Ballard County Fiscal Court January 4, 2024

5:00 PM

Todd Cooper, Judge Executive Welcome:

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

Bisson

Prayer: Ryan Hedrick, Chaplain

Pledge: Todd Cooper

John Summers welcomed everyone to the newly renovated Zito Building and expressed accolades to all that made it happen, especially the Magistrates, Judge Executive and staff.

Minutes

Minutes were presented from the December 19, 2023 meeting. Chip Bisson made a motion to forego the formal public reading of the minutes and approve as presented, second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.

Road-Tod Vance

The Road adoption committee is preparing the report for Terrell Road. Pace Road is under construction. The DRA Grant was not turned down. It simply had not been reviewed yet.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Nathaniel Whipple unanimous on vote to make a 1997 Ford 2wd F 350 VIN ending B36790 and a 1994 GMC Topkick Dump truck VIN ending J521867 surplus property and to take public bids.

Tod informed the Court that the Ditching Equipment that was ordered has arrived. He also mentioned that it would be more cost effective to change to steel tracks with rubber pads on our track hoe equipment and this conversion would run approximately \$12,000.

Dispatch

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous on vote to approve the 2nd Reading of the creation of Ballard County 911 Board Ordinance.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick unanimous on vote to approve SS going from Part-Time to Full-Time at the current pay rate scale. Motion by Nathan Whipple, second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to enter into a contract with Paducah City Fleet Maintenance for ASE Certifications.

Before searching for a new used truck, a currently out of service vehicle will be sent Paducah City Fleet Maintenance for an estimate on the cost to get it back in service.

Jail- Eric Coppess

There were 3 different quotes for a feasibility study to find out what the options are for expanding the Jail to house a SAP unit. Motion by Nathan Whipple, second by Chip Bisson and unanimous vote to accept the \$20,000 quote by JKS to perform the study.

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson unanimous on vote to approve a \$2.00 per hour raise for SH effective 1.1.2024 as long as he is leading the KYTC road and Litter Abatement Team.

Treasurer-Susan Bailey

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

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

The PVA office wants to switch from State Internet to BRTC. They would need a line item for internet in replacement of office supplies. Any difference in cost would be paid by the PVA office. *Motion by Chip Bisson, second by Ryan Headrick and unanimous vote to accept the line-item change.*

Animal Control

A yearly update of services was provided. A proposal for AC1 and AC2 was provided. Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous to make proposed changes to salary effective 1.1.2024. The motion included approval to approach each city with a cost adjustment increase proposal. AC 1 pay will be increased from \$225 to \$400 per month. AC 2 pay will increase from \$225 per month to \$300 per month. It was also brought to the attention of the court that further research needs to be done for the possibility of an Animal Shelter and the future of Animal Control in Ballard County.

HR

Motion by Ryan Hedrick, second by Jody Brown and unanimous vote to accept the Confidentiality Policy Agreement for all Ballard County Fiscal Court employees, as prepared by County Attorney Bethany Denton.

IDA is undergoing it's 4-year audit and needs \$7000 in funding to pay for the audit.

A cleaning quote was received from Owens Cleaning for the Zito Building. The discussion of the court was that the Judge Executive's Office and the Sheriff's Office would be responsible for cleaning the building.

Recycle-Bryan Fondaw

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple unanimous vote to approve public advertisement for a Full-Time position to start at \$15/hr.

Magistrates

Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Chip Bisson unanimous vote to match 50/50 funds for Bandana replacement signs, 1 double sided sign \$389 and 1 single sided sign \$319.

Executive Session

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

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

No Motions or business was transacted during Executive Session.

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