Ballard County Fiscal Court
October 21, 2025
9:00 AM

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 made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Chip Bisson, and unanimous vote to approve the 10.7.25 minutes as presented and to forego the public reading.

Roads

Estimates were presented for current repair/replacement needs for bridges in the county. The estimates totaled approximately 4.1 million dollars. All paving for 2025 has been completed.

Sheriff

Property tax collection is in full swing, and approximately $1 million has been collected so far.

Jail

Jail report presented by jailer Eric Coppess. The average jail population was 90, with 51 bookings and 46 releases. Housing income was $65,964, and MRT GED income was $13,200 for a total of $79,164.

911

Larry Fraser updated the court that the direct call to 911 has been pushed back another month to a month and a half due to the implementation of the Nex-Gen application. 911 is looking to hire a FT employee.

Ambulance

Anna Abernathy presented a written monthly report. A response policy was also presented. ***Motion made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Ryan***

Hedrick and unanimous vote to approve this policy with an addition stating that the new policy does not supersede the current policy and pending any additions needed based on County Attorney, Bethany Denton's review.

Solid Waste

Bryan Fondaw presented his monthly report.

EMA

Travis Holder gave an update that the Brooking Bridge Project has been closed out. There will be $97,000 in funds given for the Kanipe Road and Ballard Lane washouts. There are pending obligations for Bethlehem Church Road Bridge and Beech Grove Road.

Animal Control

No new updates, continuing to be busy. The partnership with the shelter is still positive.

Treasurer

Motion made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Jody Brown, and a unanimous vote to pay bills, pending audit.
Motion made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Jody Brown, and a unanimous vote to approve Cash Transfers, pending audit.
Motion made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and a unanimous vote to approve ACH of Non-Standing Order Bills.

County Attorney

There has been no new development with T-Mobile. Jabez Holdings was sent a draft of the agreement, and the Court is awaiting their response. Land Grants were researched, and most likely the Fiscal Court would be eligible to receive as opposed to the IDA.

County Clerk

Filing for the 2026 Primary begins November 5, 2025. Packets may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's website or by visiting the County Clerk's Office.

Community Concerns

There will be town hall meetings to discuss the Insurance Premium Tax proposal, to be set a later date. The first could be November 4, 2025, at 5 pm at the next Fiscal Court Meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous vote.