

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2018**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on April 17, 2018, at the Henry County Courthouse in New Castle, Kentucky, with the following in attendance:

John L. Brent, Judge Executive  
Virginia Harrod, County Attorney  
Esquire Scott Bates  
Esquire Jerry Beasley  
Esquire Mike Fisher  
Esquire Jason Stanley  
Esquire Rickey Timberlake

**RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Judge/Executive, John L. Brent, led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**RE: PRAYER & PREPARATION**

Silent prayer was observed in preparation for the meeting.

**RE: CALL TO ORDER**

Judge Brent called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and noted that Esq. Terri Cummings was in route to the meeting, although she did not arrive before adjournment.

**RE: APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 20 AND MARCH 27 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from March 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from March 27<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Judge Brent stated there was no unfinished business from the previous meeting.

## **RE: NEW BUSINESS**

### **RE: ROADS**

#### **1. Supervisor's Report**

Henry County Road Supervisor, Kenny Tindle, reported that grading has begun again on gravel roads. They continue to clean up dead ash trees and to put in pipes as the ditches are dry enough. Cold patching should be available on Friday to complete that work.

#### **2. Road Committee Report- Esq. Beasley**

Esq. Beasley stated that the committee met at the Wolfpen Bridge site.

#### **3. Wolfpen Bridge Update**

Judge Brent stated that he, Mr. Tindle, and the Road Committee had met with the contractor, bridge engineer, and Mr. Cheek who is advising the Court. Jeff Roederer prepared and submitted the project schedule for completion of the Wolfpen Bridge detailing the progression of work. Turnover of the bridge to the County is projected for June 20, 2018.

## **RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS**

#### **1. Supervisor's Update**

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Paige Lucas, reported that EMS services are going well with an increased run volume. One truck has a compression leak, but should be back by the end of the week. There are a significant number of call-ins from part-time employees requiring their shifts to be covered.

#### **EMS Committee Report - Esq. Bates**

Esq. Bates reported that the EMS Committee has met and reviewed the records noting that there were 38 call-ins during the last month. The service appears to be running smoothly.

## **RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE**

### **1. Director's Update**

Henry County P & Z / Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported that 9 building and 13 electrical permits have been issued for the month. The Planning and Zoning Commission met and reviewed a text amendment to the ordinance. The Board of Adjustments met and approved 1 variance and 3 conditional use permits in March. Neither Board will be meeting in May.

### **2. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Zoning Text Amendment Re: Distilled Spirits Storage, Distilling & Tasting Rooms**

Judge Brent presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of a text amendment whose goal is to encourage the distilled spirits storage industry in the County with appropriate limitations. Judge Brent explained there is a tourism component as well as the taxes that will be accrued on each barrel in storage. One such business is already coming to the Industrial Park, but others wish to locate here. Judge Brent read the amendment which will have to be approved by the Fiscal Court and each incorporated city. This change would allow A-1 conditional use for a storage building/rack house for each tract of 50 acres of agricultural land. The tangible tax is set by the state based on the age of bourbon. There is an estimated tax benefit of \$4 per barrel on approximately 10,000 to 12,000 which could fit in each building. This change would provide restrictions as listed while providing an opportunity for growth.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an A-1 conditional use on tracts a minimum of 50 acres in area, bourbon storage including the construction of one warehouse, rack house, craft distillery, and tasting room with itemized requirements.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS**

Henry County Parks & Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, was not in attendance due to a soccer game of the team he coaches.

## **RE: ANIMAL SERVICES**

### **1. Director's Update**

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt reported that over 200 animals have been taken into the shelter since January and they continue to work to find rescues and adoptions for them. All vehicles and the building are currently operating.

## **Committee Report- Esq. Fisher**

Esq. Fisher reported that the committee did not meet.

### **RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT**

Sheriff Cravens presented the Sheriff's Department report for February citing the following services: 244 KSP dispatch calls, 110 Sheriff's office calls, 41 citations/criminal summons, 10 criminal arrests, 24 warrant arrests, 204 court papers served, 1 fugitive transport, 1 juvenile transport, 3 MIW transports, 60 vehicle inspections, 45 carry conceal licenses, 2 DUI arrests, and 5 drug charge arrests.

### **RE: HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**

Sheriff Cravens presented information on a grant administered by Homeland Security that will provide equipment for their department. The grant is designed to purchase 9 mm firearms for the department which will be issued to officers. The plan would allow for control of the size and type of weapons being used and could help with insurance liability. The Sheriff's Department applied for 20 guns to include off-duty weapons for deputies. The grant request is for \$20,000, and there would be no cost to the County.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to approve the Homeland Security Grant for \$20,000 for the purchase of weapons for the Sheriff's Department.

Motion carried unanimously

### **RE: COMPASS REPORT**

Joan Myers and Stephanie Sharp Cravens presented their report on the COMPASS Program operated through the Tri-County Community Action Agency. They read an account detailing a local young woman's journey through addiction, unsuccessful treatment, and then ultimately her guidance through their program that is resulting in her long-term recovery. She is regaining her life and was introduced to the Court as an update on the value of the work being done for those struggling with addiction and their families.

### **RE: REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ROCK, ASPHALT & SALT**

Judge Brent requested that the Court authorize the advertisement for bids for rock, asphalt, and salt for the County for next year.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered to authorize the requests for bids for rock, asphalt, and salt for the coming year.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: MONDAY LATE HOURS DISCUSSION**

Judge Brent reminded the Court that the topic of late afternoon hours for County offices needed to be discussed. The proposal that the County Clerk, Judge/Executive, and Sheriff’s offices extend their hours from 4:30 – 6:00 only on the last Monday of each month would accommodate those needing services after regular work day hours and still save money. Esq. Bates stated that he had spoken with all these offices, and they report that it is very rare for anyone to come in after 4:30.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered to set the hours of Monday-Friday from 8-4:30 daily with extended hours until 6 p.m. on only the last Monday of each month for all County offices.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE FOR 2018/19 COUNTY BUDGET 1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Judge Brent informed the Court that a special meeting will be conducted at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 30, in the conference room of the Judge/Executive’s Office in the Courthouse Annex to have the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2018/19 County Budget.

**RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS**

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered to approve the following claims and transfers:

General Fund	\$247,356.72
Road & Bridge Fund	53,721.44
Jail Fund	55,730.02
LGEA Fund	1,000.00
Litter	543.36
911 Fund	3,733.50
Fair Fund	<u>64.69</u>
Total Expenditures	\$389,149.73
<b>From:</b> 0192009990	\$15,885.38
<b>To:</b> 0150014450	250.00
0150404450	250.00
0150704290	500.00
0152121790	1,000.00
0191003070	4,086.50
0191005310	2,188.70
0194002090	7,610.18

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments.

Hugh McBurney inquired about the amount of revenue the County has received from alcohol. Judge Brent stated that we realize approximately \$80,000 per year. The Court will be able to allocate those dollars from a separate fund into which these proceeds are put. He also stated that Flat Rock Road is in bad shape due to the wash out and hole in the culvert.

Corissa Woods inquired about animal control related to a dog bite she sustained and a horse that was left on her farm. State law requires that the County have a dog catcher which is our Animal Control Officer, and she could seek prosecution of the horse's owner through the County Attorney's office.

## **RE: COURT COMMENTS**

Esq. Timberlake stated that he wanted to commend Kenny Tindle again for the good job that he continues to do by insuring that everything is done properly and on time.

## **RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley , it is ordered by the Court to adjourn and each Magistrate, the Judge/Executive, and the County Attorney shall receive a typed copy of these Minutes prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

S/ Denise Perry  
**DENISE PERRY**  
**FISCAL COURT CLERK**

S/ John L. Brent  
**JOHN L. BRENT**  
**JUDGE EXECUTIVE**

Date Approved: **May 15, 2018**