

Ballard County Fiscal Court

August 20, 2024

9:00 AM

Nathan
JDS

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 minutes from the August 5, 2024 Fiscal Court Meeting and to forego the public reading of these minutes.

Road

Judge Cooper announced recognition of former Road Department worker Anthony Lara for his contribution to the Patriots and Veteran's Museum through his Eagle Scout service project.

The court reviewed an in-kind donation request for dirt to repair mud slides at Olive Branch Academy in May. ***A Motion was made by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to Olive Branch Academy for an in-kind donation of dirt.***

Judge Cooper reported residents had called requesting children at play signs on two county roads. ***Motion by Ryan Hedrick second by Chip Bisson to place children-at-play signs on Bethlehem Church Road and Pine Lane, unanimous on vote.***

OEM Director Travis Holder gave an update Brooking Bridge update: the permit should arrive in a couple weeks and construction will hopefully begin in September, 2024.

Motion by Chip Bisson to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-08-05-001 to borrow \$495,000 for bridge work second by Stonnie Dennis and unanimous on vote.

Motion to purchase a used dump truck, 2007 International, at \$39,500 (cost is less than bid procurement requirement) made by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote.

Tod Vance gave an update about road projects they are working on currently.

Sheriff

No business to discuss

911/Dispatch

Judge Executive Cooper provided the court with the Ballard 911 Board decision and stipulations to merge Ballard Dispatch Center with Carlisle County Dispatch. Magistrate Ryan Hedrick gave an update as to why the decision was made and after discussion and questions. *A Motion by Jody Brown and second by Stonnie Dennis unanimous on vote to merge the Ballard and Carlisle 911 with certain stipulations. The Fiscal Court is able to negotiate all contracts and MOU's with Carlisle County and only a 90 day termination notice is required. There will be a joint county board, current 911 employees will be kept as full-time and will keep their current vacation and sick time which has been accrued. Ballard County will continue to work on obtaining their own PSAP.*

Ambulance

The court reviewed the monthly report. Director Abernathy stated the new 2024 Ford ambulance is receiving decals and the radio system and will hopefully be in service by October. The court asked for a status update to the County Attorney for reimbursement of \$5000 for paramedic school, as former EMS employee P.H. broke the contract with the Court.

Jail

Monthly jail report was presented. The jail can now legally house 93 inmates. A request was made to donate the surplus property bunks to Olive Branch Recovery Center.

Motion made by Ryan Hedrick second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to donate surplus property bunks.

Animal Control

Judge Cooper gave an update on Animal Control. There is only one AC employee and the Judge Executive acknowledged all of those that have stepped up to help.

Solid Waste

Coordinator Brian Fondaw gave his monthly update. Fondaw announced Saturday October 5, 2024 will be Fall Clean-Up Day, no tires will be accepted.

EMA

Director Travis Holder gave an update on a MOU with the City of LaCenter for the medical Helipad at the city property adjacent to the Rescue Building. *A motion by*

Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple to accept the MOU with City of LaCenter for the helipad, unanimous on vote to accept.

Treasurer

Susan Bailey presented the following items of business to the Court: ***Motion to pay bills with the addition of P-25 radios and dispatch equipment for redundancy purposes in the amount of \$8639.06 and \$1870.48 made Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous on vote, pending audit.*** The radio's and equipment will be placed at Carlise County Dispatch.

Motion to approve cash transfers with the addition of \$15,500 for 911 made by Ryan Hedrick and Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote, pending audit.

Motion to give \$1000 to the city of Wickliffe for the 2024 Harvest Festival made by Chip Bisson second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote.

Motion to approve the monthly report made by Ryan Hedrick second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote, pending audit.

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick unanimous on vote to approve allowing direct deposit.

County Attorney

County Attorney Bethany Denton discussed community concerns from the August 5, 2024 meeting on the Commercial Solar Farm Projects in Ballard County. Several residents spoke along with representatives from Gage Solar.

Motion made by Nathan Whipple to make setbacks 750 from a residence for non-contract houses. This motion died due to a lack of a second.

Motion by Ryan Hedrick, second by Jody Brown to amend resolution 2023-04-18-01 and adopt KRS 278.704 guidelines for Ballard County. Roll Call vote as follows: Chip Bisson-aye, Nathan Whipple-nay, Stonnie Dennis-nay, Jody Brown-aye, Ryan Hedrick-aye. With a 3-2 vote the motion passes.

County Clerk

General Election is November 5, 2024.

Projects and Properties

John Summers presented to the court an idea of the County adopting the walking trail in Whispering Oaks. The Court is going to refer this to the IDA Board to see if they wish to do this.

Motion made by Ryan Hedrick second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to adjourn.

1875-1876 Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the
American Telephone and Telegraph Company

General

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company was organized in 1876 for the purpose of operating a telephone system in the United States. The company has since that time expanded its operations and has become one of the largest and most successful corporations in the world. The following is a summary of the company's operations for the year 1875-1876.

The company's operations for the year 1875-1876 were characterized by a steady increase in the number of telephones in use and a corresponding increase in the amount of business transacted. The total number of telephones in use at the end of the year was 10,000, and the total amount of business transacted was \$1,000,000. The company's operations were also characterized by a steady increase in the number of telegraph lines in use and a corresponding increase in the amount of business transacted. The total number of telegraph lines in use at the end of the year was 10,000, and the total amount of business transacted was \$1,000,000.

Financial

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