

Ballard County Fiscal Court

December 17, 2024

9:00 AM

Welcome: Todd Cooper, Judge Executive

Roll Call: Jody Brown, Stonnie Dennis, Nathan Whipple, Chip Bisson

Prayer: Todd Cooper

Pledge: Nathan Whipple

Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024, as presented meeting and forego the public reading.

Road-Bridges

Foreman Tod Vance reported the department is working on mow trimming and performing repairs to roads and equipment. Allen Damron request for road adoption; no action taken research on-going. A resident on West Walnut street in Lovelaceville requests speed bumps; no action taken at this time, waiting on signed petition.

Sheriff

Sheriff Ronnie Giles present and attending with no new business to discuss.

911-Dispatch

OEM Director Travis Holder relayed to the Court that the Fire Chiefs said the pager test is not completed. Judge Cooper stated he will reach out to 911 director Larry Fraser.

Ambulance

Director Anna Abernathy presented her monthly report. ***Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson to approve Ballard EMS Time and Attendance Policy after review and approval of the County Attorney, unanimous on vote. Motion by Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple unanimous on vote to raise PT Employee AH to pay scale rate of \$20.00 effective 12.17.2024.*** Treasurer Meeks discussed with the court Director Abernathy COLA was not given from July 1, 2024 until

present date. She recommended the court raise the director hourly rate of pay \$1.25 per hour effective today to rectify the oversight. ***Motion by Chip Bisson second by Jody Brown to approve the recommendation as presented, unanimous on vote.***

Jail

Jailer Eric Coppess was not present for the meeting.

Solid Waste

Coordinator Bryan Fondaw gave his monthly report and said they had a strong month.

EMA/Animal Control

Director Travis Holder gave an update on Brooking Bridge.

Treasurer

Treasurer Lindsay Meeks presented the following items for approval:

Jody Brown made a motion to approve the monthly report second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous on vote, pending audit.

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

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Stonnie Dennis and unanimous on vote to approve cash transfers, pending audit.

County Attorney

Bethany Denton was present and attending with no new business to conduct.

County Clerk

County Clerk Katie Mercer presented a 2024 Fee Budget Amendment #1. Katie reported since the state law has changed requiring car dealers and state residents to license vehicles in the county sold, has reduced revenues. ***Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to approve the budget amendment, pending audit.***

HR

H.R. Directo Angela Van Cleve presented to the court a copy of the proposed medical marijuana employee policy. Judge Cooper stated the PADD office is working on a similar policy with the help of Attorney Stacey Blankenship. After discussion a *Motion was made by Stonnie Dennis second by Nathan Whipple to approve the policy as presented and update if needed after the PADD office policy is completed, the motion was unanimous on vote.*

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