

Ballard County Fiscal Court
April 4, 2023
5:00 PM

Chris / Nathan

Welcome: Todd Cooper, Judge Executive
Roll Call: Ryan Hedrick, Stonnie Dennis, Jody Brown, Chip Bisson,
Nathan Whipple
Prayer: Ryan Hedrick, Chaplain
Pledge: Todd Cooper, Judge Executive

Motion made by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to approve the March 21, 2023 Fiscal Court Minutes.

Bids

Road Department Surplus:

1999 Ford F-350 Bucket Truck Vin 0033

- 1) Mark Brooks-\$2000.00
- 2) Chris Ledford-\$3500.00
- 3) Phillip Morris-\$800.00
- 4) Joey Seaton-\$1000.00
- 5) Gary Wilhelm-711.00
- 6) Jim Skiles-\$1900.00
- 7) Michael Graves-\$678.00
- 8) Robert Walker-\$750.00

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to accept highest bid from Chris Ledford for \$3500.00.

2006 Chevrolet Pick-Up 1500 Vin 9902

- 1) Kevin Morrison-\$1525.00
- 2) Gary Wilhelm-\$212.00
- 3) Robert Walters-\$200.00
- 4) Tony Wiggins-\$305.00
- 5) Michael Graves-\$258.00
- 6) Chris Ledford-\$500.00

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple to accept the highest bid from Kevin Morrison for \$1525.00, unanimous on vote.

Rosco Asphalt Roller

- 1) Gary Wilhelm- \$287.00
- 2) Robert Walters- \$100.00

Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote to accept the high bid of \$287.00 from Gary Wilhelm.

Wallenstein Wood Chipper (little)

- 1) Chris Ledford-\$500.00
- 2) Joey Seaton-\$500.00
- 3) Wes Cox- \$400.00
- 4) Robert Walters- \$100.00
- 5) Gary Wilhelm- \$327.00

Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to have a coin toss between Chris Ledford and Joey Seaton since they both bid \$500.00.

Bandit Model 254 Wood Chipper

- 1) Gary Wilhelm- \$777.00
- 2) Robert Walters- \$200.00
- 3) Wes Cox- \$2751.00
- 4) Chris Ledford- \$5000.00
- 5) Phillip Morris- \$3100.00
- 6) Joey Seaton- \$500.00

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to accept the highest bid from Chris Ledford for \$5000.00.

1982 John Deere Tractor (mower)

- 1) Chris Ledford- \$3500.00
- 2) Joey Seaton- \$800.00
- 3) Gary Wilhelm- \$2368.00
- 4) Michael Graves- \$510.00
- 5) Robert Walters- \$1500.00

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote to accept high bid from Chris Ledford for \$3500.00.

1988 GMC Tandem Dump truck ending Vin# 8276

- 1) Chris Ledford--\$3500
- 2) Kevin Morrison--\$4450
- 3) Robert Walters--\$100

4) David Warford--\$1650.

Motion by Chip Bisson, second by Nathan Whipple to accept the highest bid from Kevin Morrison for \$4450.00, unanimous on vote.

Roads- Tod Vance

The 2024 FYE County Road Aid Resolution was presented. **Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Jody Brown, unanimous on vote to accept the 2024 County Road Aid Resolution for \$879,000.00.**

Motion to table the Terrell Road issue until next meeting based on new information which was obtained at 4:30 p.m. this date, made by Nathan Whipple and second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote.

A committee consisting of Todd Cooper, Tod Vance, and Jody Brown was appointed by motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to inspect Fair Grounds Drive for potential adoption into the county road system.

Motion made by Stonnie Dennis second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to accept the KDA Mosquito Agreement MOU.

Motion made by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to purchase a compactor from McKeel for \$8767.00.

Motion by Jody Brown and second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous on vote to hire Bobby Joe Crabtree at \$16.00 and beginning April 3, 2023.

EMS

The court discussed Leadership class options. No action taken and passed until the next meeting.

The court discussed the Paramedic Tuition Assistance Policy. No action taken and passed until next date.

Solid Waste- Bryan Fondaw

Discussion by the court about using civic, youth etc groups to help with Road Abatement. Bryan stated it was an allowable expense from the S/W road abatement grant. Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous on vote to accept Road Abatement Resolution.

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to replace Recycle Center Employee by first advertising in-house, then by public advertisement, if necessary.

Jail- Eric Coppess

Motion to move JM to supervisor as of March 26, 2023 at pay rate of \$13.00 an hour, made by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote.

County Clerk- Katie Mercer

Early voting at the Courthouse will be:

5.11.2023 Thursday 6am-6pm

5.12.2023 Friday 6am-6pm

5.13.2023 Saturday 8am-4pm

This election the county will be using Voting Centers. This means that any registered voter may vote at any polling location on Election Day, Tuesday May 16,2023 from 6am-6pm. The following is a list of Vote Centers:

Kevil Community Center

LaCenter First Baptist Church

Barlow Library

Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Ballard County Courthouse

Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson unanimous on vote to approve PADD contract for redistricting precincts for \$50/hr.

Finance Officer-Angela Van Cleve

Angela presented a four year update of Occupational Tax revenue to the court for review.

Treasurer-Susan Bailey

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

Motion to approve cash transfer made by Chip Bisson second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote, pending audit.

Motion to approve line-item transfers made by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote, pending audit.

The 2024 FYE County Budget was presented to the Magistrates.

The COLA increase rate options were also presented: 6.2%, 4%, and 3%. A budget workshop will be held Monday April 10, 2023 at the Fiscal Court Room.

Projects and Properties

Judge Cooper gave an update of the Zito Building, including grants received and county match.

Judge Cooper gave an update on Fishink request to release the deed so the owner could sell the 2.3 acres to another business. County Attorney is reviewing the request.

Judge Cooper gave a copy of the Commercial Solar Farm resolution to the Magistrates for review and changes. The resolution will be voted on at the April 18, 2023 meeting.

Magistrates

Jody Brown gave the court an update on the First Baptist La Center ARPA request for \$10,000. The money will be used to assist in renovation of the former LaCenter Elementary School into dorms for mission workers that have been coming to the area since 2022 every summer. No action taken until more information could be obtained.

The ATV/UTV ordinance was discussed. The draft is not complete. No action taken.

Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote for Air Vac to be available for Open Enrollment for County Employees.

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

Next meeting will be April 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

