Ballard County Fiscal Court
March 17, 2026
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 Nathan Whipple and a second from Chip Bisson to approve the March 3, 2026 Fiscal Court Minutes as presented and to forego the public reading. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Bids

Motion to approve the bid from First Line for fire suppression for County Buildings made by Chip Bisson and a second from Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote carries motion.
Bids will be requested for mowing of the Courthouse.

Road

A resolution was presented to the BCFC to allow a MOU with BCFC and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways to accept funds for Mosstown Bridge Replacement. ***Motion to approve Mosstown Bridge Replacement Resolution made by Nathan Whipple and a second from Ryan Hedrick, a unanimous vote approves motion.***

Tod Vance gave a brief update on Albert Hook and that a large culvert was received from Carlisle County and will be placed on Wilson Lane.

Emergency Funding was allocated for Robey Road Bridge. $50,000 has been received and an additional $50,000 will be received at completion, the County has a $10,000 investment in this project as well.
The beams for the Morning Meadows Bridge Project have been ordered.

CD

Two financial institutions provided CD Rates for the roll-over of the current CD, which is soon to expire.

Motion to approve the CD Rate offered from CDB with a 4.193% APY made by Nathan Whipple and second from Chip Bisson. A unanimous vote carries the motion.

Sheriff

Motion made by Jody Brown and a second from Ryan Hedrick to approve Resolution of the Ballard County Fiscal Court 2026-03-17-001. A unanimous vote passes the resolution. This resolution allows the Sheriff to apply for a Ky Office of Homeland Security grant to be used for purchasing emergency equipment and supplies for the County and to allow the agencies (BCFC and BC Sheriff's Office) to be reimbursed through the grant.

Jail

The monthly report was presented. There was an average population of 76. There were 40 bookings and 38 releases. Income from Housing, Medical, and MRT was $59,112.00.

Motion to approve the proposed Jail Budget for 2026/2027 with the ability for future edits made by Chip Bisson and a second from Ryan Hedrick and a unanimous vote approves the motion.

911-Dispatch

Larry Fraser was present and informed the court that Next-Gen 911 should still be rolling out on 4.16.26.

There was a discussion about weather sirens for the local cities to be able to be controlled by 911. There are discussions in the works for the cities that currently have sirens. There is a need in Barlow for a siren; options will be looked into for making that feasible.

Ambulance

Anna Abernathy presented her monthly report. The Monitors are set up and will be in service on 4.2.26 after employee training. The Second

Annual Benny Cooper Farm and Safety Accident Prevention Day will be 3.24.26 at the Bandana Community Life Center.

Solid Waste

Bryan Fondaw presented his monthly report. ***Motion made by Jody Brown seconded by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to allow Bryan to apply for the KY Pride Recycle Grant.*** He wants to use the funds this year to upgrade his scales.

Motion made by Chip Bisson and a second from Jody Brown to charge customers using the scales at the recycle center $5 for every trip to the scale. Motion passes with a unanimous on vote. This would be billed monthly to Maupins for reimbursement.

Motion to spend up to $22,000 for a newer truck-not to be used for moving rollbacks or trailers, for the Recycle Center made by Chip Bisson and a second from Jody Brown. Unanimous vote passes the motion.

EMA

It was discussed that the Bandana Storm Shelter will need repairs, and Travis will be working to figure out what is needed.

AC

There were no updates at this time.

Treasurer

Motion made by Ryan Hedrick, seconded by Chip Bisson, and unanimous on vote to approve the Monthly Report, pending audit. Motion made to pay bills, pending audit made by Chip Bisson, and seconded by Ryan Hedrick. A unanimous vote carries the motion. Motion to approve the Cash Transfers, pending audit made by Nathan Whipple and seconded by Jody Brown, passes with a unanimous vote. Motion made by Jody Brown and seconded by Ryan Hedrick to approve ACH Payments, pending audit. The vote to approve was unanimous.

County Attorney

A motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the Amended Electrical Ordinance was made by Jody Brown. Chip Bisson provided a second and the 2nd Reading passed with a unanimous vote.

County Clerk

A motion was made to accept the 2025 Fee Settlement, pending audit retro to March 15, 2026, by Chip Bisson and a second by Ryan Hedrick. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

Surplus Property

The following was listed as surplus property.

Solid Waste

2000 Ford F-150 XL #42651
1998 Ford F-150 Triton V8 #31057
Case Backhoe 580 Super k 4X4 #21187

Road

1000-gal water tank #1
225-gal water tank #2
Water Tank #3
2002 Chevy Pickup #254901
Allis Chalmers 840 Loader #1781
Rhino Bushog #10113

Motion to declare the above items as Surplus items made by Chip Bisson and seconded by Ryan Hedrick. Unanimous vote approves surplus declaration.

Motion to adjourn made by Chip Bisson and seconded by Nathan Whipple, unanimous vote adjourns meeting.

Next Meeting Thursday, 4.2.26 at 5 PM as approved on March 3, 2026.