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Ballard County Fiscal Court
August 18, 2026
9:00 AM

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 August 4, 2026 Fiscal Court Minutes as presented and to forego the public reading made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Jody Brown and approved unanimously.

Road

The 2026-2027 Rural Secondary Recommendations were presented to the Court. The county will have $180,000 in flex funds. The State is going to pave KY 802 for $660,415.00 KYTC is providing funding of $512,257.00 in addition to Ballard County's allotment at no cost to the County.
Motion made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Nathan Whipple, and approved by unanimous vote to accept a Resolution to accept the $180,000.00 KYTC flex paving funds for FYE 2027.
There was an update presented on the ongoing bridge projects in the County.

Jail

Jailer Eric Coppess presented a verbal monthly report. The Canteen settlement report has been submitted but has not yet been reviewed by the Treasurer.

911

Larry Fraser updated the Court that Landline Conversion for next-gen 911 should be complete by September 1, 2026.

Ambulance

Anna Abernathy presented a written monthly report to the Court. The ambulance service is fully staffed. Anna would like the Court to fund sending 3 people to the annual state KY EMS Conference. ***Motion made by Jody Brown, seconded by Stonnie Dennis, and unanimous vote to pay for 3 spots at the annual conference. Motion to promote JD to Supervisor with a pay increase of $5.00 per the current pay rate guidelines retro to 8.10.2026, made by Ryan Hedrick and seconded by Chip Bisson; unanimous vote, approves.***

Solid Waste

A monthly written report was submitted to the Court by Bryan Fondaw. The state set the dates for Tire Amnesty in Ballard County to be October 8-10; Bryan would like to also run fall clean-up days at the same time. ***Motion made by Jody Brown, seconded by Nathan Whipple, and unanimous vote to set fall clean-up days as October 8 and 9 (8 AM- 3 PM) and October 10 (8 AM- 12 PM).***

Animal Control

Bobby Joe Crabtree was present to give an update to the Court. He explained that animals are being picked up and not being reclaimed by owners. He also stated that people are picking up "farm dogs" and removing them from their home environment with no knowledge of where they picked them up from, so they can't be returned home. He reminded the public that once you pick up an animal, you become completely responsible for that animal. The animal shelter is no longer able to transport animals to the facility in Tennessee.

Treasurer

Motion to approve the June Monthly Report made by Ryan Hedrick and seconded by Nathan Whipple; unanimous vote to approve, pending audit.
Motion to approve the 2026 FYE 4th Quarter Report made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Jody Brown, and a unanimous vote to approve, pending audit.
Motion to approve the 2026 FYE Annual Settlement made by Jody Brown, seconded by Nathan Whipple, and a unanimous vote to approve, pending audit.
Motion to pay bills presented as retro 8.4.26 made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and a unanimous vote to approve, pending audit.
Motion to approve Cash Transfers made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Ryan Hedrick, and voted unanimously to approve, pending audit.
Motion to pay bills made by Nathan Whipple and a second from Chip Bisson; voted unanimously to approve, pending audit.

The Fiscal Court looked into the incentive pay policy for the Treasurer and Financial Officers, after review the following motion was made.
Motion to not pay former Treasurer, Lindsay Meeks for incentive training pay made by Jody Brown and a second by Nathan Whipple, unanimous vote to approve the motion. The court determined WAVE leadership classes were not designated as DLG certified training provider.

Motion to amend policy 5.1.6(B) Treasurer and Finance Officer Training Inceptive Policy, made by Chip Bisson seconded by Nathan Whipple and unanimous vote to approve amended policy.

Projects and Properties

Motion to approve waiving penalties for 2025 tax bills 349-355 and 359-361 due to an error by the PVA, made by Jody Brown and seconded by Nathan Whipple, unanimous vote to approve.

Judge Cooper gave an update on the Court House repair project. A fee proposal will be submitted to AOC via their request for a complete exterior rehab.
The Judge Executive was deeded Barlow Baptist Church, and the plans for demolition are beginning to take place.
Lifeline Recovery Center sent a thank-you note to the Fiscal Court, thanking them for the continued support of their mission through the Opioid Settlement Fund Money.

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session was made by Chip Bisson and Seconded by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote to enter.

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Jody Brown and seconded by Chip Bisson, unanimous vote to exit.
There was no business transacted nor any motions made during the session.

Motion to pay LG $38,563.20 in lost wages, and he will sign a waiver not to sue the County, made by Jody Brown, seconded by Chip Bisson, and approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn made by Nathan Whipple and seconded by Ryan Hedrick; unanimous vote adjourns the meeting.