

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2018**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on March 20, 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 Terri Cummings
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 all magistrates were present.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 20 MEETINGS MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Cummings, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from February 20th Regular 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 his department was loaded and ready for the predicted snow. They have had some breakdowns with the crawler, and some of the crew was able to repair it. As soon as the weather permits, they will resume grading and ditching. Rock has been hauled and they have been cold patching. Work on the Montfort Lane culvert will begin after the potential for another washout is lessened.

2. Road Committee Report- Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley stated that the committee met and discussed the Wolfpen Bridge. Kenny Cheek was able to work out the questions with Jeff Roederer. As soon as the weather breaks, they will be back on the project.

3. Wolfpen Bridge Update

Judge Brent reported that the Road Committee's work on resolving issues was discussed and the progress toward completion will resume as soon as possible with weather conditions.

4. 2018 Rural Secondary Presentation – District 5 Office

Judge Brent informed the Fiscal Court that the District 5 Office was scheduled to present the 2018 Rural Secondary Projects report at this meeting. He was notified that they were unable to get the report together in time for this meeting. In order to prevent the projects from being delayed due to waiting for the April meeting, he is calling a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 27, at 5 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex to hear their recommendations.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Paige Lucas, reported that EMS services are going well and all equipment is currently operating. She currently has the applications for 4 part-time EMTs to help with the staffing needs; and now has a full-time EMT position available following a resignation. She and Deputy Sheriff Perry will be making follow-up QRT visits as a result of 9 recent overdose runs. Henry County EMS will receive a significant number of doses of nasal Narcan from Pharmacist Drane Stephens who received an approximate \$80,000 grant.

EMS Committee Report - Esq. Bates

Esq. Bates reported that the EMS Committee has met and reviewed the applications for part-time EMTs.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered to employ Elaine Cecil, Alex Piekarczyk, Justin Hamil, and Nathan Hayes as part-time EMTs for the County.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

Henry County P & Z / Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported that 6 building and 9 electrical permits have been issued for the month. The Planning and Zoning Commission met and approved construction of 2 cell towers, one in Lockport and one in Port Royal. There are currently 3 conditional uses and 1 variance for the Board of Adjustments.

Judge Brent stated that the law regarding cell tower construction is different usually allowing them regardless of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Fiscal Court. The hearings allow individuals to be heard, but the laws are such that even if the towers are voted down, they will still be built under most circumstances.

Required training for the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board Adjustments was held on March 16 in the County for all members. At that time, Mike Ray was recognized for 32 years of serving as Commissioner. He has also performed many other valuable roles for the County during this time.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

Henry County Parks & Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, reported that all the parks are now open. All winter repairs have been made. They are working on the fields and getting them in condition. Practices are on-going and games for baseball, softball, and soccer will begin on April 14.

RE: ABC ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Nelson, ABC Administrator, presented his quarterly report. There are 20 businesses operating under licenses in the County. All fees have been paid for the quarter. The new distillery is now scheduled to open in the fall.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, presented the report for February: 56 animals taken into the shelter--9 surrenders, 39 strays, 7 seized, and 1 returned adoption. They were able to place 51 animals-- 34 transfers to Chicago, 6 adoptions, 11 returned to owners, and 2 euthanized. Mr. Flinkfelt will be doing scheduled school visits and he finished his state certification training.

Committee Report- Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher reported that the committee met and discussed an issue with the outside lighting and the back door at the shelter. The light has been repaired and a 4-foot kick plate is being made for the door since one is not available for purchase.

RE: RECOMMENDATION OF KAREN FISHER TO HENRY COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Judge Brent notified the Court that there is a vacancy on the Henry County Library Board. He recommends the appointment of Karen Fisher of Eminence to fill this vacancy.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered to appoint Karen Fisher to the Henry County Library Board.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 2018/19 JAIL BUDGET – 1ST READING

Judge Brent explained the proposed Jail Budget to the Court. At this time, the budget includes a raise of 40 cents per hour for the deputy jailers; however if the legislature does not act on the retirement issue, it may have to be amended. The contracts for housing inmates remain about the same. Based on recent expenditures, the amount for medical items has been decreased. Although the Jailer has requested and needs a van, that does not appear feasible this year. The Jail Budget of \$642,300 is approximately 10 percent of the County's total budget.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 1st Reading of the Henry County Jail Budget.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Cravens presented the Sheriff's Department report for February citing the following services: 323 KSP dispatch calls, 85 Sheriff's office calls, 55 citations/criminal summons, 13 criminal arrests, 38 warrant arrests, 192 court papers served, 4 juvenile transports, 40 vehicle inspections, 40 carry conceal licenses, 2 DUI arrest, and 4 drug arrests.

Judge Brent asked Sheriff Cravens if he could check on the status of the last 6 payroll reimbursements which are owed to Fiscal Court.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$247,679.22
Road & Bridge Fund	50,882.15
Jail Fund	21,728.07
LGEA Fund	566.55
911 Fund	5,756.75
Fair Fund	<u>1,435.36</u>
Total Expenditures	\$328,048.10
From: 0192009990	\$15,602.34
To: 0150255390	1,000.00
0150404450	200.00
0191003070	113.62
0191005990	1,000.00
0191005510	13,101.50
0151305740	87.22
0151405490	100.00

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments. Thomas Minton of the Library Board of Trustees thanked the Fiscal Court for their approval of Karen Fisher to the Board and expressed their appreciation of the Court's support.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Judge Brent thanked Kenny Tindle for his efforts in already having the snow plows on and trucks ready to go. The magistrates made additional comments about his always being responsive and getting done what was asked in timely fashion.

Esq. Bates reminded everyone in attendance of the importance of contacting legislators urging them to phase in the pension costs to local governments. He stated that the Fiscal Court's savings would be used up this year for the 48 percent increase and next year's budget would be impossible.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, 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: **April 17, 2018**