

Ballard County Fiscal Court  
March 5, 2024  
5:00 PM

Chip RPJ

Welcome: Todd Cooper, Judge Executive  
Roll Call: Ryan Hedrick, Jody Brown, Stonnie Dennis, Chip Bisson (via zoom).  
Prayer: Ryan Hedrick, Chaplain  
Pledge: Todd Cooper

***Motion to forego the public reading of the minutes and approve as presented the February 20, 2024, Fiscal Court Minutes made by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.***

**Bids for Services**

***Investments:*** Two bids were received from CDB and FCB.

CDB 12-month CD 5.09 APY 5.15  
Money Market 4.33

FCB 12-month CD 5.21 APY 5.31  
Money Market 4.35

***Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to accept the high bid on 12 month cd from FCB.***

***Courthouse Mowing:*** One bid was received from Harris Lawn Service for \$5850 March thru November for the Court House yard. ***Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to accept the mowing bid from Harris.***

***Fire Extinguisher Service:*** One bid was received from First-Line. ***Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to accept service bid from First-Line.***

**Road-Tod Vance**

Tod presented a new bridge issue on Ceredo Road. There has been recent significant damage to the bridge. Today inspected by 4 KYTC state bridge inspectors and is currently being left open to traffic but the road department is diligently monitoring for increased damage. There must be a plan of action to fix this issue in the very near future, several options were presented and range in price from approximately \$149,000 to \$1,000,000. The options are being further researched.

The court has reached out for assistance to engineering firms in writing a US DOT BIP Grant, and will update as new information is available.

### **Jail**

The draft budget for FYE2025 was presented to the Court. *Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to approve the FYE 2025 Jail Budget, as presented.*

*Motion by Stonnie Dennis, second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to order to HVAC units at \$15700(for both) for the jail. There is a 30-week lead time on these.*

### **911-Dispatch**

The newly established 911 Board will have it's first meeting March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

### **Treasurer-Susan Bailey**

*Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to pay bills with the addition of \$2,274 to Owens Cleaning (court house) and \$7,057 to Newton Roll-Off Dumpster (solid waste), pending audit.*

*Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Jody Brown to add \$180,000 to the current investment for the 1 yr. CD, unanimous on vote.*

*Motion to approve cash transfers changing the solid waste amount to \$9707, made by Ryan Hedrick second by Jody Brown unanimous vote, pending audit.*

*Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Ryan Hedrick to pay off line of credit amount of \$188,049 but to leave the line of credit open until expiration date of May 2025, unanimous on vote.*

*Motion to amend cash transfers by Ryan Hedrick second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to transfer \$188,049 from general fund to road fund, pending audit.*

### **Animal Control**

Animal Control is having truck issues and the Road Department has provided a truck until a permanent solution can be found.

A quote for continued service from April' Grooming for animal control has been presented. The quote is a 2-year contract at \$1000.00 a month, beginning May of 2024. No action was taken.

The idea was presented to hire a part-time payroll specialist in order to help the transition of Susan Bailey's upcoming retirement.

**Magistrate Issues**

Ryan Hedrick brought up the issue of the Solar Project in the County and the ability to hold the company accountable to any damages to the County Roads.

*Motion to adjourn made by Ryan Hedrick second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote.*

Next Meeting will be Tuesday March 19 at 9 AM.