

Ballard County Fiscal Court
September 19, 2023
9:00 AM

Chris / Jody

Welcome: Todd Cooper, Judge Executive

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

Prayer: Ryan Hedrick, Chaplain

Pledge: Todd Cooper

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to approve September 5, 2023 minutes.

Roads- Tod Vance

Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Nathan Whipple unanimous on vote to approve a semi load of sheet piling for \$38,000 to use for bridge repairs.

Sheriff- Ronnie Giles

Property Tax Bills will be mailed out September 29, 2023.

Jail- Eric Coppess

Jail population had a low of 81 and a high of 102 with an average of 95 for August. Total intake was \$103,000.00.

Motion made by Chip Bisson Second by Stonnie Dennis and unanimous on vote to raise MB \$2.00 an hour for medical and sgt. duties.

Ambulance- Paul Holt Int Director

Motion made by Nathan Whipple, second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to pay interim director pay rate of \$25 per hour effective September 6, 2023 at 7:00 a.m. Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to hire KD as a part-time medic for \$20.00 an hour effective September 6, 2023.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson to hire SC for \$18.00 an hour effective September 6, 2023.

Animal Control

Three additional officers need to be hired.

911/Dispatch

Motion by Ryan Hedrick second by Nathan Whipple to make SN Interim Director, unanimous on vote and effective September 19, 2023.
Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown, unanimous on vote to give the \$250.00 that Trent Grief was receiving to SN.

The Director position will be advertised for before one is chosen.

Treasurer- Susan Bailey

Motion by Nathan Whipple Second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to approve the monthly report, pending audit.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous on vote to approve cash transfers, pending audit.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to pay bills, pending audit.

County Clerk- Katie Mercer

Motion to approve 2nd reading of Redistricting Ordinance 110.4 made by Nathan Whipple and second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote.

Project and Properties

Motion made by Jody Brown second by Stonnie Dennis unanimous on vote to donate \$1000.00 to 4H Leadership Sponsorship Program, then amended to \$1500.00.

Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson to donate \$1000.00 to the City of Barlow Mum Festival which is October 6th and 7th 2023.

Magistrate Comments

Stonnie Dennis asked for a review of the Chicken Barn Ordinance. He asked that the set-back from residences be 1000' instead of 500' as per state guidelines. He also asked that 6 chicken houses be allowed instead of 5 (2 house are always built at a time). ***Motion made by Jody Brown second by Stonnie Dennis unanimous on vote to approve the First Reading of the amendment to Chicken Barn Ordinance.***

Judge Executive- Todd Cooper

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to approve Resolution Amendment 2023-09-19-01 to change the Riverport Grant from \$320,000 up to \$300,000.00.

Executive Session

Motion by Nathan Whipple and second by Jody Brown to enter Executive Session, unanimous on vote.

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous on vote to exit Executive Session.

No Motions or Business was conducted during Executive Session.

Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Stonnie Dennis to hire Anna Abernathy as Ambulance Director for \$23.50 an hour and to hire Paul Holt as Assistant Director for \$20.00 an hour. Roll Call vote: Stone Dennis-yes, Jody Brown-yes, Ryan Hedrick-yes, Nathan Whipple-yes, Chip Bisson-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Nathan Whipple, second by Jody Brown to enter executive session for personnel issues.

Motion made by Nathan Whipple, second by Chip Bisson to exit Executive Session, unanimous on vote.

No motions or business was conducted during the Executive Session.

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to adjourn.

Next meeting October 3, 2023 at 5:00PM

