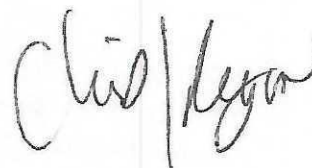


Ballard County Fiscal Court
May 7, 2024
5:00PM



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

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote to approve the April 16, 2024 Fiscal Court Minutes and to forego the public reading of the minutes.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote to approve the Special Called April 26, 2024 Fiscal Court Minutes and to forego the public reading of the minutes.

Nick Benjamin was present from Clearway to give an update on the Song Sparrow Solar Project. Permits were received at the end of February 2024 to allow the construction phase to begin. In early 2025 construction will actually begin for the access drive and the pad for LGE's equipment to sit. In May or June of 2025 LGE will begin construction of the equipment necessary to facilitate the project. In midsummer of 2026 the actual construction for the solar project will begin and in mid-2027 the project will be online and producing. This is a tentative timeline and Mr. Benjamin said he would try to report at least quarterly to give updates on this project.

Road

The FYE 2025 Road Aid Agreement was presented. *Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick unanimous on vote to approve Resolution accepting the County Road Aid Coop Program Contract between Ballard County Fiscal Court and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for FYE 2025 beginning July 1, 2024.*

A Public Hearing is required to allow discussion on whether the Fiscal Court should accept the Road Aid Funds.

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to open the Public Hearing.

There were no comments or objections during the Public Hearing.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to Close the Public Hearing.

Sheriff/911

The Ballard County 911 Board has a vacancy to fill and they recommended to the Court to fill the vacancy with Brock Kirk.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Stonnie Dennis and unanimous on vote to appoint Brock Kirk to serve on the Ballard County 911 Board.

Jail

Motion made by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to accept the FYE 2025 Jail Policy Update.

The new beds are in place.

The Jail had its annual inspection, it passed and the certificate of occupancy was granted.

Solid Waste

Spring Clean-Up week was a success with a record breaking 120.22 tons collected.

LGEA Funds

In order to receive LGEA funds for FYE 2025, a Public Hearing is required.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to open the LGEA Public Hearing.

There were no comments or discussions during the public hearing.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to close the LGEA Public Hearing.

OEM

Travis discussed the Port Security Grant that was applied for in 2022 for a new Rescue boat that would allow rescue operations to be more safely performed in extreme temperatures and weather conditions. The grant was not awarded in 2022 but he would like for the County to reapply as the Coast guard in Paducah is losing their boats and Travis feels like this would help us to receive the grant for a boat this time. It is a 75/25 Grant the county would be responsible for \$34,000.

Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to apply for the Port Security Grant.

Treasurer

Susan Bailey presented the first (1st) reading 2024 FYE Budget amendment request #2 to the Court for approval. *Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to accept the first (1st) reading Budget Amendment #2 2024 FYE.*

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to pay bills, pending audit.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to approve Cash Transfers, pending audit.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to approve Expenditure Line-Item Transfers, pending audit.

The Court was presented (4) four Health Insurance Plans for Employee Health Care from Anthem Insurance. Our agent of record received quotes from carriers Anthem and United. Anthem was the half the price of United.

Motion by Jody Brown and Chip Bisson unanimous on vote to accept the 4 options for the Employees of the County to choose from.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to accept the FYE 2025 AOC Courthouse cleaning/maintenance contract.

County Attorney

There was discussion about the ATV Ordinance being amended but it will be discussed further at the next meeting.

There is a training about medical cannabis being presented by KACO at 8:00 am Wednesday May 8, 2024.

Projects and Properties

Greg Hobgood has requested to be an Electrical Inspector in the County. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

There was discussion of hiring a pt payroll coordinator in preparation for Susan Bailey's retirement.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Jody Brown unanimous on vote to give Ballard County FBLA \$1500.00 to help defray costs of attending their National Convention.

Todd Cooper thanked those that reached out to the legislatures during the recent General Assembly.

Ballard County was awarded the following partly due to the diligence of the Magistrates contacting our Representatives.

- 1) Ballard-Carlisle Library \$100,000.00
- 2) Kevil Fire Department \$500,000.00
- 3) West KY Riverport \$500,000.00
- 4) Morris Crane Memorial Bridge Naming
- 5) City/County Bridge Funds 50,000,000.00
- 6) KYTC 6 yr. road plan for County and Region \$136,000,000.00
- 7) Paving Steve Denton Road from Sally Crice to JM Myatt \$104,000.00

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