Ballard County Fiscal Court
May 19, 2026
9:00 AM

Welcome: Todd Cooper, Judge Executive
Roll Call: Ryan Hedrick, Stonnie Dennis, Nathan Whipple(via Zoom), and Chip Bisson
Prayer: Ryan Hedrick, Chaplain
Pledge: Todd Cooper

Motion to approve the May 5, 2026, Fiscal Court Minutes as presented and to forego the public reading made by Ryan Hedrick and seconded by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous vote to approve.

Motion to enter public hearing for County Road Aid made by Stonnie Dennis, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous vote to approve. Judge Cooper made a statement about how the CRA is acquired and that the FYE 2027 funds will be reduced to a reduction in gas prices. No public comments were made and the hearing was closed on ***a motion by Chip Bisson, second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous on vote to approve.***

Motion to enter public hearing for LGEA funds was made by Stonnie Dennis, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote to approve. County Treasurer Lindsay Meeks described to everyone in attendance, the origin of the funds. The funds are restricted use funds by Kentucky Revised Statutes and the Fiscal Court uses the funds for animal control expenses, which is allowable under the law. No public comments or questions were made. ***Motion to close the public hearing was made by Chip Bisson, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote to approve.***

Bids

Courthouse Custodial/Maintenance:
One bid was received from Owens Cleaning for $73,200 per year.
Motion to accept the bid from Owens made by Chip Bisson and second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous vote to approve.

Road Department Red Gravel:
One bid was received from Lance Colson for red gravel at $11.00 per ton. ***Motion to accept the bid from Owens made by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote to approve.***

Road Department Rock:
Bids were received from B and N trucking, Overby trucking and Keeling Farms to supply #9, #3, DGA, 100# rip rap and 150# rip rap. B and N was the low bid on all products except rip rap. Overby bid for 100# Rip rap was $27.74, Newton was $28.50. Overby bid $27.74 for 150# rip rap and Newton $28.50. A question was asked if we could divide the bids as Overby was low bid on Rip Rap. Tod Vance stated he wanted the award for all rock products go to one vendor for delivery and logistical reasons. ***Motion made by Stonnie Dennis and seconded by Chip Bisson to accept B and N bid, unanimous on vote approves the motion.***

Road Department Culverts:
Three vendors submitted bids for culverts. Kevin Morrison, Energy and Metal Culverts. ***Motion to accept all three vendors for culvert supply was made by Stonnie Dennis and second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote, approves the motion.***

Road

There will be further discussion on the CDL tuition assistance for road employees policy at a later date.
A new pay scale was discussed for the Road Department employees, but it will be continued at a later time.
Flex Paving list was discussed and was passed until the June 2, 2026 meeting.
Albert Hook Bridge options and update was discussed. *Option 1*: Reuse Mosstown Bridge beams. A bid from Jim Smith Construction was presented to build new head walls and move Mosstown beams in the amount of $395,000. *Option 2:* Tod Vance discussed using a 10'X12' culvert purchased recently from Carlisle Co. Cost estimates are roughly $100,000. KYTC-Rural Aid Branch may not approve using 80/20 funds

for a culvert. They will be asked if that is permissible. *Option 3*: Todd Cooper stated KYTC District 1 is looking at the hydrology study of the creek to determine if a concrete three-sided culvert could be placed. No action was taken at this time.

Judge Cooper presented the 2027 FYE LARP resolution to enter into a contract with KYTC to pave Davis Road. ***Motion by Stonnie Dennis, second by Chip Bisson to approve the resolution, unanimous on vote.***

SHERIFF

No report was presented.

JAIL

Jailer Coppess gave a verbal monthly report to the court. The average population for April was 73 inmates. He has reached out to several jails asking for state inmates. Everyone is stating they are low on state inmates currently. Judge Cooper stated he has reached out to find out how many private prisons are being used by DOC. Three are open with only one currently housing inmates. Judge Cooper is going to research more into why state DOC is using state tax dollars to house state inmates at a higher cost than the county state costs.

911-Dispatch

Larry Fraser reported the Next Gen 911 should start in June, 2026. Larry is going to meet with Travis and Ryan about applying for grants to improve Ballard Co. towers.

EMS

Anna Abernathy presented her written monthly report. The Carlisle County Mutual aid agreement was discussed. County Attorney Bethany Denton has reviewed and approved its passage. ***Motion was made by Chip Bisson, second by Ryan Hedrick to approve the mutual aid agreement, unanimous on vote.***

Anna requested moving employee E.S. from part time status to full time status retroactive to May 17, 2026. The rate of pay will be $20.00 per

hour. ***A motion was made by Stonnie Dennis, second by Chip Bisson to approve the new hire, unanimous on vote.***

Solid Waste

Bryan Fondaw provided a written monthly report. Revenue generated was just over $10,000. A used pick-up truck was purchased for Bryan from Paducah Power on May 8 for $13,950, a cost savings of $8,000 from the purchasing budget.

EM

Travis stated he has been working on reporting items to FEMA. They request information on a daily basis regarding projects.

Animal Control

April was a slow month.

Treasurer

Lindsay Meeks presented the following items for review, discussion and approval: *March Monthly Report*: ***Motion to approve March monthly report was made by Ryan Hedrick, second by Chip Bisson, unanimous on vote pending audit***. *3rd Quarter report*: ***Motion to approve the Quarterly Report was made by Chip Bisson, second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous on vote pending audit.*** *Bills:* ***Motion to pay bills, pending audit made by Chip Bisson, second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote on the motion.***

Cash Transfers: ***Motion to approve Cash transfers made by Chip Bisson and second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous vote approves Cash Transfers pending audit.***

ACH payments: ***Motion to approve ACH payments made by Chip Bisson and seconded by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote approves ACH payments pending audit.***

2027 FYE Budget: ***Motion to accept the first reading of the Budget effective 07/01/2027 made by Chip Bisson and a second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote approves the first reading.***

*Annual Standing Order****: Motion to approve the Annual Standing Order to pay recurring expenses was made by Ryan Hedrick, second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous on vote.***

County Attorney

Bethany Denton discussed the Pauper Ordinance with the Court for future action and review. The Ordinance will be amended to reflect current statute taking effect July 1.

County Clerk

No report was given. The Clerk is coordinating election day today.

Projects and Properties

No report was provided.

Executive Session

No session was needed.

Motion to adjourn made by Chip Bisson and seconded by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous vote approves adjournment.