Ballard County Fiscal Court
July 21, 2026
9:00 AM

Welcome: Todd Cooper, Judge Executive
Roll Call: Jody Brown, Stonnie Dennis, Nathan Whipple, Chip Bisson
Prayer: Todd Cooper
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, seconded by Nathan Whipple, and a unanimous vote to approve.

911

Larry Fraser was present with an update on Next-Gen 911; it is up and running. There are minimal calls that are being routed through State Police at this time. There will be mapping done at the school to allow for pinpoint accuracy for 911 calls being placed from the school. The technology being used for this is being borrowed from Bluegrass 911.

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Nathan Whipple, seconded by Chip Bisson, and unanimous vote to enter.

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Nathan Whipple, and unanimous vote to exit.

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

Motion to accept County Treasurer Lindsay Meeks' verbal resignation, effective immediately, made by Stonnie Dennis, seconded by Nathan Whipple, and unanimous vote to accept.
Motion to appoint Susan Bailey part-time (24 hrs. a week) for the remainder of Lindsay Meeks' vacated term through June 30,2027,

effective 7.21.26 at $25.00 an hour, was made by Nathan Whipple, second by Jody Brown, unanimous on vote.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-07-001 to remove Lindsay Meeks from all accounts with Citizens Deposit Bank and add Susan Bailey to these accounts, made by Stonnie Dennis, seconded by Jody Brown, and a unanimous vote to approve.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-07-002 to remove Lindsay Meeks from all accounts with First Community Bank and add Susan Bailey to these accounts made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Nathan Whipple, and a unanimous vote to approve.

Road

Davis Road has been paved. The culvert for Albert Hook is in and the culvert for Wilson Lane was replaced. Bethlehem Bridge project will continue as the damage from the flooding is completed.

Bids for Emulsion Oil were requested; a bid for Mixing was submitted. Chip Bisson made the motion to reject the mixing bid. Nathan Whipple seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Jail

Eric Coppess was present and presented a verbal monthly report. He stated that revenue should begin from the MRT and Classes as both are up and running.

Ambulance

Anna Abernathy presented a written monthly report and requested that 2 employees be promoted from part-time to full-time.
Motion to make SL full-time at the current pay-scale effective 7.25.26 made by Jody Brown, and seconded by Chip Bisson. A unanimous vote approves the motion.

Motion to make TH full-time at the current pay scale, effective 8.1.26, made by Chip Bisson and seconded by Nathan Whipple; unanimous vote carries the motion.

Solid Waste

No business to conduct.

EMA

The County declared a State of Emergency on 7.10.2026 due to flash flooding. The governor did not declare a state of emergency.

Animal Control

No business to conduct.

Treasurer

Susan Bailey presented items for review and approval to the Fiscal Court. ***Motion to pay the bills with the credit card ($1,772.xx) added to the general fund, pending audit made by Nathan Whipple and seconded by Chip Bisson, with a unanimous vote to approve. Motion to approve Cash Transfers, pending audit, made by Chip Bisson, seconded by Jody Brown, and unanimous vote to approve.***

County Attorney

Insurance claim has been submitted for the roof due to storm damage from a tree falling a few years ago. Travis has been reaching out for bids and bids should be received soon.

County Clerk

No business to conduct.

HR

No business to conduct

Projects and Properties

A new state law, KRS 45A.385, allows the amount needed to procure sealed bids has been amended to any item or contract more than $50,000. The County is able to amend the County Code Chapter 9 section 2. The amendment will read:

C. Any expenditure or contract for materials, supplies (except perishable meats and vegetables), equipment, or for contractual services other than professional involving an expenditure of more than $50,000 shall be subject to competitive bidding.
Motion to approve the amendment to County Code 9.2 made by Jody Brown and seconded by Chip Bisson; unanimous vote to approve.

The Sr. Center presented a request for NGO funding. After reviewing the monthly financials and present needs ***a motion to donate $4,500 to the Senior Citizen Center was made by Nathan Whipple seconded by Chip Bisson and a vote of 3 ayes and 1 nay, motion carries.***

Wave Ag Day will be at Columbus Belmont Thursday, July 30, 2026.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Jody Brown and seconded by Nathan Whipple, unanimous vote to approve.