Ballard County Fiscal Court
May 5, 2026
5:00 PM

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

Motion to approve the April 21, 2026, Fiscal Court Minutes as presented and to forego the public reading made by Ryan Hedrick and seconded by Jody Brown, unanimous vote to approve.

Bids

Pest:
Two bids were received for pest control. Tally's bid was $585/month and $100 for call-outs. Lovelace's bid was $505/month and $50 for call-outs. ***Motion to accept the bid from Lovelace made by Nathan Whipple and seconded by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote to approve.***

Surplus Property:

Ford Pick-Up Vin ending 2651
Two bids were received: Matt Morehead for $650 and Justin Wright for $200. ***Motion to accept the high bid from Matt Morehead for $650 made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and a unanimous vote to accept.***

1998 Ford Pick-up Vin ending 1057
Three bids were received: Matt Morehead $250, Justin Wright $200, and Kevin Morrison $800. ***Motion to accept the $800 bid from Kevin Morrison made by Nathan Whipple and seconded by Jody Brown, unanimous vote to accept.***

580 Case Backhoe
There were 6 bids submitted: Chris Carver $7,500.00, Rick Roberts $5,600.00, JR Jackson 1,156.00, Chris Ledford $10,000, Matt Morehead $5,250.00, and Kevin Morrison $8,000.00. ***Motion to accept the high***

bid from Chris Ledford for $10,000.00 made by Jody Brown and seconded by Ryan Hedrick. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

1000 Gallon Water Tank

There were two bids received: Chris C $200.00 and Matt Morehead $50.00. ***Motion to accept the high bid for $200 from Chris C made by Nathan Whipple and seconded by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote passes motion.***

225 Gallon Water Tank

There was one bid from Matt Morehead received for $20.00. ***Motion made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Jody Brown, and a unanimous vote to approve the motion.***

Water Tank #3

There were two bids received from Matt Morehead for $10.00 and Kevin Morrison for $6.00. ***Motion made by Jody Browns and a second by Stonnie Dennis to accept the bid from Matt Morehead for $10.00. A unanimous vote carries the motion.***

2007 Chevy Pick-Up Vin ending 4901

Three bids were received for the Pick-Up: Justin Wright for $200.00. Matt Morehead for $ 1100.00, and Kevin Morrison for $800.00. ***Motion to approve the bid from Matt Morehead for $1,100.00 made by Ryan Hedrick and seconded by Jody Brown. A unanimous vote carries the motion.***

Allis-Chalmers 840 Loader

There were four bids received from: Chris C. $2,500.00, Chris Ledford $2,000.00, Matt Morehead $1,800.00, and Kevin Morrison $3,550.00. ***Motion to accept the high bid from Kevin Morrison for $3,550.00 made by Jody Brown and seconded by Stonnie Dennis. A 4 yay to 1 nay vote approves the motion.***

Rhino Bushog

There were for bids received: Zane Draper $3,000.00, Chris Ledford $3,000.00, Matt Morehead $4,600.00, and Kevin Morrison $4,650.00. ***Motion to accept the high bid of $4,650.00 from Kevin Morrison made by Nathan Whipple and seconded by Stonnie Dennis, a unanimous vote approves the motion.***

Motion made by Stonnie Dennis and seconded by Nathan Whipple to accept the 2027 FYE County Road Aid Resolution for $815,552.00. A unanimous vote approves the motion.

The plan is still being developed for Albert Hook Bridge.
Motion to accept the contract with Harper Construction for $124,700.00(County Portion should be roughly $24,700.00) for Robey Road Bridge Replacement made by Stonnie Dennis and seconded by Jody Brown, a unanimous vote approves the motion.

There will be further discussion on the CDL tuition assistance policy at a later date.
There was clarification that Flex Money can only be used for paving roads and not for any other projects, including bridges.
A new pay scale was discussed for the Road Department employees, but it will be continued at a later time.

EM

The 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant for $12,208.88 has been applied for with KYEM.
The $5,500.00 Southern Foundation grant for the Bandana Storm Shelter was awarded.

Treasurer

Lindsay Meeks presented the following items for review, discussion and approval: ***Motion to pay bills, pending audit made by Ryan Hedrick and a second by Jody Brown. A unanimous vote approves the motion to pay bills.***
Motion to approve Cash transfers made by Jody Brown and a second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote approves Cash Transfers.
Motion to approve ACH payments made by Jody Brown and seconded by Nathan Whipple, unanimous vote approves ACH payments.

Motion to accept a 2% Cola increase for employees effective 07/01/2027 made by Nathan Whipple and a second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote approves.
Motion to accept an increase to the County's Insurance contribution for employees from $675 to $710 and FEBCO increase from $300 to $315, made by Jody Brown and a second by Ryan Hedrick. A unanimous vote approves the motion.
Discussion about the current accounting system failure and lack of support from the administrator has led to the need for a new system. Treasurer Lindsay Meeks presented options to the court and based on her recommendation of what will work best for the county: ***A motion was made to approve switching to Eagle for Accounting and Occupational Tax systems made by Jody Brown and second from Ryan Hedrick, a unanimous vote approves switching to Eagle.***

A motion made by Jody Brown and seconded by Stonnie Dennis to deny a 2% Cola increase for the Magistrates. Unanimous vote approves the motion.

Projects and Properties

Motion to approve the AOC Contract for FYE 2027 made by Ryan Hedrick a seconded by Jody Brown, a unanimous vote approves.

Discussion of allowing Food trucks to set up on Court House property on Election Day was discussed. The magistrates did not have an issue with this and it will be permitted.

Motion to donate $500.00 to BMHS FBLA for their trip to the National Conference in San Antonio, Texas made by Jody Brown and seconded by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous vote approves donation.

The 2027 IDA Budget was given to the Magistrates to review.
A Census estimate shows a decrease in residents in Ballard County from 7,730 in 2020 and 7,594 in 2025.

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Nathan Whipple and seconded by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote approves.
Motion to Exit Executive Session made by Jody Brown seconded by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote approves.
There was no business conducted nor any motions made during Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn made by Jody Brown and seconded by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote approves adjournment.