

Jody Brown

Ballard County Fiscal Court Minutes
February 20, 2024
9:00 AM

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

Motion made by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote to forego the public reading of the minutes and approve as presented the February 6, 2024, Fiscal Court Minutes.

Roads and Bridges

Tod Vance gave an update on some road issues going on in the county and asked for ideas and suggestions on how to help solve these issues.

Sheriff

The issue of not being able to take Debit cards was presented.

Ambulance

Anna Abernathy presented the monthly report. She asked the court for guidance in replacing a television that no longer works for one of the employee bedrooms.

Motion made by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson to allow up to \$200.00 for replacement of the television, unanimous on vote.

Items that were purchased based on reimbursement from Block Grant arrived after the deadline to submit for reimbursement. Anna will look into options to return some of the items that are not immediately needed and inform the court of the options.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson to hire and EMT—A, with the initials of T.W. effective date February 29, 2024 based on the current pay-scale, unanimous on vote.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Jody Brown, unanimous on vote to increase D.S. \$1 an hour in lieu of COLA raise in July 2024. (effective date?)

There was discussion on how to finance a new ambulance, no action was taken.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to increase A.A. rate of pay to \$25.00 and hour effective February 18, 2024.

Jail

Eric Coppess presented the monthly report. Jail population low was 95 high 106 with an average of 99. Income from housing 80,819 and MRT/GED \$11000.00 for a total of \$91,819.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple unanimous on vote to authorize Fiscal Year 2023-2024 House Bill 1 Jail Arraignment Equipment Phase II Resolution. The reimbursement amount will be \$44,018..

Eric asked the court about adding a third authorized signature to the account, the Court will seek the advice of the auditors for the best option to implement.

The Jail received a grant for new washers and dryers for the jail. ***Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to approve a Resolution to sign the grant paperwork to accept the grant and said equipment.***
Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Chip Bisson to accept bid from Hard Time Products for \$26625 to purchase new bunks. The bunks will increase the Jail Capacity to the maximum allowed per cell by law and DOC regs, up to 93 inmates.

Solid Waste

Bryan Fondaw presented the monthly report intake of \$6553 and cardboard sold \$4365.25.

Bryan discussed the previous years Resolution that allowed non-profits to collect litter and be paid \$200 for cleaning up 2 miles. The money is paid out of the litter grant he receives. There is an inspection process either during or after the completion and the members of the non-profit are asked to submit a response as to the experience.

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown, unanimous on vote to approve a Resolution that covers 2024 calendar year for non-profit litter collection.

Spring Clean-Up will be April 29-May 4 2024.

Bryan requested to apply for the KY Pride Grant and request 2 additional dumpsters, a trailer rated to haul cardboard bales and a new baler. April 1st is the deadline to apply, the cost is approximately \$90,000 covered by the grant and \$22,000 as an expense to the County.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to allow Solid Waste to apply for the KY Pride grant.

EMA

No report given

Animal Control

The current County Shelter situation should be stable for approximately 2 years but long-term plans need to be developed.

Treasurer

Motion to pay bills with the addition of Southern Concrete (Pace Lane Project) \$1101.34 made by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple unanimous on vote, pending audit.

Motion to pre-approve paying the credit card bill made by Chip Bisson second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote, pending audit.

Motion to approve Monthly Report made by Ryan Hedrick second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote, pending audit.

Motion to approve Cash Transfers made by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote, pending audit.

Susan will get bids for interest rates for the CD that is expiring soon and look into rates whether a CD or money market account has the best rates.

Judge Executive

The IDA audit came back with a positive opinion from the Independent Auditor.

Magistrates

Nathan Whipple wanted to commend the Road Department on their efficient work. Stonnie Dennis discussed the need to resolve the issue with patch mix for the county.

Executive Session

Motion by Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to enter Executive Session KRS 61.810(1)B

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

No motions were made or business transacted during executive session.

The County Attorney shall prepare a letter to send in order to collect on a County Loan.

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

Next meeting will be Tuesday March 5, 2024 at 5:00PM

