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Ballard County Fiscal Court Minutes

August 5, 2024

5:00 PM

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 Fiscal Court Minutes from July 17, and to forego the public reading of the minutes made by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote.

Motion to approve Fiscal Court Minutes from July 22, and to forego the public reading of the minutes made by Chip Bisson second from Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote.

Road

Bridges: KYTC did annual Bridge Inspections in Ballard County and has closed 3 bridges, Deerfield, Gum Corner and Fraser #18.

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-08-05-001 to borrow \$495,000 for bridge work.

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple to approve the Resolution for 2025 FYE Flex Paving. Supporting an agreement between the State Transportation Department and Ballard County Fiscal Court to use \$230,697 for resurfacing of county roads.

Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Nathan Whipple unanimous on vote to allow Tucker's Ridge Hunt Club a right-of-way on the North side of Sally Crice Road to place an underground electric line. All costs will be paid for by the Hunt Club and all property will be restored to original condition.

Sheriff

Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to donate the surplus property communications repeater to Heartland Church. The equipment was purchased with drug asset forfeiture funds, not tax dollars. The equipment is obsolete.

EMS

Motion by Jody Brown second by Stonnie Dennis and unanimous on vote to approve the Re-Mount quote from R Enterprises for \$128,000.

It was brought to the attention of the Court that the former EMS billing company had allowed the EMS Medicaid Enrollment lapse in March of 2023. The error was caught in July 2024. There may be a significant impact to the county based on not being able to collect for those bills. It was suggested the County Attorney research a breach of contract issue to recover lost revenue from the billing company.

OEM

There was an update given on the Brooking Road Bridge that project completion date is expected to be by July 2025, but there are hopes that it can be completed in half of that time.

Motion made by Stonnie Dennis second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to allow JPEC to move the needed electrical infrastructure for the project to progress. JPEC requires upfront payment of the move prior to moving the infrastructure.

Treasurer

Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple unanimous on vote to pay Liability Insurance and Workers Comp Insurance in installments.

Motion made by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote, pending audit, to pay bills with the addition of \$6950 to Buchanan Trucking for the Road Dept.

Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to approve Cash Transfers, pending audit.

Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Jody Brown unanimous on vote to allow employees to participate in an Employees Savings Club. The enrollment form created by the Treasurer shall be used during the process.

It was noted that there will be FEMA reimbursement for the project on the hill at the Court House as it was from a torrential rain event Memorial Day week.

Lindsay Meeks was introduced as the Treasurer upon Susan's retirement.

Properties and Projects

A petition was presented to the Fiscal Court by Jill Wyre to get an amendment to the Fiscal Court resolution requiring 1000 feet of setbacks for the Solar Projects, from residences and 2000 feet from Schools and Hospitals as describe in KRS 278. After lengthy discussion from constituents and the Court, it was decided to defer any action on this matter until the County Attorney review the possible options and

consequences there would be for amending the Solar Resolution involving set-backs. This will be reported on at the next Fiscal Court meeting.

There was a request that there are spots on Frank Shelby Road that need filled in if it can not be re-paved at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote.

