

Ballard County Fiscal Court  
March 21, 2023  
9:00AM

04/04/2023  
Jody / Ryan

Welcome: Todd Cooper, Judge Executive

Prayer: Ryan Hedrick, Chaplain

Pledge: Todd Cooper, Judge Executive

Roll Call: Ryan Hedrick, Jody Brown, Stonnie Dennis, Nathan Whipple,  
Chip Bisson

***Motion*** made by Chip Bisson, second by Ryan Hedrick to approve March 7, 2023 Fiscal Court Minutes.

Sealed Bids for EMS Truck

There were three sealed bids received for EMS Truck.

- 1) R Enterprises bid for remanufactured 2023 4500 Ford or Chevy Chassis with Stryker Equipment for \$234,700.
- 2) Penn Care bid for 3500 Ford Chassis with Stryker Power Load Equipment 203,168.80. 15-year structure warranty. This bid was disqualified based on the Specs in the bid request.
- 3) ARV 3500 Chevrolet Chassis with Stryker Power Load Equipment for \$229,019.87 delivery by August 1, 2023. Met all requirements of Specs on bid sheet.

***Motion*** by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson to accept the bid from ARV for EMS truck. Roll call vote as follows Chip Bisson-y, Nathan Whipple-y, Stonnie Dennis-y, Jody Brown-y, Ryan Hedrick-y, motion carries.

Roads and Bridges

***Motion*** to sell by requesting Public Bid for Surplus property Tandem Truck VIN ending 8276 made by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple unanimous on vote.

Tod Vance reviewed the scope of work for the County Bridges requiring repair. Fraser Road bridge repair is underway and hopefully by the end of April it will be open again.

Hoping to use 80/20 money and road aid money for the Bridge Projects.

3 quotes received for the 1-ton truck bed needed.

- 1) J Edinger and Son a 12 ft bed with hydraulics \$10,706.
- 2) Superior \$11,700

3) Floyd's Equipment Inc \$10,396

**Motion** made by Stonnie Dennis second by Ryan Hedrick to accept the bid from Floyd's Equipment Inc., unanimous on vote.

The washouts on Kevil Road have been fixed. Projects cost \$39,000 last month and total expenses to keep the roads open was \$46,011.56.

#### Sheriff

No report given

#### Ambulance

Total calls were 104. 77 of those were ALS, 1 ALS2, 9 BLS, 4 ER, AND 13 Non-Billable.

Inspection was passed with no deficiencies.

There is a Paramedic Class in Hopkinsville beginning August 2023.

There are 4 candidates wanting to attend the training. The Ambulance service requests that the Fiscal Court pay the costs for the students.

Discussion of developing a contract for the students to sign protecting the interests of the county in the financial aspect.

**Motion** by Stonnie Dennis second by Jody Brown to pay for all 4 candidates to take the qualifying pre-test, each test is \$25.25, unanimous on vote.

EMT class will begin in August instead of March because of not enough instructors to start the class this spring.

**Motion** to increase the Assistant Directors pay rate from \$13.50 to \$14.25 made by Ryan Hedrick second by Chip Bisson unanimous on vote. Motion to amend the motion to add effective current pay period made by Ryan Hedrick and second by Chip Bisson unanimous on vote.

#### Jail

Eric Copess presented the Jail report. Average population was 87. The high was 95 and low was 78. Intake was 49 release was 33. Housing income for the month \$62006.22 plus \$8000.00 MRP for a total of \$70,000.

**Motion** to sell Surplus Property Crown Vic with VIN ending 4415 via public bid made by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick unanimous on vote.

#### Animal Control

Report was presented.

## Solid Waste

Carboard intake was \$863. Free County Clean-Up Week is March 27-April 1.

## EMA

Travis Holder updated the Withers Broadcasting communications tower lease to support a lifetime agreement and to discuss at a future meeting. This will require a Change Order for the P25 Agreement. The project is being funded with ARPA funds.

***Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick to amend the Change Order, unanimous on vote.***

***Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson to request Public Bids for removing the Agers tower and taking ownership of the tower.***

The County Attorney feels that the County has an obligation to clean up the Land Owners property.

Brooking Road is at a 95% design and engineering phase.

## Treasurer

Resolution ARPA #19 was presented to move money to the General Fund for loss revenue.

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

***Motion to approve the monthly report made by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote, pending audit.***

***Motion to approve cash transfers made by Stonnie Dennis second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote pending audit.***

***Motion to pay bills made by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote, pending audit.***

## County Attorney

The draft of the UTV/ATV Ordinance is prepared, it mirrors the one made by Graves County. There are some changes to be made before it is presented to the Court for approval.

Clearway is coming to discuss the Solar Ordinance.

Following HB4 guidance to see if County Government can supersede State Regulations.

## County Clerk

2022 Fee Audit was presented. **Motion** by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote, pending audit, to approve the audit. Resolution HB 1 1.2, was presented. It is a grant to recoup grant money from the state for voting equipment. **Motion** made by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to approve.

### Projects and Properties

The Dolly Partner Imagination Library is up and running. More than 180 children are receiving the program. The Court suggested to make a one-time yearly payment for the first year instead of monthly payments. **Motion** By Chip Bisson and second by Jody Brown to make a payment of \$2400 for the year, unanimous on vote.

There is an interlocal agreement with City of Barlow to help build Moore Boulevard. The EDA and IDC have partnered and gathered grants to help. The final step is the paving. Request the Court to pay a third of those costs out of ARPA money, which will be \$15,000.

**Motion** made by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.

There was discussion of the Wickliffe Ambulance Base closing but no decision was made at this time.

Zito Update- Plumbing is almost complete, inspections being done, HVAC has been ordered, and construction is being done.

**Motion** to enter Executive Session made by Chip Bisson second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote. KRS 61.810 (1)

**Motion** to exit Executive Session made Jody Brown and second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote.

No business or motion were made during the Executive Session.

**Motion** by Stonnie Dennis second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to hire Will Carter at \$16.00 an hour contingent on him receiving his CDL.

***Motion*** by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson to approve SBA Partnership ARPA Resolution #20, unanimous on vote.

***Motion*** to adjourn made by Nathan Whipple and second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote.

Next Meeting Tuesday April 4, 2023 at 5:00pm.

