

Ballard County Fiscal Court  
March 18, 2025  
9:00 AM

W. Ryan

**Welcome:** Todd Cooper, Judge Executive

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

**Prayer:** Ryan Hedrick, Chaplain

**Pledge:** Todd Cooper

Judge Cooper asked the Court to take a moment of silence in honor of Mrs. Neomi Yates.

*Motion to approve the March 4, 2025 Fiscal Court minutes as presented and forego the public reading made by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.*

### Bids

#### Shelby Road

Two bids were presented for the Shelby Road Bridge. One was from Youngblood Excavating for \$395,000 and the second from Jim Smith Contracting for \$334,125. *Motion made by Stonnie Dennis second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to award the contract to Jim Smith Construction.*

#### Mowing

One bid was received from Harris Mowing for the Courthouse Mowing Contract including the Hill Behind the County Attorney's Office and 2 leaf removals for \$780 a month and \$300 for each leaf removal.

*Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson to accept the bid. Roll Call Vote as follows: Chip Bisson-y; Nathan Whipple-n; Stonnie Dennis-n; Jody Brown-y; Ryan Hedrick-n. Motion fails.*

The Fiscal Court will discuss with the Jail using the Class D program to mow at the Court House and to weed the hill behind the County Attorney's Office.

### **Fire Extinguisher**

Two bids were received from First Line and Premier Fire & Security. Premier was lower on individual item cost but charges an hourly rate that First Line does not making First Line the less expensive bid presented. *Motion made by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to award the bid to First Line, unanimous on vote.*

### **Roads**

An amended contract is needed between KYTC and Ballard County for the Shelby Road Bridge. The language referring to load rate was incorrect. Instead of a H-20 Load Rate current standard is KYHL-93, this language will be changed. *Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to allow the language change in the contract.*

There was discussion involving the Bridge on Deerfield Lane Barry Kent Moss and Freddie Simmons both addressed the court on the issue. There were petitions from both sides expressing the need to build a new bridge or to simply close it. According to the petitions presented to the Court it was almost a 5-/50 split in residents who wanted vs residents who didn't want the Bridge. This Bridge would be built with mainly money awarded from the State (\$150,000) the county would only be responsible for a small portion of the total cost. The State performed the research and presented the plan for this project. It is being called a low water crossing; however, the plan shows that it will remain the same height as the previous structure but will be nearly twice as long. *Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson to enter a contract with KYTC for the Low Water Crossing. Roll Call Vote as follows: Ryan Hedrick-y; Jody Brown-y; Stonnie Dennis-y; Nathan Whipple-y; Chip Bisson-y. Motion carries.*

*Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to enter into a contract with Harper and KYTC for \$167,000. KYTC will provide \$150,000 and Ballard County will provide \$17,000 in funding.*



Greg Hobgood petitioned the court to be added as an Electrical Inspector for the County. *Motion made by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to table this until further investigation can be done.*

### **Road**

The Mo-Trim has broken again. It is under warranty until June. *Motion by Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to send this back to Hudson and pursue litigation if necessary to get this situation resolved.*

*Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to also return the ditcher to Hudson that was purchased with the Mo-Trim because it has not been able to be used as the Mo-Trim stays broken.*

*Motion made by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to place Children-at-Play signs on Yates Lane.*

### **Jail**

The Jail Expansion Workshop will be set for April 1, 2025 at 4 PM. The Jail Audit went favorably and no major write-ups were presented. The Jail staff was able to respond to issues and had a plan in works already or one ready to solve any deficiencies. The monthly report was presented.

Average daily population was 92 (capacity is 92).

Income for the month was \$61,368 from state and 19,000 from MRT.

### **911**

Larry Fraser was present with a monthly update. New phones are being installed this week. Larry mentioned that he and Travis would go thru the county and try to identify "weak" signal spots and find a resolution.

### **Ambulance**

Monthly report was presented to the Court.

***Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to purchase CPR Training Mannequins for \$1000.00 from NCR Medical.***

#### **Solid Waste**

Monthly Report was presented. Free Dump week will be 3.31.25 thru 4.5.25.

#### **EMA/ Animal Control**

Progress on Brooking Road Bridge continues. ***Motion to open the bridge ASAP even if the abatement work is not completed and to close as needed for that work to be completed made by Ryan Hedrick second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote.***

#### **Treasurer**

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

***Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to approve the 2026 Jail Budget.***

#### **County Attorney**

The 2 different title searches requested by the Fiscal Court are almost complete.

#### **County Clerk**

There was no business to bring before the Court.

#### **Magistrate**

Magistrate Nathan Whipple discussed the Flock Monitor System. The Sheriff's Department has funding to purchase cameras and the idea was being presented to the Court to help fund additional cameras for the



County. The cameras are \$3000 a piece yearly and it is a year contract. There is a 60-day free trial that the County could choose to participate in.

Magistrate Ryan Hedrick brought up issues with the Bandana Storm Shelter and asked what the County could do to help resolve them. The County Attorney will research who owns the property first.

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