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Ballard County Fiscal Court
March 3,2026
5:00PM

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 February 17, 2026 Fiscal Court Minutes as presented and to forego the public reading made by Nathan Whipple and a second from Chip Bisson. A unanimous vote approves the minutes.

Road

Tod Vance relayed information on Albert Hook Bridge. He said that the footers will need to be made thicker and either the head wall raised to match or the road will need cut down. This is outside the scope of the original plan and will take additional time and finances.
The materials have been ordered for Morning Meadow Bridge. The owner consent and release agreement approved at the last FC Meeting was signed by the landowner, J.K. Reeves, to allow a temporary easement for residents to use during bridge construction. Morning Meadows road tentative plan is to re-open by the first part of June.
There was discussion of leasing a tractor for the Road Department. This was tabled and will be discussed further when a more detailed quote can be received from dealers.

Jail

The 2027 FYE Jail Contract for Hickman and Carlisle was presented. This contract goes to a flat fee with provisions if the expenses are over the flat fee. This will go into effect 7.1.2026.
The 2027 FYE Budget Projection was presented.

The Jailer, Eric Coppess reported about the requirements for housing federal inmates. The requirements make it currently not feasible at the facility.

Sheriff

The 2024 Fee Audit was presented to the Court for review; this was a clean audit.

EMS

EMT classes have begun again in Ballard County. There was a request to enter a contract with the coordinator for additional pay to support the time required for the position. ***Motion made by Jody Brown and a second by Ryan Hedrick to enter the contract with HS for 12 additional hours of pay per week during the class. Motion carries with unanimous vote.***

EM

A payment from FEMA was received for the Brooking Bridge ~$129,000. The County is still waiting on an approximate $200,000 more to finish out the FEMA payments. This will leave approximately $80,00 to pay off the KACO Loan and it is recommended that be done as soon as the final FEMA payment is made with funds from the General Fund.

Animal Control

Calls continue to increase. There is the need to hire a part-time Animal Control Officer.

911 Dispatch

The newest update on Next Gen 911 is it will be rolled out 4.16.2026.

Solid Waste

There was a discussion to purchase a new truck for solid waste and give the current truck back to the road department. This will be further discussed later.

Treasurer

Motion made by Jody Brown and seconded by Ryan Headrick to approve the January Report, pending audit. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

Motion to pay bills, pending audit was made by Chip Bisson and seconded by Nathan Whipple. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Motion to approve Cash Transfers, pending audit made by Nathan Whipple and second from Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote passes approval.

Motion to Pay Standing and Non-standing ACH, pending audit made by Chip Bisson and seconded by Ryan Hedrick. Vote was unanimous to pay ACH's.

County Attorney

The 2nd reading of the Electrical Ordinance has been postponed until the current inspectors can review the ordinance.

HR

Motion to approve AI usage and output policy 13.8 made by Jody Brown and a second from Nathan Whipple. Unanimous vote approves the policy.

Projects & Properties

Motion to approve Resolution2027 Community Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding 2026-03-03-001 made by Jody Brown and second from Ryan Hedrick. Unanimous vote approves the Resolution. This resolution is in support of Federal Funding Support for the City of Kevil's wastewater plant project.

Motion made by Ryan Hedrick and second from Nathan Whipple to approve the IDA Board Appointee recommendations of Lynn Lane, Travis Holder and Ronnie Rathman. Motion carries.

Drew Williams was present and said a few words on his bid for **U.S. House in Kentucky's 1st District.**

Motion to Change the first April meeting to Thursday April 2, 2026 at 5:00 PM due to Spring Break the following week made by Nathan Whipple and seconded by Chip Bisson. Unanimous vote carries motion.

Todd Cooper read a proclamation for Lovelaceville Baptist Church. He has declared Sunday, March 8, 2026 Lovelaceville Baptist Church Day in Ballard County. The church is celebrating its 185 anniversary.

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Chip Bisson second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.
Motion to exit Executive Session made by Ryan Hedrick and second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous on vote.

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

Motion to continue the suspension of TT for an additional 30 days made by Stonnie Dennis and second by Jody Brown. Vote was unanimous.

Nathan Whipple discussed the need to inventory the equipment at the road department and possibly sell some items that are no longer beneficial to the department.

Motion to adjourn made by Jody Brown and second by Nathan Whipple. Unanimous vote adjourns meeting.