

Chip Bisson

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

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

*Motion to approve December 5, 2023 Fiscal Court Minutes made by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote.*

Judge Executive took a moment to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Roads-Tod Vance**

*Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Nathan Whipple to pay the appointed Terrell Road Inspectors-2- a \$100.00 stipend, unanimous on vote.*

*Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson to appoint Terry Simmons and Clint Flowers to be Terrell Road Inspectors along with Tod Vance, Road Department Supervisor, unanimous on vote.*

The Road Inspectors will need to inspect the road and prepare a written report with their recommendation to either close that section or leave it as it is. This report will be presented to the Fiscal Court for a vote at the day meeting in January.

Tod needs Cold Patch and DGA mix, the quote from Jim Smith was for 2500 ton of cold patch and 1000 ton of DGA mix was \$270,000 plus \$30,000 in delivery costs. The 2500 ton of cold patch will last approximately 2 years. Tod explained to the Court he was looking into future options.

**Sheriff-Ronnie Giles**

Ronnie Giles presented a 2022 Tax Settlement addition. It is a LSG tax bill for Kevil Grain in the amount of \$3047.09. *Motion to approve the LSG Tax Bill and settlement, made by Stonnie Dennis second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.*

*Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson to approve the \$120,000 2024 State Advance Request, unanimous on vote.*

*Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson unanimous on vote to approve 2023 Fee Budget Amendment.*

*Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to approve 2024 Sheriff's Fee Budget.*

***Motion by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to approve the Sheriff's Annual Order setting Maximum Amount for Deputies and Assistants.***

**911-Ronnie Giles**

***Motion by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick unanimous on vote to approve MOU between Ballard County Fiscal Court and Sheriff, Ronnie Giles for Operation of Ballard County 911.***

**Ambulance- Anna Abernathy**

The monthly report was presented with a total of 99 runs. It was mentioned that there is a new account manager for the department. A proposal was presented for a completely new ambulance box and truck.

***Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to hire S.L. as a full-time EMT employee effective 12.22.2023 at the current pay scale rate.***

***Motion by Ryan Hedrick second by Stonnie Dennis and unanimous on vote to set-up a payment plan for a past-due ambulance bill, to alleviate the derogatory credit impact for the patient. The patient initials are C.***

***Motion to create a scope of work to bid-out for a new ambulance and box made by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.***

**Jail-Eric Coppess**

Monthly report was given low population was 87 high was 107 and average of 97.

Total income was \$97,000.

The DOC approved adding 20 additional beds and quotes are in the process for the purchase of them.

***Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to approve a new Jail Fee Schedule Resolution for FYE 2024 effective 01/01/2024.***

**Solid Waste-Bryan Fondaw**

Monthly report was presented, he is adding a section that gives an update on the properties that are currently being worked on. The 2024 litter check arrived. He mentioned that the Jail and State Department of Highways is assisting with litter clean-up on the State Roads in the county.

**EMA-Travis Holder**

*Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to enter into a MOU with the City of Wickliffe for use of the water tower and surrounding property as a placement point for Count Emergency Services Radio Equipment.*

**Animal Control**

It was reported that the vehicles being used have issues that are going to require another vehicle to be purchased in the near future.

**Treasure's Report-Susan Bailey**

*Motion to approve monthly report, pending audit made by Ryan Hedrick second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote.*

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

*Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple to approve Cash Transfers, pending audit, unanimous on vote.*

**County Attorney-Bethany Denton**

*Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Housing Ordinance with the addition of July 1, 2024 as the start date.*

An update was discussed for the Solar Resolution.

*Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick to approve Resolution 2023-12-19-23-01 per KRS 67.090 to move the Ballard County Fiscal Court's Monthly Meetings to the Zito Building (1718 Barlow Road Wickliffe, Ky 42087), unanimous on vote.*

A Peace-Making Cannabis Ordinance was presented. The Fiscal Court acknowledged the presentation but did not take any action on the matter.

**County Clerk-Katie Mercer**

The Fiscal Court was presented with the 2022 Fee Audit Report.

*Motion by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Headrick to approve the FYE 2024 Fee Budget, unanimous on vote.*

*Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote to approve the County Clerk's Annual Order setting Maximum Amount for Deputies and Assistants.*

*Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to approve up to \$20,000 advancement from the Fiscal Court to the*

***County Clerk's Office due to the state mandated closure, unanimous on vote.*** The advancement is for operations during state mandated closure.

**Judge Executive-Todd Cooper**

***Motion to move the January 2, 2024 meeting to Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00Pm made by Stonnie Dennis second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote.***

**Magistrates**

Ryan Hedrick mentioned that he was approached about a new Welcome to Bandana Sign being obtained. He will do some additional research and present the Court a request for what is truly wanted.

There was discussion about a property going into Blandville and Stonnie Dennis will reach out to a tie to the property and report to the court with some additional information.

Bethany Denton brought a matter of past due property taxes before the court. There was a lawsuit that would have aided in the collection of these, but was dismissed. She asked if she should do further research to possibly be able to file charges for collections. This will be discussed further in January.

***Motion to enter executive session made by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote.***

***Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to exit Executive Session.***

No Business was transacted or Motions made during Executive Session.

***Motion by Ryan Hedrick to hire 1 full-time employee, at the Recycle Center, and open to current county employees before posting to the public, second by Chip Bisson, motion carries 3 votes to 1.***

The next meeting will be Thursday January 4, 2024 5:00 PM at the Zito Building.

***Motion to adjourn made by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Headrick and unanimous on vote.***