

Whip / Chip

Ballard County Fiscal Court  
May 16, 2023  
9:00 AM

Welcome: Todd Cooper, County Judge Executive  
Moment of Silence and Prayer for Hudson Pace Family  
Roll Call: Stonnie Dennis, Jody Brown, Chip Bisson, Nathan Whipple,  
Ryan Hedrick  
Prayer: Ryan Hedrick, Chaplin  
Pledge: Todd Cooper, County Judge Executive  
**Minutes: May 2, 2023 Fiscal Court minutes approval on motion made  
by Jody Brown, second by Chip Bison, unanimous on vote.**

KYTC- Dustin Turner  
FYE 2024 State Road Projects

The balance available for paving is \$427,193.00  
1) KY 1105  
From: beginning of curves to: Hazel Creek .8 mile \$74070.00  
2) KY 1367  
From: Upshaw Lane to: Coontrail Road .8 mile \$73530.00  
3) KY 1280  
From: Stough Lane to: US 60 1.2 miles \$106290.00  
4) KY310  
From: Culverts to: Berry Lane 2.2 miles \$197910.00  
5.02 miles of resurfacing @ \$90,000.00 per mile leaves a balance of -\$24,  
607.00.

Bid for Services

Rock 1 bid from Ingram trucking  
#9 21.25  
#3 19.75  
DGA 19.25  
Rip Rap #8 23.75  
Rip Rap 150 25.25  
**Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on  
vote to accept the bid from Ingram Trucking.**

Gravel- No Bids  
Asphalt- No Bids (will re-bid)

Emulsion Oil 1 bid from Marathon

RS-2 2.85/gal

SS1H 3.15/gal

***Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote to accept the bid from Marathon.***

Culverts 2 bids were received from Metal and Jones Steel

***Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to allow Tod Vance to use either company to meet the road department's needs.***

Courthouse Cleaning 1 bid received from Owens Cleaners

***Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to accept the bid from Owens Cleaners for \$4550.00 a month (same as last year).***

Road- Tod Vance

The portable welder has stopped working and is currently in the shop for diagnostics. ***Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to replace spend up to \$8000.00 to replace the welder if the current one is not repairable.***

Sheriff-Ronnie Giles

Judge Executive Cooper entered into the Court record a proclamation celebrating National Police Week May 15-21, 2023 in Ballard County.

911-Dispatch- Trent Grief

Nothing to report

Ambulance- Talisa Grief

There were 84 calls in April, receivables \$342,326.00. The Ford Truck #328 is down due to hitting a deer. EMT class will start August 6. Judge Cooper entered into the court record a proclamation celebrating May 22-27 as EMS week in Ballard County.

Jail- Eric Coppess

Inmate population was a low of 85 a high of 93 for an average of 88. Coppess reported Jail revenue for April was \$94,465.

Animal Control

Todd Cooper presented April monthly activity and reported that April's Grooming is very satisfied with the dog wardens.

Solid Waste- Bryan Fondaw

Written report was presented to the court.

EMA- Travis Holder

Travis recommended switch from Fire Horn to I am Responding, which is phone caller based for the Ambulance and Rescue for \$600/year plus a \$50.00 set-up fee. **Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to change to I am responding.** The Fire Department can choose to stay with Fire Horn or to choose I am Responding; it will be their choice.

**Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to raise payment to each Fire Department from \$1500.00 to \$1800.00.**

**Motion to pay stipends to the Fire Department made by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.**

Treasurer-Susan Bailey

**Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Jody Brown unanimous on vote to approve monthly report, pending audit.**

**Motion to pay bills made by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote including \$503.50 to purchase power for postage, pending audit.**

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

**Motion to open Public Hearing made by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote.**

**Motion to accept 2024 FYE County Road Aid funds from KYTC made by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote.**

**Motion to accept LGEA (minerals, sand, gravel, etc.) Aid from the State made by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.**

**Motion to close Public Hearing made by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.**

**Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the 2024 Budget made by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote.**

County Attorney- Bethany Denton

Ben Robinson with the Department of Wildlife spoke via Zoom on the ATV/UTV Ordinance explaining that Refuge Properties and Wildlife Management Areas are off limits to ATV's and UTV's.

***Motion to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ATV/UTV Ordinance, by Jody Brown, second by Nathan Whipple. Roll-call vote as follows: Jody Brown-Yes; Ryan Hedrick-No; Stonnie Dennis-No; Nathan Whipple-Yes; Chip Bisson-Yes. Motion passes 3 to 2 effective July 1, 2023. Motion by Chip Bisson, second by Ryan Hedrick to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 430.1 for Occupational Tax- increase from 1% to 1.5% effective October 1, 2023. Roll-call vote as follows: Ryan Hedrick- Yes; Chip Bisson- Yes; Nathan Whipple- Yes; Jody Brown-Yes; Stonnie Dennis- No. Motion Carries.***

County Clerk- Katie Mercer

***Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to compensate Reapportion Board Members \$100.00 per meeting.***

Magistrates

***Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson unanimous on vote to raise travel meal per diem to \$45.00 per day for FYE 2024. The per diem is included in County Code policy 5.1.6.***

Projects and Properties

***Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown unanimous on vote to accept AOC contract for FYE 2024. The contract is for \$118,000 which helps pay courthouse upkeep expenses.***

Judge Executive-Todd Cooper

***Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson to hire a Summer Intern for housing planning at \$10.00/hr. not to exceed \$4000.00. Roll-call vote as follows: Stonnie Dennis-NO; Ryan Hedrick-Yes; Jody Brown-Yes; Chip Bisson-Yes; Nathan Whipple-Yes. Motion carries. Motion by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)B.,F. Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick to exit Executive Session.***

No motions made or business transacted during Executive Session.

***Motion to increase BC and MG from the Road Department hourly rate of pay to \$18.00 an hour made by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote, effective next pay period.***

***Motion made by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to hire CC, a current jail employee, for Solid Waste Department for \$13.00/hr., effective May 22, 2023.***

There will be a general public meeting on the Gage Solar Project sponsored by Clearway May 30, 6-8pm at Grace Church in LaCenter.

***Motion to adjourn made by Chip Bisson second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote.***

Next meeting is Tuesday June 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM

