

Ballard County Fiscal Court  
October 1, 2024  
5:00 PM

Chip/Map

**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 by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick, unanimous on vote, to approve the September 17, 2024 Fiscal Court minutes and forego the public reading.***

#### **Courthouse HVAC bids:**

Danny Rhoades with the KY AOC and Jess Parker (from Hafer engineering), joined in on zoom to discuss the HVAC bids and the plan moving forward. Three bidders submitted bids on Sept. 11. Bids were around 1.5 million dollars. Danny anticipates a higher number due to equipment costs. Susan and Lindsay had an idea for 5-6-year waiver of our quarterly reimbursements from AOC for our part of the financing. Danny went to the budget director and they said they cannot take that path of action. The other option is to apply for grants and defer this for six months. Amber Moreland of the AOC will work with the county to look for grant funding on the counties end to apply for. Danny said we would have to rebid if it was deferred. State representatives and state legislatures were asked for 3 million dollars for HVAC and structural issues. If the budget was reopened, they would try. A new facility could take five years.

***Motion by Nathan Whipple and second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to table the motion to accept the HVAC bids.***

#### **Lindsay Bowles- Ballard Co. Chamber update**

Lindsay presented the 2024-28 Ballard County strategic plan. It contains demographics and surveys. They held townhall meetings for each city so the citizens could voice their opinions on issues. This plan is available on the Chamber of Commerce website. Chamber of Commerce dinner is October 22, 2024 in the BCES gym. Guest Michael G. Adams Secretary of the State will be the speaker.

#### **Road**

Tod Vance discussed the need the jackhammer for backhoe which will be paid for by FEMA reimbursement. The equipment will help the road department remove existing bridges that have been to be closed by KYTC. ***On Motion by Stonnie Dennis and second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote, to approve the purchase.***

#### **Sheriff**

2024 property tax bills have been sent out. Please pay those in a timely manner.

#### **Detention**

Jailer Eric Coppess presented his August 2024 report. A new policy is being discussed to allow jail staff to use canteen money to pay for training expenses if the training is for inmate programming.

#### OEM

Director Travis Holder gave an update on the Brooking Rd bridge. The contractor should have activity within the week.

#### Treasurer

***Treasurer Lindsay Meeks presented reports to the Court. Motion by Chip Bisson and second Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to pay bills, pending audit, with the addition to the bills not in the packet for an expense for Logan Redfern's training per diem of \$301.02 and Owen's cleaning bi-monthly expenses of \$2750.***

***Motion by Nathan Whipple and second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to approve cash transfers, pending audit.***

***Motion by Jody Brown and second Ryan Hedrick unanimous on vote to pay off lease for two ambulances, as funds become available.***

***Motion by Jody Brown and second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to give Kim Graves cost of living raise, retroactive and effective July 1, 2024.***

#### County Clerk

Poll workers are needed. Please contact County Clerk's office for more details.

#### Projects and Properties

***Motion by Stonnie Dennis and second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous vote to approve PDI grant application 2024. The grant will be used at the Riverport site.***

***Motion by Chip Bisson second by Stonnie Dennis unanimous vote on sale of five feet (+/-) of the former carwash property to Crittendon Investments, with the new owner agreeing to pay all expenses, for the amount of \$100.***

***Motion by Chip Bisson and second by Jody Brown and unanimous vote on \$1500 to Family Focus for Dolly Parton library for pre-school children.***

***Motion by Stonnie Dennis and second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous vote on four flagpoles donated to the county by PACRO as surplus property.***

Magistrate Ryan Hedrick requests Larry Fraser from 911 dispatch attend the next fiscal court meeting to go over things regarding dispatch.

***Motion to adjourn by Ryan Hedrick and second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote.***

Next meeting Tuesday October 15, 2024 09:00 A.M.