

Ballard County Pub
Chip Whipple

Ballard County Fiscal Court
January 7, 2025
5:00 PM

Welcome: Todd Cooper, Judge Executive

Roll Call: R. Hedrick, J. Brown, S. Dennis, N. Whipple, C. Bisson

Prayer: Ryan Hedrick, Chaplain

Pledge: Todd Cooper

Motion to approve December 17, 2024 Fiscal Court Minutes as presented and forego the public reading made by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote.

Surplus Property Bids

Jail Property- No Bids Received

4 Flag Poles

- a) Roy Bondurant \$50
- b) Clint Dennis 2 for \$875
- c) Bean Farms 4 for \$812.51
- d) Amy Abernathy 1 for \$200.00
- e) Robert Walters 4 for \$1300.00
- f) Rex Powell 1 for \$100.00

Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to sell the 4 flag poles to the highest bidder, Robert Walters.

Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to declare Jail surplus property (14 bunks, 1 residential non-working washing machine, 2007 Ford Explorer Vin 5569 as trash. The jail can sell all items as scrap.

Road

The Road Department will be spreading salt in anticipation of the upcoming snow storm.

Motion made by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson unanimous on vote to table until August 2025 the discussion on the County adopting Allen Damron's non-named private road into the Road System.

Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson unanimous on vote to purchase approximately 80 Ton of salt from Riverway Ag for \$100.00 a ton.

Sheriff

Judge Cooper advised the court due to a delay in usps mail, the Sheriff did not receive their advance for the new year beginning January 1, 2025 from the State. A Motion made by Stonnie Dennis second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to pay 2025 Quarterly Claim Approval (¼ of total amount \$21,281.25) retroactive to January 2, 2025.

Jail

The Jail is in need of a sidewalk repair and the repair of the Wheel Chair ramp in order to meet compliance. The sidewalk repair is approximately 20 ft long and 6 ft wide. Harper Construction presented a bid to remove the damaged area and replace it. The Court wishes for the Road Department to look at it to see if they are able to remove the damaged area to lessen the cost of the project before moving forward.

The Jail Expansion Project study will be discussed when the Jailer is present.

Treasurer

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

Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to pay bills, with the addition of the Sheriff 2025 claim, pending audit.

Surveyor

Herb Simmons has been bonded and sworn in as County Surveyor.

Constable

Steve Davis has been Sworn in as 5th District Constable. Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5 have constables.

Properties and Projects

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to contribute \$3500.00 to Ballard EDC for yearly dues to Cornerstone a regional edc marketing group.

Executive Session

Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to enter Executive Session KRS: 61.810(1)(A)(C)(F)(H).

Motion made by Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to exit Executive Session.

No Business was transacted nor Motions made during the session.

Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to remove one disciplinary write up from Kenny Smith's file. The most recent counseling will remain on file and Kenny will be able to petition the court in a year to have it removed.

Tod Vance will notify Higdon farms of drainage issue options on Sally Crice Road.

Adjourn

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