

Ballard County Fiscal Court  
October 15, 2024  
9:00 AM

Chip/Jody

**Welcome:** Todd Cooper, Judge Executive

**Roll Call:** Jody Brown (via phone), Ryan Hedrick, Stonnie Dennis,  
Nathan Whipple, Chip Bisson

**Prayer:** Ryan Headrick, Chaplain

**Pledge:** Todd Cooper

***Motion to approve the October 1, 2024 Fiscal Court Minutes and to forego the public reading of the minutes made by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote.***

Judge Cooper asked that there be a moment of silence to honor Ginger Thomas and also a moment of silence for Ray Alvey and family.

A proclamation was issued by Judge Cooper to honor Madison Glisson and to name Oct 14- Oct 18 Madison Glisson Week.

A proclamation was issue by Judge Cooper to Jack Giles and a plaque was presented to Jack for his service on the BC Board of Elections.

October 15, 2024 is recognition day for Jack Giles.

A proclamation was presented to Susan Bailey for her years of service to Ballard County. Her retirement day October 31, 2024 shall be Susan Bailey recognition day in the County.

***Motion made by Chip Bosson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to appoint Lindsay Meeks as Ballard County Treasurer effective November 1, 2024 term ending June 30, 2027.***

***Motion made by Ryan Hedrick second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to add Lindsay Meeks to the County Performance Bonds, Road Bonds and loans.***

***Motion by Chip Bisson second by Stonnie Dennis and unanimous on vote to accept the retirement of Susan Bailey.***

***Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to remove Susan Bailey from all financial accounts effective October 31, 2024.***

***Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to add Lindsay Meeks as SAMS Entity Administrator.*** SAMS is a federal clearing house for identifying the County for the U.S. Federal Government and the process in which federal funds are awarded.

### **Sheriff**

Ronnie Giles reported that tax collection is underway and is going well.

### **911 Dispatch**

Larry Fraser was present with an update for the department. The merger has gone fairly well with a few bumps but all is getting better. Bids are out for Equipment Upgrade. The department will be looking to hire soon. Pay is \$17 for uncertified and \$18 for certified. Two Board members have been appointed for Carlisle County. There need to be two members appointed from Ballard County to serve.

***Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to appoint Trent Grief and Brock Kirk as members to the 911 Board.***

Phase 1 of antenna upgrades is complete.

### **Ambulance**

AMB is finally receiving payments on billing and collection is trending up. The inspection of the new rig will be October 30 and it will be ready to be put into service. The department has begun using a local pharmacy to help cut costs. New mattresses are needed. It was the courts suggestion that Anna gather prices and report back to the court.

### **Jail**

Monthly report was given low population was 94, high 106 for an average of 99. There were 41 bookings and 52 releases. Income was

\$94,606 including MRT and Housing. The GED program is back up and running. Also, there are several work-release programs at the jail.

### **Solid Waste**

Bryan Fondaw presented his monthly report.

### **Animal Control**

A monthly report was given. The need for large live traps was discussed. It was mentioned that the City of LaCenter may have them and someone from the County will reach out to them to see if they are available for use. *A motion was made by Ryan Hedrick second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to approve the purchase of a large live trap for approximately \$400.00 if the ones from LaCenter are not available.*

### **Treasurer**

*Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to accept the monthly report, pending audit.*

*Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to accept the quarterly report, pending audit.*

*Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to pay bills with the addition of \$600 for to the Ambulance for Dr Raines and to pre-approve the Credit Card for the different accounts for approximately \$1200.00.*

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

*Motion by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to approve Cash Transfers, pending audit.*

### **Road**

The County is still waiting on the Nationwide Permit from the Army Corp of Engineers, but the work on Brooking Road Bridge may begin as long as the creek is not touched. Work on Bridge 32 has also begun. The decking has been removed from Gum Corner Road Bridge and will be working on that. A culvert was ordered for Fraser Road Number 18.

An employee (WC) with the Road Department has requested to be reimbursed for his annual EMT certification. ***Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to reimburse WC for his annual EMT certification cost.***

Ballard County was awarded a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$12,750.00 for the purchase of a Drone. This Drone will be a multi-agency drone and used where it needs to be throughout the county and will be operated by a local drone team.

The 2024 KPDI Grant requires an application fee and a local match. ***Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to pay the application fee and pass the local match Resolution for the potential \$2 Million Grant.***

***Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to change the next meeting date to Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM.***

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