

Chip / Ryan

Ballard County Fiscal Court

March 7th, 2023

5:00 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion of Stonnie Dennis second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to approve the minutes of February 21st, 2023 Fiscal Court meeting.

KACO

Spoke to the Court about Bonds for Road Bridge Projects. The Court will review this information. No decision was made at this time regarding bonds.

Road

A motion by Stonnie Dennis, second by Jody Brown, unanimous on vote to enter into contract with Jim Smith Construction for \$163,253.98 substructure repairs project for Fraser Road bridge #17.

A motion made by Jody Brown, second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous by all to approve training cost for USDOT CDL requirements for Road employees.

A motion by Stonnie Dennis, second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous by all to declare Tandem Truck Vin# ending 8276 as surplus property.

EM

A motion by Chip Bisson, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous by all to place a cap of \$9,000 for project expenses and to partner with Wither's Broadcasting radio tower in the Blandville/Lovelaceville area of Ballard County.

Ambulance

A motion by Ryan Hedrick, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous by all to approve new payscale for part-time employees. EMT from \$11.00 to \$13.00, EMT-A

from \$12.00 to \$14.00, and Paramedic from \$16.00 to \$17.00 per hour, effective for pay period starting 03/05/2023.

Solid Waste

Bryan Fondaw, Director announced that County Spring Clean-up is scheduled for March 27th to April 1st.

A motion was made by Nathan Whipple, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous by all to approve \$4,400 for 4 tires for the skid steer.

Treasurer

Motion made by Chip Bisson, second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous by all to approve 4.46 one year CD interest rate presented by First Community Bank.

An amended motion made by Jody Brown, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous by all on to close out CDBG Utility grant and to allow J/E Todd Cooper to sign out the grant.

Motion made by Stonnie Dennis, second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous by all on approval to pay bills.

A motion by Nathan Whipple, second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous by all on approval of cash transfers.

County Attorney

Bethany Denton gave an overview of County Ordinance 430.5, a second reading rescinding Ordinance 430.4, Occupational tax abatement for TN America's, LLC.

A motion was made by Jody Brown, second by Chip Bison, unanimous by all, to approve County Ordinance 430.5 rescinding the 10 year Occupational Tax Abatement Ordinance 430.4 for Daher-TLI.

Discussion about a draft UTV Ordinance was discussed by community members and the court. No action was taken at this time.

County Clerk

It was noted that the County Clerk wrote a personal check to the County in response to the State's 2021 audit findings. J/E Todd Cooper also reported that Mary Warford, Chief Deputy for the Co. Clerk's office has gone back to 2019 to make ensure that the office is correcting the issues. He assured the Court that the

County Clerk is doing her “due diligence” and asked the Court for an “open end” time frame. The Court agreed.

County Coroner’s Office

Motion made by Jody Brown, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous by all to approve hourly rate of pay for Deputy Coroners.

Projects and Properties

Judge Cooper discussed a grant award by the Ky Cabinet for Economic Development for the West Ky Riverport in the amount of \$300,000. It is a 50/50 grant. *A motion by Stonnie Dennis, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous by all to move the remaining ARPA money from resolution 2021-ARPA-9-3 to the West Ky Riverport Authority, in the amount of \$60,000.*

Judge Cooper discussed the need to partner with Barlow to pave Moore Blvd, as two new businesses and housing was being planned for the property. Barlow is the poorest city in the County. The request was to pay 1/3 of the cost of paving, in the amount of \$15,000. No action was taken at this time.

A quote from BTC is being sought for the Courthouse. The current phone system is a 1996 model and is one lightning strike away from no longer working. The quote is not available yet.

Jail

A motion by Chip Bisson, second by Jody Brown, unanimous by all on the approval of the FYE 2024 Ballard County Jail budget.

A motion by Stonnie Dennis, second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous by all to approve the amended 36-month inmate phone contract with CPC.

A motion by Jody Brown, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous by all to remove Crown Vic vin# ending 4415 as surplus property and take sealed bids at next Fiscal Court meeting.

Magistrate Questions/Comments

No business at this time.

Judge Executive Comments

Judge Cooper gave a report on the need for new, renovated and dilapidated homes in the County. A city/county meeting with KLC is coming in early April.

Purchase District Health Department is requesting \$12,000 from Opioid lawsuit funds to teach drug prevention education in the Ballard Co. Schools. No action taken at this time.

Executive Session

A motion made by Chip Bisson, a second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous by all to go into Executive Session, KRS 61.810, personnel issues..

A motion made by Chip Bisson, a second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous by all to come out of Executive Session, KRS 61.810. No business or actions were taken during the session.

A motion made by Jody Brown, a second by Chip Bisson, unanimous by all in the approval of promoting Paul Holt to Assistant Director of the Ambulance Department at a rate of \$13.50 per hour effective this date (03/07/2023).

Adjourn

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

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 21st at 9:00 a.m.