

Ballard County Fiscal Court
April 16, 2024
9:00 AM

Chip

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

Motion by Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous on vote to approve the April 2, 2024 Fiscal Court Minutes and to forego the public reading of the minutes.

Bids for Services

There was only one bid for solid waste removal for the Courthouse and Jail submitted by GFL.

5 yd \$112 a month for the courthouse with \$69.58 extra pick-up charge

8 yd \$131 a month for the Jail with \$ 69.58 extra pick-up charge.

Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to accept the bid from GFL.

Two bids were submitted for the Recycle Center for solid waste removal.

Newton \$235 per haul and \$60 a ton

GFL \$290 per haul and \$40 a ton.

Motion to accept the bid from Newton's because they are an in-county provider made by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.

There were 2 bids received for the HVAC maintenance at the Courthouse.

Murtco \$3150 per year

Paducah Heat & Air \$8150 per year

Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to accept the bid from MURTCO.

Motion by Ryan Hedrick second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to move surplus equipment from the Ambulance Service to the CTC Work Force Center at Ballard Memorial High School.

Roads and Bridges

It was recommended to the Court that no action be taken at this time on the US DOT Grant.

The City of Blandville has officially been dissolved and because of this, the County will receive the \$19200 in Road Aid. Since the money was originally designated as road aid for Blandville it was suggested that it be used to pave 3 roads in the community that are in need of it.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to use the Road Aid Money from KYTC in Blandville to pave 3 roads in that community. The roads to be paved are Pigeon, Spring and Fire Dept Drive.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to solicit Bids for County Bridge #32 on Bethlehem Church Road.

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick unanimous on vote to declare scrap metal left from Brooking Road Project as trash and allow a resident to salvage it.

Sheriff

2023 Tax Bills have been turned over to the County Clerk.

Ambulance

Billing is being processed again.

The annual inspection was completed and there were no discrepancies.

Motion to host a Leadership Class presented by Murray State University in June made by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to give Anna Abernathy the agreed upon 2 weeks of vacation back dated to her date of hire 9.25.2023.

Jail

The jail report was delivered low population 101, high population was 116 and an average of 108. There were 73 bookings and 69 releases. Total income for the month was \$122,418. \$85,218 was from housing and \$37,200 from MRT and GED.

One bid was received for the Food Vendor. Kellwell, the current vendor, submitted a bid and the rates will remain the same as current rates for the 2-year contract.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to approve the bid.

The policy manual amendment was presented to the Court and will be further discussed at the May meeting.

Solid Waste

Monthly report was given. Intake was \$4,396, cardboard sold was \$2,605 and the invoice from the metal sold has not been received yet.

Spring Clean-Up days will be April 29 thru May 4. There is a list at the Judge Executive's office for elderly and disabled pick up to be scheduled. If tires are disposed of during the event there will be a charge for them. No hazardous materials or paint can be accepted.

An update was given on some of the properties that need cleaned up with in the county. One has been deemed an illegal dump and the County will be eligible to apply for a Grant that will reimburse the cost of clean-up.

Travis Holder discussed the idea that the County and all the Cities with in the county should come together and create an ordinance for Property Clean-up so that the entire county is working towards the same goal. There are some other ideas presented by The Housing Committee to aid in the process of Property Clean-Up in the County.

Emergency Management

First Baptist in LaCenter wants to be designated as an Emergency Shelter, they are able to house and bed 200 people. *Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to send a letter in support of this endeavor. Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson unanimous on vote to apply for the 50-50 Grant for a new generator for the New Dispatch location.*

Animal Control

Motion by Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to approve a 1-year contract with April's Grooming for \$1000 a month.

Treasurer

Motion by Ryan Hedrick second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to approve the monthly report, pending audit.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to approve quarterly report, pending audit.

Motion by Ryan Hedrick second by Chip Bisson unanimous on vote to pay bills, including CC 130.70 Ambulance, 1127.01 General; Graves Brothers 385.00 911, 160 Old Sheriff Office; \$550.00 April's Grooming.

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson unanimous on vote to approve Cash Transfers pending audit with a change to \$1000 for LGEA.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to approve the First Reading of the 2025 FYE Budget

Benefits

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson unanimous on vote to allow Globe Life to offer insurance during open enrollment.

County Attorney

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple unanimous on vote to approve the 2nd Reading of the Amended Housing Ordinance 901.0.

The County Attorney's Office underwent it's first ever audit and is waiting for the results.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple unanimous on vote to give contractor \$1440.30 deposit for materials to fix the Court House Porch Roof.

Motion to enter Executive session by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote.

Motion to exit Executive Session by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote.

There was no business conducted or motions made during Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn made by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote.

Next meeting will be May 7, 2024 at 5:00 PM.