

Caldwell County Fiscal Court
March 26, 2024

Judge Executive Dakota Young called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the American Flag. Magistrate District 2, Jeff Boone led the opening prayer.

Roll Call 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	Kasey Oliver	present

Motion made by Boone to approve today's agenda. Second was made by Stallins. See attached.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2024 meeting was made by Bennett, second by Simms.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Judge Young reminded everyone of the upcoming Tire Amnesty drop off at Recycling Center located at 400 Eagon St. Dates are April 11 and 12 (8-3) April 13 (8 – 12),

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance 03-15-2024-02 Second Reading - an ordinance establishing Licensure Requirements for Solar Energy Systems in Caldwell County. The State has left it up to the county governments to establish requirements for solar energy systems within the county. Judge Young read the ordinance for the second time. He noted that passage would return the decision making authority to Caldwell County from Frankfort. He opened up the floor for public comment. There was much discussion concerning the environmental and ecological effects on the land, as well as impacts on the landowners of the properties leased for the building of solar energy systems. Many citizens voiced their opinions on the subject, both for and against the ordinance. Judge Young explained that the ordinance was a starting point for the county and that the court was open for further discussion. The magistrates expressed that they are not interested in telling a landowner what they can or can't do with their land, but are only trying to establish reasonable safeguards. Motion to approve was made by Stallins, second was made by Boone. See attached ordinance. The roll call vote by Clerk Hale was answered as follows:

Judge-Executive	Dakota Young	yes
Magistrate District 1	Elbert Bennett	yes
District 2	Jeff Boone	yes
District 3	Brent Stallins	yes
District 4	Jeff Simms	yes
Vote: yes, unanimous		Ordinance passed.

Ordinance 03-15-2024-03 Policies and Procedures – Animal Shelter: Second Reading

Motion made by Boone, second by Stallins. The roll call vote by Clerk Hale was answered as follows:

Judge-Executive	Dakota Young	yes
Magistrate District 1	Elbert Bennett	yes
District 2	Jeff Boone	yes
District 3	Brent Stallins	yes
District 4	Jeff Simms	yes
Vote: yes, unanimous		Motion passed.

New Business:

Motion to approve reappointment of Allison Herndon to the Water District Board. First term was an appointment to finish out Chris Noels term. Motion made by Boone, second by Simms.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Resolution 03-26-2024-01 is a resolution to make previous video security system in jail surplus property. This system is going to be donated to the animal shelter. Motion made by Simms, with a second by Boone.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

A petition was presented to the court urging the inclusion of Wildwood Point into the county road system. The petition included reference to KRS 178.080, which required action of the court. Motion was made by Stallins, second by Bennett to follow the recommendation and report of the committee appointed to investigate the matter. The committee did not recommend that the roadway be included into the county road system. Motion made by Stallins, with a second by Bennett.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Motion to approve the advertising of bids to supply the generators funded by the HMGP Grant was made by Boone and seconded by Simms.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Motion to approve Monthly Financial Statement for February was made by Simms, and seconded by Boone. See attached.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Motion to authorize Treasurers Transfers was made by Bennett, second by Stallins.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Motion to pay bills as presented made by Boone, second by Stallins. See attached.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Treasurer Oliver asked for permission to close out old county bank accounts and move funds into active accounts. There are four accounts to close. Motion made by Simms, second by Boone.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Reports:

Joey McCaslin announced there would be no EOC meeting.

Property Valuation Administrator Ronald Wood stated that he appreciates the cooperation between his and the clerks office while working through the bugs in the KAVIS system.

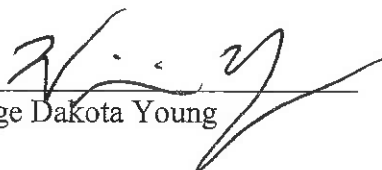
Jailer Harper reported that Highland Baptist Church has donated the use of five acres of land to create a jail and community garden. Inmates will work in the garden and provide vegetables to the jail and others in the community.

Lori Dunning said the courthouse would be transferring e-mail accounts to the new KY.GOV system.

Sheriff Weedman submitted the yearly and monthly patrol report, and said the office was increasing its patrol in the county. Two candidates will be finishing up their training in June and October. The office is also working on its web page to include contact information for the office.

Judge Young announced the court's next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Paperwork is to be turned in by Friday, April 5, 2024, by noon.

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



Judge Dakota Young