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Ballard County Fiscal Court
January 6, 2026
5:00 PM

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 December 16, 2025 minutes, and forego the public formal reading, made by Chip Bisson, second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous vote.

Road

Motion to approve a contract between BCFC and KYTC as resolution 2026-01-06-002 made by Stonnie Dennis, seconded by Jody Brown, and unanimous on vote to replace Morning Meadows Bridge. The new bridge project is a 100% funded CCBIP grant from KYTC.

Motion to approve a MOU between BCFC and Ballard EDC as resolution 2026-01-06-001 made by Nathan Whipple and seconded by Chip Bisson, and unanimous vote. The project is to provide and haul base rock at the Barlow Estates subdivision with rock costs to be reimbursed by the EDC at a later date.

Jail

Eric Coppess wanted to clarify that an employee did not work a 24-hour shift as stated in a previous meeting by the BCFC during the Thanksgiving Holiday's. He said the employee worked 2 12-hour shifts. There was no explanation as to whether these shifts were consecutive.

Treasurer

Motion to pay bill to County Clerk retroactive to December 31, 2025 in the amount of $15 for title work for the new Road Department pickup, made by Chip Bisson, second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous on vote.

Motion to pay bills, pending audit made by Chip Bisson, second by Jody Brown, unanimous on vote.

Motion to approve cash transfers, pending audit, made by Jody Brown, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote.

Motion to pay ACH Standing and Non-standing bills, pending audit by Chip Bisson, second by Jody Brown, unanimous on vote.

Motion to approve the November monthly report, pending audit made by Ryan Hedrick, second by Nathan Whipple, and unanimous on vote.

Budget workshop at the PADD office 3.3.2026, contact the BCFC to attend.

County Clerk

The official 2024 Fee Audit was presented to the BCFC for review. This was a clean audit, except for having a small staff and being unable to completely segregate duties.

Issue about roads being closed during emergency responses. There may need to be a protocol established about this, and it will be turned over to the Chiefs Meeting for further discussion.

Motion made by Nathan Whipple, second by Jody Brown, and unanimous on vote to enter Executive Session.

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

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

Motion made by Jody Brown to terminate EMS full time employee SW, effective immediately, and not be allowed on County Property, second by Chip Bisson, and unanimous on Roll Call vote to terminate.
Ryan- yes
Jody-yes
Stonnie-yes
Nathan-yes
Chip-yes

Motion to adjourn made by Jody Brown, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote.

Ryan Chip

Ballard County Fiscal Court
January 20, 2026
9 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 to approve the January 6, 2026, Fiscal Court Minutes as presented and forego the public reading made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Nathan Whipple, and unanimous on vote.

Road

Updated report on Road and Bridge Projects was presented.

Sheriff

Motion to approve the 2025 Fee settlement for the Sheriff's Office made by Jody Brown, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and unanimous on vote.

Jail

The monthly jail report was presented by Christina Harvell. The average December 2025 population was 82, with 41 bookings and 51 releases. Housing and medical income was $63,631. The income from MRT and GED was $17,800 for a total of $85,002.

Motion made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous vote to approve re-hiring DM as a FT employee at the rate she left at in September of 2025.

Ambulance

Motion to promote MM from part-time to full-time, retro start date to 1.11.2026 at current pay scale, made by Jody Brown, seconded by Ryan Hedrick and a unanimous vote to approve.

Solid Waste

Bryan Fondaw presented his monthly written report, which included the growth of the Solid Waste operation over the past 3 years.

EMA

Travis Holder gave an update on the debris removal project on Gage Road.

Treasurer

Motion to approve Q1 Report made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and a unanimous vote, pending audit.
Motion to pay bills, including Owens Cleaning for $2,950.00 (Court House), made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Jody Brown, unanimous vote to approve, pending audit.
Motion made by Chip Bisson and a second by Jody Brown to approve cash transfers pending audit. Motion carries with a unanimous vote.
Motion to approve GFL ACH payment made by Ryan Hedrick and a second from Nathan Whipple, unanimous vote. The motion carries, pending audit.
Motion to approve the monthly report made by Ryan Hedrick, a second from Chip Bisson, a unanimous vote carries the motion, pending audit.

Other Business

A motion to approve 2026-01-20-01 Nuclear Ready Community Resolution was made by Nathan Whipple, a second from Chip Bisson, and unanimous vote to pass.

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

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Jody Brown, a second by Ryan Headrick, and a unanimous vote to exit.
No business was conducted nor motions made during the Executive Session.

Motion made by Nathan Whipple and seconded by Ryan Hedrick to rescind the hiring of DM for the jail. This motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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