

Ballard County Fiscal Court
September 16, 2025
9:00 AM

v/w
Chip

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 to approve the 8.19.2025 Fiscal Court Minutes as presented and forego the public reading made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Jody Brown, and unanimous on vote.

Motion to approve the 9.2.2025 Fiscal Court Minutes as presented and forego the public reading made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Nathan Whipple, and unanimous on vote.

Public Hearing

Motion made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and a unanimous vote to open a Public Hearing on the Adoption of Bennett Lane into the county road system.

The two inspectors and the Road Department Supervisor advised against adopting this into the County Road System.

Motion made by Jody Brown, seconded by Stonnie Dennis, and by a vote of 3 to 2, the motion carried, not to accept the road into the county system.

Motion made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Chip Bisson, and a unanimous vote to close the Public Hearing.

Road

A written projects update was presented to the Court.

Motion by Chip Bisson to purchase a sweeper in the amount of \$3000 retro 9.8.25, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and unanimous vote.

Sheriff

Sheriff Giles stated the paperwork has been received to allow tax collection, and bills should be mailed out close to the first of October 2025.

Jail

Jailer Eric Coppess presented the monthly jail report. The average population was 92, with 49 bookings and 53 releases. Housing income was 142,901, and MRT/GED income was 27,800. The control room AC was finally replaced and is functioning properly. Graves County is no longer housing inmates in Ballard.

Ambulance

A written report was presented. *Motion to promote PP from part-time EMT-B to full-time EMT-B at pay scale effective 9.16.2025 made by Jody Brown, seconded by Nathan Whipple, and unanimous vote.*

911

911 Director Larry Fraser updated the court on being selected for the State's next-gen 911 program and they will be partnering with Com-Tech on the installation of the new system. This is an asset for the program to help with the accuracy of call location. This will help to reduce calls being sent to the wrong dispatch and having to be transferred to the correct location.

Solid Waste

A written monthly report was provided. Fall Clean-Up Day will be Sat October 4, 2025. It is a free dump day for the public. Waste tire dump day is set by the state and should occur next in Fall of 2026.

Treasurer

Treasurer Lindsay Meeks presented items for review. *Motion made by Jody Brown, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and a unanimous vote to pay bills, pending audit.*

Motion made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and a unanimous vote to approve cash transfers, pending audit.

Motion made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Jody Brown, to approve the ACH for non-standing order bills, pending audit.

County Attorney

County Attorney Bethany Denton provided the court with a Special Street legal UTV ordinance for a second reading. The ordinance follows the statute allowing for UTV's being allowed to ride anywhere as long as they are properly licensed. *Motion made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Jody Brown, to approve the 2nd reading of the UTV Ordinance. Motion carries with a 3 yay 2 nay votes.*

Jabez Holdings has reached out to the Court about an agreement for the repair of roads being used for their business if damage should occur. This will be further discussed at a later meeting.

Projects and Properties

Motion made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and a unanimous vote to approve the PARIA Grant Application Resolution.

Motion to approve \$1000 donation to Ballard County 4-H Youth Development made by Jody Brown, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and a unanimous vote.

Motion to approve \$2500 funding request for the Ballard County Senior Citizen Center for operations made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Jody Brown. Motion carries with a 4-1 vote.

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and a unanimous vote.

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Jody Brown, seconded by Chip Bisson, and a unanimous vote.

There was no business conducted or motions made during the Executive Session.

Motion made by Jody Brown, seconded by Chip Bisson, and a unanimous vote to transition Travis Holder from the position of EM Director into the position of EM Administrative Assistant at the same pay rate, effective October 1, 2025.

Motion to adjourn made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and a unanimous vote.