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# Ballard County Fiscal Court February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 5:00 p.m.

Welcome: Todd Cooper, Judge/Executive

Roll Call: Jody Brown, Ryan Hedrick, Nathan Whipple, H. "Chip" Bisson,

and Stonnie Dennis (All present)

Prayer: Ryan Hedrick, Chaplain

Pledge: Todd Cooper, Judge/Executive, All

# **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion of Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to approve the minutes of January 16th, 2024 Fiscal Court meeting.

# **Resolution of Recognition**

Judge/Executive Todd Cooper recognized Jace Birney for accomplishing the most basketball points made for Ballard Memorial High School.

# **Solar Resolution**

The Fiscal Court approved and voted on August 15, 2023 to set a limit on the total number of acres within Ballard County, that can be utilized for commercial solar projects at 3000 acres. A motion by Nathan Whipple, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote to accept the Solar Resolution 2023-04-18-02 for a 3000 acre cap.

# **Solar Revenue Sharing Resolution**

A motion by Nathan Whipple, second by Chip Bisson, to approve Resolution 2022-09-20-001(A). The resolution authorizes the Court to share Gage Solar PILT payments of up to\$20,000 for 40 years with the Ballard County Board of Education. Roll Call Vote: Jody Brown – "Yes", Ryan Hedrick – "Yes", Nathan Wipple – "Yes", Chip Bisson – "Yes", Stonnie Dennis – "No".

## **Surplus Bids**

Kevin Morrison was the high bidder for Ford F-350 and 1994 GMC trucks. The bids amounts were \$1280 for the F-350 and \$2875 for the GMC Dump truck. Motion by Nathan Whipple, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote to approve Morrison as the high bidder, out of three bids for the F-350. Motion of

Chip Bisson, second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous on vote to approve Morrison as the high bidder out of two bids for the 1994 GMC Dump truck.

## Road

Tod Vance informed the Court that Pace Lane is finished and will be officially opened on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> to the public.

#### **EMS**

A motion was made by Jody Brown, second by Ryan Hedrick on approval to hire T. B. Full time at the suggested current Ambulance pay scale.

A motion was made by Nathan Whipple, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous by all to declare two Inferno stretchers as surplus property.

# **Jail**

Eric Coppess, Jailer was not present. Quotes for bunks for the Jail will be table for now.

#### **OEM**

A motion made by Jody Brown, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous by all to enter into a mutual aid agreement with Regions 1 and 2 for Fire/Rescue services.

A motion by Jody Brown, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous by all for the Court and the Ballard County Rescue Squad to enter into an Affiliation agreement.

A motion by Jody Brown, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous by all for OEM Director Travis Holder to remain as Ballard County Applicant Agent, for FEMA.

A motion by Chip Bisson, second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous by all to purchase Zellow software and equipment for County Fire Departments. The cost will be approximately \$700 to \$800.

## Dispatch/911 Board

A motion was made by Chip Bisson, second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous by all to accept Citizen at Large, Karen Hensley, BTC CEO, as a 911 Board member.

A motion was made by Nathan Whipple, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous by all to accept La Center Fire Chief, Tyler Powell as a 911 Board member.

# **Treasurer**

Motion by Chip Bisson, second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous by all to approve bills with additions of Road Bills in the amount of \$1899 to Mission CDL and \$29,500 to Harper Construction for Pace Lane Bridge repairs.

Motion by Chip Bisson, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous by all to approve cash transfers.

Motion made by Nathan Whipple, second by Jody Brown, unanimous by all to approve credit card payments of \$389.92 for the general fund and \$199.98 for the DES fund.

# **Executive Session**

A motion made by Nathan Whipple, a second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous by all to go into Executive Session, KRS 61.810.

A motion made by Nathan Whipple, a second by Jody Brown, unanimous by all to come out of Executive Session, KRS 61.810. No business or actions were taken during the session, and no motions were made during executive session.

# Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Nathan Whipple, second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, February 20th at 9:00 a.m.

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