

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2018**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on December 18, 2018, at the Henry County 4-H Building 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 Terri Cummings
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 6:00 p.m. and noted that all magistrates were in attendance.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20th MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the November 20th Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CHANGE IN THE ORDERS OF THE DAY

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to move the items of Unfinished Business in the agenda for consideration following the Executive Session.
Motion carried unanimously

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Supervisor's Report

Henry County Road Supervisor, Kenny Tindle, reported that the Department continues to fix gravel roads, potholes, and culverts. He recommended the hiring of Raife Goddard who holds CDL certification to a full-time position.

2. Road Committee Report--Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley stated that the Committee has met and continues to work on the New Cut Road issue.

3. Hiring of New Employee

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to employ Raife Goddard to full-time position with the Road Department.

4. New Cut Road Update

Judge Brent stated that no action has been taken on New Cut Road. The Road Committee composed of Esq. Fisher, Esq. Cummings, and Esq. Fisher have been to the site 3 times. They have identified 8 slides on the road. There are 3 spots that had been previously stabilized. The 8 areas where the ground continues to move will require cribbing and rails driven for stabilization. Those areas have been rated as Priority 1 and 2 which the State requested the Committee do. There are 5 significant ones designated as Priority 1 and 3 less serious ones rated Priority 2. Hinkle Environmental Services previously worked on New Cut Road in 2004 with FEMA paying 75% of the cost and the County and State sharing the remaining 25%. Another issue to consider is the forced oil pipeline which pumps 4,000 gallons per minute from Texas to Pennsylvania. The pipeline easement is on the edge of the roadway. We do not expect that the company will supply any money for the project. We have determined that there could possibly be emergency road funds available. The Municipal and County Road Aid Emergency Request application and the pictures of the site are on display in the rear of the room. The cost estimates from Hinkle included in the application are \$569,550.50 for the entire repair with the Priority 1 areas estimated at \$425,570.50.

Esq. Fisher stated that the Road Committee plans to wait for a response from the State on funding. They have a meeting scheduled with Senator Hornback and the Secretary of Transportation. They have contacted Jon Park with Constituent Services in Frankfort who feels there are funds available, but he has no idea of how much.

Judge Brent informed the interested citizens in attendance that in the event that the State does not fund the project and the Court should move forward with a permanent closure, it would be months before action was taken. The process would include a public hearing at which citizens would be heard and the assigning of road viewers. He recommended interested parties follow coverage in the *Henry County Local* for updated information.

Supervisor Tindle stated that in response to the calls concerning the bridge on the HWY 193 end of New Cut Road there is no weight limit.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Paige Lucas-Jamiel, reported that all is going well with EMS Services. The new ambulance will be in service in January. She submitted 2 employment applications for part-time EMT positions.

2. EMS Committee Report - Esq. Bates

Esq. Bates reported that the EMS Committee did meet. They reviewed the applications for part-time EMTs.

3. Hiring of New Employee

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to hire Brian Munson and Michelle Murrin to part-time EMT positions.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Update

Judge Brent reported that 9 building and 12 electrical permits have been issued during the month. Planning and Zoning did not have a meeting in December and none is scheduled for January. The Board of Adjustments has a conditional use application to review in January. With the vacancy in the Director position, Amanda Ricketts is doing all administrative work and Steve Heffley and Donnie Tipton will do the field work related to 911 addressing and complaints.

RE: ABC ADMINISTRATOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Ed Nelson, ABC Administrator, reported that he had visited all licensed businesses in the last 2 weeks. He identified only a minor sign issue that will be rechecked. The County has received all license fees for the quarter, and the Loft and Hot Rod's & BBQ have closed. Six Mile Creek Distillery has sold some products, but nothing in the County yet.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Supervisor's Update

Travis Buchanan, Parks and Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported that things have slowed down. The Splash Pad will be ready for a spring opening with the Health Department requirements completed. The new floor in the 4-H Building was paid for by the Extension Council. His staff has painted all walls and stripped and waxed the small side floor to improve appearance. In January they will begin a small drainage project at the 4-H building and complete needed equipment work.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, reported that Kim Lyons held an event this past weekend that raised over \$700 for vet services for animals and \$700 in treats and dog food. Her efforts really help in caring for the dogs. The last trip to Chicago for rescues went well. Director Flinkfelt distributed a report citing statistics on which the Henry/Trimble Animal Shelter demonstrated outstanding performance in the areas of euthanasia rate, length of shelter stay, and outcomes for the animals. We exceed the Ky. and US rates in every category and rank in the top 5 shelters in the State based on these criteria.

2. Judges' Committee Report

Judge Brent reported on his 2 meetings with the new Trimble County Judge/Executive. They have hired one part-time person, and the Trimble County Fiscal Court should hire a full-time employee at their meeting on January 7.

3. Committee Report- Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher reported that the committee did meet, but he has nothing further to add.

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Deeanne West reported the following activities for the month of November: 171 KSP dispatch calls, 7 criminal cases, 1 DUI arrest, 8 warrants served, 159 all papers served, 25 concealed carry deadly weapon permits issued, 45 vehicle inspections, and 90 sheriff's office calls.

RE: KY RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING DISCUSSION

Judge Brent stated that Henry County Fiscal Court owns the KY River Fire Department building. There is some concrete floor work and posts in the back that need to be repaired. He suggested that the Court could make these repairs and turn the building over to the fire district. The Court would continue to pay for the insurance just like the arrangement with Lake Jericho Fire District. Estimates are that the concrete work would cost \$1,200 to \$1,300 and the post work would be approximately \$2,300. If the fire department ceased to exist, the building ownership would return to Fiscal Court. The Court discussed other possible resolutions in the event the department ceased to operate.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to fund the concrete floor and post repairs at the KY River Fire Department building; to then deed the building to the fire district; to pay insurance for the department; and should the department cease to exist, the building ownership would return to Fiscal Court.

Motion carried unanimously

KY River Fire Chief requested in the event of a closure of the fire district that any funds remaining be given to the other fire departments in the County.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court that should the KY River Fire Department cease to exist, the building would be sold and the proceeds divided between the other fire departments in the County.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR SALE OF PROPERTY & PERSONNEL DISCUSSION

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and sale of property matters.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Fisher it is ordered by the Court to close the Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to return to Regular Session.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS – COUNTY CLERK & SHERIFF’S BUDGETS

The Budget Committee met with the Sheriff and County Clerk to review their 2019 proposed budgets which both had 1st Readings approved at the November meeting. The issue of salary raises and insurance costs for employees of these offices were discussed. The Committee agreed to a raise of 40 cents per hour for full-time employees and part-time employees who have at least 3 years of service and add an assessment of \$20 per month per policy to help with the cost of insurance which has risen 100% in the last 10 years.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to provide a raise of 40 cents per hour for full-time employees and part-time employees who have worked at least 3 years for the County and increase insurance costs by \$20 per month.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COUNTY CLERK’S BUDGET—2ND READING

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2nd Reading of the County Clerk’s Budget for 2019.

RE: SHERIFF’S BUDGET—2ND READING

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2nd Reading of the Sheriff’s Budget for 2019.

RE: SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the sale of Lot 1 of the Commerce Park for \$15,000 and allow Judge Brent to negotiate the deal between the buyer and the County Attorney.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the sale of a small lot of property located at the Deerfield Bridge which remains after the bridge construction by advertising it for sale with sealed bids with a minimum of \$2,000.

Motion carried unanimously

CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$249,873.53
Road & Bridge Fund	52,152.64
Jail Fund	40,964.29
LGEA	12,000.00
Litter	741.32
911 Fund	0.00
ABC	11,604.89
Fair Fund	<u>302.64</u>
Total Expenditures	\$367,639.31

<u>From:</u> 0191009990	\$62,000.00
<u>To:</u> 0150015030	3,500.00
0150404450	2,000.00
0150202100	3,000.00
0150704290	3,000.00
0150705990	500.00
0150803290	5,000.00
0150805780	45,000.00

<u>From:</u> 0292009990	\$4,200.00
<u>To:</u> 0261053090	100.00
0261053980	2,000.00
0294002090	2,100.00

<u>From:</u> 0392009990	\$300.00
<u>To:</u> 0361015690	300.00

<u>From:</u> 0492009990	\$500.00
<u>To:</u> 0454205050	500.00

<u>From:</u> 014909	\$125,000.00
<u>To:</u> 034910	125,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments.

Citizens raised concerns about the New Cut Road situation citing its condition and maintenance, the time which will be required to resolve the issues, and work which could be done now to help. The County Road Department will evaluate the ditches and culverts on the road to repair areas where washing has created spots where small cars bottom out.

Judge Brent reminded those in attendance that we need to see what the State can do to help with funding and what the County can spend. There are limited resources averaging approximately \$1 million to maintain all 200 miles of County roads throughout the entire year. Court members encouraged citizens to contact Governor Bevin, Senator Hornback, and leaders in the House and Senate. Funding for roads is distributed back based on gas sales from within the county. It is important to buy gas locally to increase the State tax dollars that are badly needed here.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Judge Brent recognized Esq. Terri Cummings and Esq. Rickey Timberlake for their service to the County. They have represented their constituents well and will be missed.

Esq. Bates stated that he appreciates both Esq. Cummings and Esq. Timberlake who have been good magistrates who added greatly to the Court.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Cummings and second by Esq. Timberlake, 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

S/ Denise Perry
DENISE PERRY
FISCAL COURT CLERK

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

Date Approved: **January 15, 2019**