

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on February 19, 2019, 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 Mike Fisher
Esquire Roger Hartlage
Esquire Chuck Smith
Esquire Jason Stanley

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 JANUARY 15th MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the January 15th 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 all the rain is causing problems for the gravel roads in the County, and it will take much to repair them. There has been another slippage on Fox Creek in Deerfield Farms, and it is on emergency closure while we determine what must be done. The slip is very deep and the hill very steep so it will be expensive to get it back in service taking at least several months. Esq. Hartlage stated that the Stonehurst area has 4 roads and there is a need for gravel on some areas and he would like to see them blacktopped later. Supervisor Tindle stated that the signs requested would be installed this week.

2. Road Committee Report--Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley stated that the Committee has not met.

3. New Cut Road Update

Judge Brent stated that the cribbing is scheduled to start on New Cut Road in mid- to late-March and hopefully the road can be opened soon after that. This work will only address the 3 worst of the 7 identified areas. There are still driveways without pipes that need to be installed. Prior to Planning & Zoning pipes were not required and that is a major problem in maintaining the road. The plan now requires for landowners to pay for the first culvert which is approximately \$300, and the County maintains them after that. There are currently 8 without pipes, and we will continue to do research to determine how to proceed since they are causing damage to the road.

4. Troutman Hill / Drennon Church Discussion

Judge Brent introduced Eric Bush who represents the Drennon Christian Church regarding their request to adjust the intersection of HWY 202 and Troutman Hill Road. Mr. Bush stated that the congregation wishes to close the spur in front of the church at this intersection for safety reasons and to provide parking for their services. The church would like the spur closed to through traffic and the road widened coming straight down the hill into the intersection. The church would pay for the installation of a culvert and bollards or a guardrail. Supervisor Tindle stated that this would require a permit from the Transportation Cabinet who he had already contacted, and they did not see a problem with this closure. County Attorney Harrod advised that the permit process would require posting notifications and advertising the proposed closure.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Smith, it is ordered to approve the plan to proceed with closure of the Troutman Hill Road spur.

Motion carried unanimously

5. Used Dump Truck Purchase -- \$14,500

Judge Brent stated that Esq. Beasley has found a Chevrolet dump truck from the State Transportation Department in Frankfort. After checking it out, the truck appears to be in suitable condition and is needed due to the unreliability of the one that the County currently owns.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to purchase the used Chevrolet dump truck from the Transportation Department for \$14,500.

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Brent notified the Court that the sealed bids for the sale of surplus property had been opened. The total offered for all 7 vehicles is approximately \$3,520, and we will no longer be paying for insurance coverage on them.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Paige Lucas-Jamiel, reported that services are going well. Runs are up to over 220 for the year which will improve receipts.

2. EMS Committee Report - Esq. Smith

Esq. Smith reported that the EMS Committee did not meet; however, they are studying how expenditures can be cut.

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Update

P & Z Administrator Amanda Ricketts reported that 5 building and 11 electrical permits have been issued during the month. Neither the Planning and Zoning Commission or Board of Adjustments met during the month.

2. Staffing Update

Judge Brent informed the Court that Mike Sawalich will be working 3 days per week as the Enforcement Officer. The Personnel Committee met last week and discussed this plan. Their hope is to save money for the County with his part-time schedule and continue providing needed services.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Supervisor's Update

Travis Buchanan, Parks and Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported that activities will be picking up at the park soon. Little League baseball and softball have started the sign ups and soccer will begin this week. They will want the fields by mid-March so he plans to open the park restrooms by that time. His staff will be hosting the small engine class in their shop beginning on March 6 for 3 weeks on Wednesdays after school. The latest Leadership Henry class has had 21 tree identification signs made to be placed at the new park. They will also be creating a map denoting their locations in the park. The Don and Elizabeth Buchanan Splash Pad should be ready for a grand opening following final inspections. He is working with Mr. Buchanan on the installation of an archway. The Parks Committee will be meeting to draft the guidelines for use.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, reported that their operations are going well with the full Trimble County staff in place. The number of rescues, adoptions, and returns to owners are all up. No animals have been euthanized. Last night one kennel was smashed and a dog was stolen. The Sheriff's Department is working on the case. He requested that they need a newer security system. Judge Brent asked that Mr. Flinkfelt get some costs to present to the Animal Services Committee.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher reported that the committee did not meet.

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

1. I-71 Connected Director

Judge Brent stated that the regional economic development director position which was vacant has been filled by Shelby Miles. The position is shared with Carroll, Gallatin, Oldham, Owen, and Trimble Counties which allows us to afford his services and a regional network. Mr. Miles attended the Economic Development Council meeting today and will be working to that group to support us in our economic development efforts.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Hartlage

Esq. Hartlage reported that the committee met and has discussed the infrastructure issue regarding sewers. Oldham County reports that they could handle up to 900,000 gallons per day if we could get the sewage to them. We will continue to study this possibility. Esq. Hartlage invited the public to give him names of any business they would like for him to contact. He stated that he had taken the liberty to reach out to some businesses inviting them to consider locating here. He has received a response from one stating that we do not have the population necessary.

RE: SHERIFF’S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of December: 309 KSP dispatch calls, 100 Sheriff’s office calls, 37 citations/criminal summons, 6 criminal arrests, 31 warrant arrests, 187 all papers served, 1 fugitive transport, 1 juvenile transport, 40 vehicle inspections, 20 carry conceal licenses, 1 DUI arrest, and 4 drug charge arrests.

RE: SHERIFF’S OFFICE EXCESS FEES PRESENTATION

Judge Brent notified the Court that Interim Sheriff Deeanne West has been seriously ill and will make her presentation at the March meeting.

RE: CLERK’S OFFICE EXCESS FEES PRESENTATION

County Clerk Shanda Archer encouraged all those in attendance at the meeting to purchase the voluntary farm tags for their vehicles at an additional cost of \$10. That money is shared in Henry County by the 4-H, FFA, and Kentucky Proud Products.

Clerk Archer presented the Fiscal Court with a check for \$93,159 in excess fees for 2018. This amount is \$25,885 over the projected budget amount.

Upon motion by Esq. Smith and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to accept the check from the Henry County Clerk’s office for \$93,159 in excess fees collected.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: ROAD FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT – 1ST READING (EMERGENCY ROAD AID & EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Judge Brent informed the Court that the Road Fund budget would require amendment due to the \$150,000 in Emergency Road Aid dollars received and the increase in local funds required for the New Cut Road project as well as the purchase of equipment. Mandated advertising and 2 readings are required to amend the approved budget.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 1st Reading of the ordinance amending the Road Fund budget increase by \$189,258.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: LIGHTS REQUEST – CONSTABLE JIM EDDS

Constable Jim Edds came before the Court requesting the purchase of equipment for his use as District #2 Constable. He wishes to be authorized by Fiscal Court to use blue lights as he patrols. He also requested that he be given a Sheriff’s Department radio. Per his request, there will be no cost to the County. After discussion among the Court members regarding the liability and logistics of this request and legal explanation by County Attorney Harrod, no action was taken.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to postpone action on the request by Constable Jim Edds for equipment to the March meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: SOIL CONSERVATION PRESENTATION – CHAIRMAN ALLAN BRYANT

Judge Brent stated that the Soil Conservation Service has shared the cost of the Dead Animal Removal Program with Fiscal Court. Harmon Brothers provides this service for the County, and the costs last year far exceed the numbers from the last 10 years. This year’s projected annual cost is on track to reach \$50,000. This \$10,000 increase exceeds the amount either entity can afford. Chairman Allan Bryant of the Soil Conservation Service will attend the March meeting to discuss the issue of funding the program in the future.

CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$243,646.54
Road & Bridge Fund	81,056.51
Jail Fund	40,127.10
LGEA	1,000.00
Litter	158.13
911 Fund	26,226.42
ABC	3,347.97
Fair Fund	<u>1,549.76</u>
Total Expenditures	\$397,112.43

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments.

A resident from Stonehurst Subdivision addressed the Court about his concerns related to the condition of some of the properties in his neighborhood. He feels that the developer is no longer enforcing the subdivision restrictions that are part of the landowners' deeds. County Attorney Harrod responded that any aggrieved citizen or group can file a civil suit against these individuals to be heard in front of Judge Karen Conrad. He is also concerned by the traffic speeds in the area.

In response to an inquiry about the rate increase for garbage pickup, Judge Brent responded that there is a built-in increase allowed in the 5-year Rumpke contract that amounts to approximately 25 cents per month, adjusted annually.

A resident from Deerfield Farms requested that a guardrail be installed when the slide is repaired on their road. She stated that the Henry County Public Schools is currently sending a van to pick up students and shuttle them to meet their bus.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

There were no additional Court comments.

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

S/ Denise Perry
DENISE PERRY
FISCAL COURT CLERK

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

Date Approved: **March 19, 2019**