

Caldwell County Fiscal Court
 Regular Meeting
 May 9, 2023, 2023

Judge Executive Dakota Young led the pledge to the American Flag and called the meeting to order. Magistrate District 4 Jeff Simms led the opening prayer.

Roll Call by Caldwell County Clerk Jennifer Hale was answered by:

Judge-Executive	Dakota Young	present
Magistrate District 1	Elbert Bennett	present
District 2	Jeff Boone	present
District 3	Brent Stallins	present
District 4	Jeff Simms	present
County Attorney	Roy Massey IV	present
Road Supervisor	David Waldrum	present
Treasurer	Glenda Harper	present

Motion made by Boone to approve today's agenda. Second was made by Simms.
 Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed

Motion by Bennett, second by Boone to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023, meeting.
 Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Caldwell County Jailer Harper submitted the Certificate of Occupancy presented to the Caldwell County Jail by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Corrections. See attached.

Caldwell County Fiscal Court Resolution 05-09-2023-01

Joinder Agreement for the Kentucky Employees 457 Deferred Comp and Kentucky Public Employees 401 Deferred Comp plans. Motion to enter into agreement by Stallins, second by Bennett. See attached
 Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed

Motion to approve Treasurer's Transfers as requested was made by Simms, second by Bennett. See attached.
 Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Motion made by Boone to pay bills as presented, second by Simms. See attached.
 Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Heather Nesler, representing Peel and Holland addressed the court about benefits renewal for FY 2024. The increase for next year is \$16,676.40 to retain same coverage. The company has opened up bids to find a new provider for HRA accounts for the county. Officials were encouraged to get employees involved in open enrollment process. See attached.

Motion was made by Simms to accept insurance plan renewal with Peel and Holland, and to maintain employee contribution level; second by Boone.

Vote: yes, unanimous

Motion passed

Budget workshop

Judge Young presented a proposed FY 2024 budget of approximately \$13.4 million for consideration. It includes over \$1.2 million in reductions from previous years budget. Judge Young noted the county was facing significant financial difficulties. The judge and magistrates went through line items of departments and welcomed input from department heads and explained differences in new budget. It was noted that the Soil and Conservation District, as well as the airport had requested increases of their county contributions. It was discussed and magistrates agreed increases would not be possible in this budget, due to limited funding. A new fund has been created for the animal shelter in hopes of keeping donations for that entity separate from other county monies. Judge Young noted the ARPA fund would be decreased by \$250,000.00, to reflect invoices recently received from PRECC/HES for the fiber project. First reading will be at the next court meeting.

Clerk Hale asked for approval of payment of election expenses including Precinct Election Officer compensation for primary election to be held May 16, 2023. The amount cannot be specifically determined on officer pay until day of election. Motion was made to approve by Simms, second by Stallins.

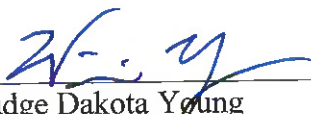
Vote: yes, unanimous

Motion passed

Magistrate Boone, and the court, extended condolences and asked for prayer for the family of Mr. Wayne Glass.

Next regular meeting to be held: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 9:00 AM. Requests and paperwork is to be turned in by Friday, May 20, 2023, by noon.

Motion made by Boone and second by Stallins to be adjourned.
Court adjourned.



Judge Dakota Young