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

Welcome: Todd Cooper, Judge Executive
Roll Call: Ryan Hedrick, Jody Brown, Nathan Whipple, Chip Bisson
Prayer: Ryan Hedrick, Chaplain
Pledge: Todd Cooper

Motion made by Ryan Hedrick, seconded by Chip Bisson, and a unanimous vote to approve the 11.4.25 Minutes as presented and to forego the public reading.

Road

CCBIP was submitted for Mosstown Road and for Palemore Lane Bridges. There was no update on Sallie Crice Road.

Sheriff

No Business to report.

Jail

The monthly report was presented by Eric Coppess, the Jailer. The average population was 91, with 50 bookings and 57 releases. There was income of $70,585 from Housing and $9,600 for MRT, for a total of $84,440.00.

911

No business to report.

Ambulance

Director Anna Abernathy presented her monthly report. There is a program through the State Fire Commission that allows sponsorship of students for free EMT classes. The sponsorship must come from a Fire Department. Anna Has an interested party and would like to enter an MOU with the city of Barlow for this Sponsorship. This would release

Barlow from any financial liability if the student were to not finish the class. ***Motion made by Chip Bisson seconded by Jody Brown and unanimous vote to enter a MOU with Barlow.*** County Attorney Bethany Denton will prepare this MOU.
There is legislation going through the state that would require insurance to pay more towards ambulance bills. This would be very beneficial to patients and the ambulance service. Director, Anna Abernathy requests that constituents contact their legislators to encourage the passage of this legislation. She also requests KBEM'S support letters for increasing the amount of the yearly grant.

EMA

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Treasurer

Motion made by Ryan Hedrick, seconded by Chip Bisson, and a unanimous vote to pay bills, pending audit.
Motion by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and unanimous vote to approve Cash Transfers, pending audit.
Motion to approve non-standing ACH made by Ryan Hedrick, a second from Jody Brown, and a unanimous vote, pending audit.

Projects and Properties

The PARIA Grant was awarded for the Housing Projects. ***Motion made by Nathan Whipple and a second by Chip Bisson to transfer the money to the proper entity when the money is received by the Fiscal Court.***

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There will be a workshop at 6 pm, January 6, 2026, at Ballard County High School discussing the Insurance Premium Options. This will be after the Fiscal Court Meeting at the regular time and place.

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