

Ballard County Fiscal Court
December 5, 2023
5:00PM

Whip / Chip

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

Motion made by Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to approve November 21, 2023 Minutes.

Clearway IRB Discussion

Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Nathan Whipple to approve Commercial Solar Project Resolution # 2023-12-05-001. Roll Call vote: Jody Brown-yes, Stonnie Dennis-yes, Ryan Hedrick-no, Nathan Whipple-yes, Chip Bisson-yes. Motion carries 4-1.

Road-Tod Vance

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple to declare 1997 Ford F-350 VIN # 1FTJW35F4VEB36790 AND 1994 GMC Dump truck VIN#1GDM7H1J7RJ521867 as surplus property, unanimous on vote.

The Magistrates were given the 2024 and beyond paving plan. Todd Cooper informed the court that the DRA Grant for bridges was not awarded to Ballard County. *The Fiscal Court applied for the DRA grant to repair up to seven county bridges including Mosstown, Ceredo, Albert Hook, Robey, Shelby, Fraser #18, and Stahl.*

Terrell Road: It was discovered in the yearly county road update meeting with the PADD, that KYTC has all 1.7 miles of Terrell Road in the map and system. The Court is required by KRS to follow process that must be followed in order to adopt a road or close a road. A 3-person committee, 2 people appointed by the court and the head of the Road Department must go out and access the Road and make a recommendation to the Court to Adopt the Road or to Close the Road. The Court suggested to appoint Tim Myatt and Guy Johnson to this committee. Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous on vote to close 900' Terrell Road. The portion to be closed is the south "leg" of the road on the most western part of the roadway.

The need for cold mix was discussed. The previous vendor no longer provides the equipment to mix. After discussion, ***a Motion was made by Nathan Whipple***

second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous on vote to order 2 loads of asphalt mix for winter, from Jim Smith Construction.

Dispatch

The First Reading of the 911 Board Ordinance was presented.
A motion made by Ryan Hedrick, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote to approve on first reading of the Ordinance.

Jail-Eric Coppess

Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to get HVAC quotes for 2 standby units.

Based on DOC guidelines, the jail can add Twenty-two beds. The staff is researching the cost of the beds. This will increase jail capacity to a 90 bed facility. Eric and staff discussed the need to create more bed space by adding on the jail, due to increase in population and to be more self-sustaining. The staff would like to add a women's SAPP treatment option with the new addition. The Jail will reach out to the Federal Marshalls about housing Federal Prisoners.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple unanimous on vote to order a study about additional facilities to house female prisoners in the SAP Program.

Treasurer-Susan Bailey

The bills were presented with an addition of incentive pay for Ryan Hedrick, Nathan Whipple and Eric Coppess. *Motion to pay bills made by Jody Brown and second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote. Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote to approve Cash Transfers. Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to approve Appropriation Transfers.*

The 2nd Reading of Budget Amendment Ordinance 23-10-25 was presented.
Motion to approve Budget Amendment Ordinance 23-10-25 made by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimously approved.

County Attorney-Bethany Denton

The 1st Reading of the Housing Creation Ordinance was presented. *Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to approve First Reading.*

Judge Executive-Todd Cooper

Judge Executive Cooper informed the Court that the *certificate of occupancy* has been issued by the state for the Zito Building.

Executive Session

Motion made by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick to enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(A)(C)(H), unanimous on vote.

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote.

There were no motions or business transacted during the Executive Session.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Stonnie Dennis and unanimous on vote for Anna Abernathy to formulate a job descriptions for an Administrative Assistant/EMT (40 Hr. Week) position.

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

