Ryan/ Nathan

Ballard County Fiscal Court
September 30, 2026
3:00 PM

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

The minutes from the September 15, 2026 Fiscal Court meeting were provided to the court. A ***motion to approve as presented and to forego the public reading was made by Chip Bisson, second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous vote to approve.***

Road

Judge Cooper presented the court a Road Resolution on a public private partnership for Gum Corner Road. After discussion, ***a motion to approve Resolution 2026-09-30-001 between BCFC, Grassy Lake Farms and Hunter's Pond Inc., was made by Chip Bisson and seconded by Nathan Whipple and a unanimous vote approves.*** The resolution provides a road improvement plan on Gum Corner Road. Hunter's Pond INC. agrees to hire a contractor and purchase new culverts to be placed at Snake Slough levee. The county will supply rock and grading once construction is complete.
The 2027 paving list was presented for review. The Road Department needs a newer dump truck. More research is being completed. A bush hog has been ordered and that will be approximately $25,000.00 due upon arrival this fall.

Jail

Request from Chief Deputy Harvell to change BL from part-time to full-time at current pay-scale effective 9.30.2026. ***A motion made by Chip Bisson and a second by Stonnie Dennis. A unanimous vote carries the motion.*** Harvell requested the court to approve the 2027 Jail Policy and Procedure Manual. ***Motion made by Chip Bisson and seconded by***

Stonnie Dennis pending review; Unanimous vote to approve. There were no changes to the manual from the version adopted in 2026.

Ambulance

The August monthly written report was presented. The Court was informed that a generator will be installed which will cost approximately $40,000.00 at Base 1in LaCenter.

EM

A pay-scale needs to be set for EM Director. The proposed yearly salary was $24,000, with the County being reimbursed for approximately $12,000. ***A motion to approve was made by Chip Bisson but died on the table for lack of a second.***

Treasurer

Susan Bailey presented several items for review and approval. ***Motion to approve the August monthly report, pending audit, made by Ryan Hedrick and seconded by Chip Bisson; unanimous vote approves.*** Monthly bills were presented. Susan asked to the court to include Wex Fuel Bill by ACH, approximately, ~$2500.00 and adding HB810 incentive pay for Ryan Hedrick ~$6000.00, pending audit. ***Motion made by Chip Bisson and seconded by Nathan Whipple, unanimous vote to approve.***
Motion to approve Cash Transfers, pending audit made by Nathan Whipple and seconded by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous vote approves.
Motion to accept the 65/35 Budget report made by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous vote to approve.

The court was presented Lisa Stinson job descriptions. Motion to approve job descriptions for Payroll coordinator, assistant treasurer, animal control payroll/billing, FEMA applicant agent, capital assets coordinator, and procurement specialist. The job descriptions included a $2 hour raise effective 10/01/2026. ***A motion was made by Stonnie Dennis and seconded by Chip Bisson, unanimous vote to approve.***

Projects and Properties

A request for funding from the City of Barlow was made by Mayor Peggy Meredith. ***A motion made by Chip Bisson to donate $1000.00 to Barlow for the Mum Festival. Second was made by Nathan Whipple and unanimous vote to approve.***

Ballard Co. 4-h Council requested a youth leadership donation. ***A motion made to donate $1000.00 to Ballard County 4-H for the Leadership Program was made by Chip Bisson and seconded by Nathan Whipple. Approved by a unanimous vote.***

Judge Cooper opened the court up for public discussion or issues and with no other business to discuss, ***a motion to adjourn was made by Nathan Whipple and second by Stonnie Dennis, unanimous vote to adjourn meeting.***

Next meeting date is October 20, 2026 at 09:00 a.m.