

Ballard County Fiscal Court  
September 17, 2024  
9:00 AM

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**Welcome:** Todd Cooper  
**Roll Call:** Ryan Hedrick, Jody Brown, Stonnie Dennis,  
Nathan Whipple, Chip Bisson  
**Prayer:** Ryan Hedrick, Chaplain  
**Pledge:** Todd Cooper

***Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to approve the September 3, 2024, Minutes and to forego the public reading.***

**Road**

The plan will be to move forward with the KYTC 20-44 funding request in order to get Deerfield Bridge repaired/replaced.

***Motion by Stonnie Dennis second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to approve the purchase of 2 No Outlet signs to be placed on Deerfield Road.***

The James Family has asked that the county place a gate West of the bridge on the road going to their newly constructed GooseHaven Lodge. The Court has decided to discuss this further after additional land owners on the road can be contacted and their wishes considered.

Tod Vance asked the Court to hire JS as a full-time employee at the current County Pay-Scale effective date 9.18.2024. ***Motion by Nathan Whipple second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to hire JS.***

The 2024 Paving List has been completed by contractor Jim Smith.

### **Sheriff**

The tax bills are due to be received by the Sheriff's office in the next few days and will be mailed out the end of September to Ballard County Land Owner's.

### **911/Dispatch**

Larry Fraser will be present at the October 1 meeting to discuss the 911 merger. It was noted that since Ballard County no longer employs the Employees of this department there is no availability to pay any FSA or other benefits out.

### **Ambulance**

Anna Abernathy presented her monthly report. She had no other business to conduct.

### **Jail**

No Business Conducted

### **Animal Control**

AC has been very busy averaging 60 to 70 calls a month. The basics is the Department needs money, employees, newer vehicles and a plan for the future. All of which shall be discussed in the future.

### **Solid Waste**

Bryan Fondaw presented the monthly report. He also reminded the court that Free Fall Clean-Up Day will be Saturday October 5, 2024. There will be no pick up and no tires will be accepted.

### **Funding Request**

Barlow Mayor Peggy Meredith was present and requested a donation from the Court for the Barlow Mum Festival. *Motion made by Nathan Whipple second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to donate \$1000.00 to the Barlow Mum Festival.*

Ballard County 4-H submitted a written request for a donation for the middle school 4-H Leadership Program. *Motion by Jody Brown second by Ryan Hedrick and unanimous on vote to donate \$1500.00 to Ballard County 4-H.*

#### **Treasurer**

*Motion by Ryan Hedrick second by Jody Brown and unanimous on vote to approve the monthly report, pending audit.*

*Motion by Chip Bisson second by Nathan Whipple and unanimous on vote to approve paying bills, pending audit including additions to the general fund \$1000 Mum Fest, \$1500 4-H, and to pre-approve paying the credit card bill.*

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

#### **County Attorney**

Bethany Denton has made a request to rent the “old Sheriff’s Office” for her private practice. *Motion by Jody Brown second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to accept the request and rent it to Bethany Denton, she will pay the utility bill’s (KU and Gas) for use of the office space.*

#### **County Clerk**

No business to conduct

#### **Projects and Properties**

The Bid for the Court House HVAC was presented. According to the bid the County’s share would be \$695,000. After much discussion the Court wishes to further research options and responsibilities according to the lease/contract with AOC. This discussion will be continued in October.

The owner of the Storage Buildings across from the Court House offered \$100 to buy the small strip of land he wants. The

court will counter-offer: that they will make a decision once he has made the improvements that he mentioned in his offer to the Court.

### **Magistrate Concerns**

Ryan Hedrick was asked by a constituent to see if FOP dues could be taken out from an employee's paycheck by the County. The Sheriff will look into this matter further.

### **Human Resources**

Angela VanCleve informed the Court that KY Safe would be in the County soon and will do a Health Audit of various departments. She explained that this audit is a helpful tool to keep the County in compliance with OSHA requirements.

Angela also reminded County Officials that the Fall KACO conference will be November 13-15 in Louisville.

### **Special Request**

Sheriff Ronnie Giles asked that our County remember Russell County Officer, Josh Phipps who was killed in the line of duty.

***Motion by Ryan Hedrick second by Chip Bisson and unanimous on vote to adjourn.***