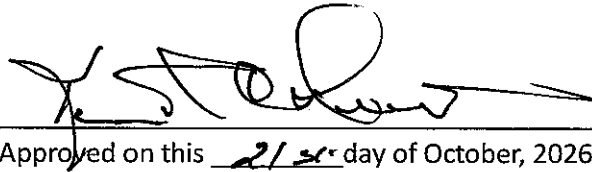
Judge Imes then presented for approval the second reading of an ordinance to impose a moratorium on Data Centers in the County. The Public Hearing was called to order. Squire Rister and Judge Imes both spoke on the subject as citizens of the County outside of their position on the Court. There being no other public comment, the public hearing was closed and the regular session called back to order. The Court then discussed the comments made with concerns regarding guardrails for data centers coming into the County, concerns of long-term environmental effects, potential county tax revenue, ability to bring in new industry, liability, policing the industries, etc. Squire Stewart questioned what other options the Court has other than the moratorium and the future change if this ordinance is approved. Bryan suggested adding a new subsection to the ordinance. Basically, stating that the Fiscal Court requests any data center looking at building in the county during the one year moratorium, must approach the Fiscal Court to discuss their proposed plans and seek the courts approval. This might allow the County time to be more knowledgeable of the data center questions and the concerns addressed by State regulations. After further discussion, the motion was made by Squire Stewart and seconded by Squire Rister to table the motion for a second reading until the County Attorney could add the new subsection. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Sheriff Nicky Knight presented to the Court his 2025 Franchise tax settlement. After a discussion, a motion was made by Judge Imes seconded by Squire Rister to approve the settlement as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Judge Imes moved to reappoint to the Tourism Commission, aka Destination Calloway, Cheryl Roberts, representing the Chamber and Dennis Helmurth, representing the hotel industry to another 3-year term to expire 9/16/2029. The motion was seconded by Squire Rister to approve the appointments, all voted aye and it was so ordered. A motion was made by Squire Crutcher seconded by Squire Rister to approve the personnel appointments as presented. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Deputy Judge Executive Gina Winchester let the Court know that the Admin/Ordinance committee and the Safety committee did not meet in September. The Cemetery Board met, and the minutes were in the Magistrate folders. She then introduced Ms. Amber Gillum as the new HR Director for the County. Squire Rister discussed the surplus sale of road department tires, while Squires Cherry, Crutcher, and Stewart thanked the county employees working out in the incredible heat this year.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Imes', is written over a horizontal line.

Approved on this 21st day of October, 2026 by Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes