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Ballard County Fiscal Court
June 16, 2026
9:00 AM

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

Motion to approve the July 2, 2026, Fiscal Court Minutes as presented and to forego the public reading made by Jody Brown, second by Chip Bisson, and a unanimous vote to approve.

Bids

Asphalt

Two bids were received from Central Paving and Jim Smith Construction. ***Motion to approve the bid from Jim Smith at 91.50/ton and $400 hr for milling made by Nathan Whipple, and a second from Jody Brown, unanimous vote.***

Fuel

One bid was received from Southern FS. ***Motion to approve the bid from Southern FS made by Jody Brown and a second by Chip Bisson, unanimous vote to approve.***

Medical-Jail

One bid was received from 3C for $198,288 for a year of coverage, which is over the budgeted amount of $110,000 for the 2027 budget. ***Motion to table the bid made by Nathan Whipple and second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote to approve.***

HR

HR Director Angela Van Cleve presented several county code policy amendments. An update to the rate of travel and meals per diem, county code 5.1.6 was presented. The recommendation is to increase employee reimbursement for meals to $40 a day on travel days and $50 per day during conference and/or training. Mileage will stay at 51 cents per mile. The proposed 2027 Fiscal Year ending travel voucher with rate changes was presented to the Court. After review a ***motion was made by Jody Brown and second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous vote to approve.***

The county code 5.6.13 stated a fulltime employee probationary period for the state retirement system is 90 days or 3 months. The current county policy states six months, which does not comply with Ky Retirement Systems Policy. ***Motion made by Ryan Hedrick, second from Nathan Whipple, and a unanimous vote to amend the County Code to reflect this change.***

The court had previously approved training incentive pay for the County Treasurer and Finance Officer that mirrors current HB 810 training incentive for elected county officials. A new policy, 5.1.6(B) describing the incentive program and pay rates was presented to the court. ***Motion made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, to approve the County Treasurer and Finance Officer HB 810 training incentive policy; unanimous vote approves.***

Motion to approve the 2027 Policy Manual/Administrative code with the changes previously listed and approved 6.16.26 made by Ryan Hedrick and seconded by Chip Bisson, unanimous vote approves.

Road

Judge Cooper presented a request by Green Timber Farms to place electric utilities along Holloway Landing Road on the County right of way (ROW) to obtain power for the Farm. ***Motion to approve a ROW agreement for utilities with Green Timber Farms made by Chip Bisson and second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous vote approves.***

Tod Vance has procured quotes for 2 new Bushhogs; his current ones are 13 yrs old and are beginning to cost more than they are worth to repair. Because of the price of the Bushhogs bids will have to be received to move forward.

Sheriff

Sheriff Ronnie Giles provided the court with his 2025 tax settlement. ***Motion to approve the 2025 Tax Settlement made by Stonnie Dennis second from Nathan Whipple and unanimous vote to approve.***

Ambulance

Anna Abernathy presented her monthly report with no issues to discuss.

Solid Waste

Bryan Fondaw presented his written monthly report with no issues.

EMA

Travis Holder reported to the Court that there will be a deposit for $6 or $7 thousand from FEMA from the 2025 Tornado in Ballard County. The funds were reimbursed to the road department for clean up of debris after the storm. There have also been FEMA funds secured for a sewer line project on Beech Grove Road, with an estimated payment of approximately $100,000.00.

Treasurer

Treasurer Lindsay Meeks presented several items for review and approval. ***Motion to pay bills, pending audit made by Chip Bisson, and a second from Jody Brown, unanimous vote to approve.***

Motion to approve cash transfers made by Jody Brown, second by Nathan Whipple, and a unanimous vote to approve, pending audit.

Motion to pay ACHs made by Ryan Hedrick, second by Chip Bisson, and a unanimous vote, pending audit to approve.

Motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the 2027 FYE Budget made by Jody Brown second by Nathan Whipple and 4 ayes; 1 nay to approve the Budget.

Jail

Monthly report was presented to the Court.

Executive Session

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

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

There was no business transacted during the executive session nor any motions made during the session.

Motion to hire JB at the current rate of $16.00 and move to $18.00 July 1st. according to the new pay scale for the road department, hire date effective 6.17.26, made by Jody Brown and second by Nathan Whipple.

Motion to rehire TT for the jail at the pay rate she was terminated, effective 6.17.26, made by Stonnie Dennis and seconded by Nathan Whipple, a 3 aye, 2 nay vote approves the rehire.

Motion to adjourn made by Jody Brown and seconded by Nathan Whipple, unanimous vote adjourns the meeting.