

**Ballard County Fiscal Court**  
**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**5:00 p.m.**

*Jody Brown*

**Welcome:** Todd Cooper, Judge Executive  
**Roll Call:** Jody Brown, Ryan Hedrick, Nathan Whipple, H. "Chip" Bisson,  
(present) and Stonnie Dennis (absent)  
**Prayer:** Chaplain Ryan Hedrick  
**Pledge:** Todd Cooper, Judge/Executive, All

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Motion of Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to approve the minutes of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*

**Solar**

Clearway Solar Energy gave a presentation to the Court.

**Road**

*A motion by Nathan Whipple, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote to appoint Sam Dennis as Road Foreman.*

*A motion made by Chip Bisson, second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous by all to pay a salary of \$22 per hour to Sam Dennis.*

*An amended motion by Chip Bisson, second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous by all to make Sam Dennis' salary of \$22 per hour effective January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for payroll.*

*A motion by Chip Bisson, second by Jody Brown, unanimous by all to hire LaManda "Mandy" Graves as County Road Maintenance Worker and at a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour.*

**Ambulance**

*A motion by Nathan Whipple, second by Jody Brown, unanimous by all to approve request for Michelle Woodard to go from part-time status to full-time status.*

*A motion was made by Nathan Whipple, second by Jody Brown, unanimous by all to stop bad debt recovery for AMB Billing service.*

**County Clerk**

*A motion was made by Ryan Hedrick, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous by all to enter resolution HB1, a grant application to apply for voting machine equipment up to \$26,000.*

It was noted that the County Attorney is still working with the County Clerk on a response regarding payment to the Fiscal Court based on the State Audit Report.

**Treasurer**

*Motion made by Jody Brown, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous by all to approve the cash transfers, pending audit.*

*Motion made by Nathan Whipple, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on approval of list of checks ~~and~~ credit card purchases, pending audit.*

*Motion made by Jody Brown, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on approval of <sup>for</sup> bills, pending audit. <sup>to pay</sup>*

**County Attorney**

The County Attorney Bethany Denton discussed TN America, LLC occupational tax abatement Ordinance 430.4. *A Motion made by Nathan Whipple, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous by all to amend Ordinance 430.4 with Ordinance 430.5 1<sup>st</sup> reading, to cancel the occupational tax abatement for TN Americas, formerly Daher TLI set to expire 08/2024.*

*A motion by Jody Brown, second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous by all in approval of the second reading for the Commercial Hog Ordinance, 840.6, which addresses farms with 500 or more hogs.*

**Jail**

*A motion by Nathan Whipple, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous by all for the \$1.00 an hour raise for Supervisor promotion for EC and MQ and \$2.00 an hour raise for CR effective 01/29/2023.*

*A motion by Jody Brown, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous by all for the approval to purchase a copier for the Detention Center from Howard D. Happy up to the highest quoted amount of \$3,979.*

A Bank Resolution on a Credit Card for Canteen Account to be placed on the agenda for next meeting.

**Magistrates**

*A motion made by Chip Bisson, a second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous by all for the approval of a resolution supporting Comcast grant application to Ky Better Internet Program to apply for a grant to supply fiber to unserved rural areas of Ballard County.*

*A motion made by Chip Bisson, a second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous by all in the approval of the County to enter resolution 2023-02-06-001, for an opioid lawsuit involving Wal-Mart, Walgreens, CVS, Teva and Allergan.*

**Executive Session**

*A motion was made by Chip Bisson, second by Nathan Whipple unanimous by all, to enter executive session per KRS 61.810(1).*

*A motion to leave executive session was made by Ryan Hedrick, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous by all to leave executive session.*

No business or motions were made during executive session.

*A motion was made by Jody Brown, second by Chip Bisson to place EMS Director TaLisa Grief on 6 months of probation to obtain leadership training and move the ambulance service in a more positive direction.*

**Adjourn**

*Motion to adjourn made by Chip Bisson, second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote.*

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

