Ballard County Fiscal Court
February 17, 2026
9:00 AM

Welcome: Todd Cooper, Judge Executive
Roll Call: Jody Brown, Stonnie Dennis, Chip Bisson
Prayer: Todd Cooper
Pledge: Todd Cooper

A moment of silence was observed to honor Patty Lee Rich before the Prayer.

Motion to approve the February 3, 2026 Fiscal Court Minutes as presented and to forego the public reading made by Jody Brown, and a second by Stonnie Dennis. A unanimous vote approves the motion.

Road

Tod Vance gave an update on equipment that was currently not working properly: a tractor, a dump truck, and a backhoe. The tractor is currently in the shop being repaired.
Todd Cooper, informed the court that County Road Aid has been cut by more than for Ballard County this year $160,000. This cut is due to how the gas tax is being used.
The bridge project on Albert Hook will begin the first week of March 2026.
A road employee, KS has requested that a previous write-up be expunged from his record. ***Motion made by Jody Brown and second from Stonnie Dennis to expunge the write-up. The motion carried by unanimous vote.***
Travis Holder informed the court that the Mosstown Road CCBIP grant application has been resubmitted.

Sheriff

No business to conduct at this time.

Jail

Eric Coppess gave his monthly report. The average population was 77, there were 49 bookings and 49 releases. Income from MRT and GED was $2,050.00, income from Housing was $62,843.00.
There was a resolution in favor of 2026 HB 557 presented to the Court. ***Motion to approve Resolution 2026-HB 557 Support Resolution made by Chip Bisson and seconded by Jody Brown. A unanimous vote passes motion.***
Per a motion in the previous FC Meeting the Dodge Truck still needs to be returned to the Judge Executive's Office.
Motion to amend the time frame for Prisoner Transport Log reports due from the Jail to the Court from monthly to Quarterly per KRS 441.245 (1) (b), made by Jody Brown and a second from Chip Bisson. Vote was unanimous to pass.

911/Dispatch

Larry Fraser was present to give an update on Nex-Gen 911 progress. He also stated that, to date, there have been 1300 calls.

Ambulance

Anna Abernathy gave her monthly report, stating that all four ambulances are back in rotation. The annual inspection was completed and they passed. The two new monitors were received. Anna went to Frankfort for the support of HB 447 which increases the amount Insurance and Medicaid pays for Ambulance Service providers.
Motion made by Chip Bisson second from Jody Brown to approve 2026-HB 447 Support Resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Solid Waste

Bryan Fondaw was present and presented and written monthly report for the Court. He also mentioned that the EPA inspection recently showed no violations. He is continuing to work through the property maintenance list, but is meeting resistance from land owners and may be incorporating the help of the County Attorney's Office. There was discussion of the Scale and the rate to charge for use of outside entities.

EMA

Travis recently went to Frankfort to lobby for the Rural Municipal Road Aid. He verified that it was cut due to the amount of gas sold, not that there was a true budget cut. The application for Mosstown CCBIP was turned in before the deadline. There will be an approximately $180,000.00 deposit from FEMA for the Brooking Road Bridge Project. The final lump of money is being held up from an extension for the project that was submitted in April of 2025. When that extension is approved, approximately $300,000 more should be deposited.

Animal Control

No business to conduct, however, it has been very busy.

Treasurer

Motion to pay bills including: (ROAD) J Edinger & Son Inc 707.26 and First Choice Farm & Lawn 6000.00 also (CH) Owens Cleaning $2,950.00 made by Chip Bisson second from Jody Brown. A unanimous vote carries motion, pending audit.

A motion to approve Cash Transfers was made by Jody Brown and a second from Chip Bisson. Unanimous vote approves motion, pending audit.

Motion to pay non-standing bills via ACH made by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to approve, pending audit.

Motion to approve Quarter 2 Quarterly report made by Chip Bisson and a second from Stonnie Dennis. Motion passes, pending audit by a unanimous vote.

A resolution was presented that increases the capital threshold to $40,000 from $25,000. A ***motion to approve Resolution 2026-02-17-001 Establishing a new Capital Asset Capitalization Threshold and Useful Life Schedule was made by Stonnie Dennis and a second from Jody Brown. A unanimous vote passes the motion.***

Motion made to accept the Pine Bluff cooperation Resolution and the Pine Bluff Dredging Lease Agreement for a 36-month term. The

motion was made by Stonnie Dennis and a second by Jody Brown. Motion passes with unanimous vote.

Motion made by Chip Bisson second from Jody Brown to approve the interlocal between City of Wickliffe, Ballard IDA and BCFC for engineering, environmental, and due diligence improvement work to site 007-001, city owned 30-acre tract along the river. Motion passes by unanimous vote. The first phase of work will be paid for with KPDI 2022 grant and RDAAP grant totaling $100,000 if approved by the economic cabinet and DLG.

County Attorney

Bethany Denton will make term correction to the Pine Bluff Lease Agreement as decided by the BCFC.

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Jody Brown and seconded by Chip Bisson, unanimous vote to enter.
Motion to exit Executive Session made by Chip Bisson and seconded by Jody Brown, unanimous vote to exit.
There was no business conducted or motions made during the Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn made by Chip Bisson and second from Stonnie Dennis. Motion passes with unanimous vote.