

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

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on November 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 OCTOBER 15TH & OCTOBER 30TH MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the October 15th 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 the October 30th 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 the new road signs have been ordered and will be put up soon. The Department is getting trucks ready for winter, and 1,000 tons of cinders have been delivered.

2. Road Committee Report--Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley stated that the committee did meet but there is nothing to report except the upcoming agenda items.

3. Request to Purchase Ton Truck with Grader

Judge Brent stated that Supervisor Tindle has requested the purchase of a one-ton dump truck instead of a larger one as was previously budgeted. Supervisor Tindle explained that a CDL is required to drive a larger truck, and it is getting more difficult to hire employees with a CDL. This size would allow anyone to drive it and still do the needed work. Judge Brent added that the approved budget contains an \$30,000 for equipment purchase.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Smith, it is ordered by the Court to authorize the Road Committee and Supervisor to purchase a ton truck with a grader at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.

Motion carried unanimously

4. Updated Pay Structure for Road Department Employees

Judge Brent stated that Supervisor Tindle and the Road Committee have been discussing the need to attract and retain employees with CDL licenses to operate department equipment.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered to update the pay structure for new Road Department employees to include an additional \$1 per hour for full-time with a CDL and \$15.50 per hour for part-time with a CDL and 6 months for new employees without a CDL to obtain their certification with the understanding that at that point they may be terminated if they do not get a CDL license.

Motion carried unanimously

5. Approval of the Resolution for New Cut Road & Discretionary Funds Contract

Judge Brent explained that an agreement must be approved to obtain up to \$250,812 in emergency funding for New Cut Road and other discretionary uses. He read the resolution required to authorize him to sign and submit the document. He stated that the company who would be doing the repair work had informed him that it probably be March before the work could be completed.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered to by the Court to authorize Judge Brent to sign the resolution adopting and approving the MOA between Henry County Fiscal Court and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, department of Highways for up to \$250,812 for New Cut Road and other discretionary repairs.

Motion carried unanimously

6. Fox Creek Slide Update

Judge Brent informed the Court that Mike Hilliard, Emergency Management, continues to work on the funding from FEMA for Fox Creek. The core drilling costing \$2,500 to determine the depth of rock has been performed, but the report has not been received.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Paige Lucas-Jamiel, stated that all was going well with EMS.

2. EMS Committee Report - Esq. Smith

Esq. Smith reported that the EMS Committee had met 3 times with the Taxing District Board. They have also met with the Director of Oldham County EMS. The license for operating must be changed at a cost of \$1,500 to allow the Taxing District to assume operation of the service. A new billing service will be used which has collecting a much higher percentage than the current one has generated. The transfer of operation will occur on December 22. The Court will need to cover costs of the license transfer and other possible expenses until the new tax is generated. Judge Brent explained that there will be a double paper trail for any expenditures incurred.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to by the Court to fund the costs necessary for the transfer of operation and other possible expenses not covered in the management agreement with Baptist Health LaGrange until the EMS Taxing District receives tax funding.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Director's Update

Judge Brent presented the report prepared by Henry County P & Z / Solid Waste Administrator Amanda Ricketts. For the period October 17 to November 19 she reported that 14 building and 19 electrical permits had been issued. Required training for members has been completed. There was not a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in November nor is there a Board of Adjustments meeting scheduled for the month.

Member Mike Ray stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission is looking at the revision of an ordinance on what is allowed on the first floor of businesses in the incorporated cities. He stated that the training delivered by Ms. Ricketts was very informative and helpful in delineating member roles.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Supervisor's Update

Travis Buchanan, Parks and Fairgrounds Supervisor, was not in attendance. Judge Brent reported that all the park facilities have been winterized and that the Extension Service is paying for the painting of the 4-H Building.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt reported that October was a fairly slow month, but November has been very busy with rescues. The Betsy Jackson Memorial Fundraiser was successful and generated approximately \$1,400 for medical bills for the animals. They also have adequate food to last until February.

2. Committee Report- Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher reported that the committee had met. The issue of employee coverage for the Shelter was discussed. Director Flinkfelt has a problem with accruing too much comp time. Henry County currently has 1 full-time Director; 1 part-time employee who works Wednesdays and cleans on Sundays and 1 part-time employee who works on-call every other weekend. Recent reports by Director Flinkfelt had indicated that staffing was working well with the new Trimble County employees' improved commitment and effort. The Committee also has discussed the need for a truck that is suitable for transporting dogs. The Court deliberated possible solutions including other vehicles that the County owns which could suffice until a new budget includes funds for the purchase of a truck.

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Esq. Hartlage did not have a report for the November meeting.

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of October: 202 KSP dispatch calls, 97 Sheriff's office calls, 53 citations/criminal summons, 42 criminal arrests, 25 warrant arrests, 141 all court papers served, 1 special detail/event, 54 vehicle inspections, 10 concealed carry licenses issued, 1 DUI arrest, and 20 drug charge arrests.

RE: SHERIFF'S 2020 BUDGET – 1ST READING

Sheriff Keith Perry presented the Sheriff's 2020 Budget showing receipts of \$681,148.68 and disbursements of \$678,701.04 with excess fees projected at \$2,447.64.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered to approve the 1st Reading of the Sheriff's budget for 2020.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLERK'S 2020 BUDGET – 1ST READING

County Clerk Shanda Archer was at a training and unable to attend the meeting. In her absence Judge Brent presented the 1st Reading of the 2020 Clerk's Budget showing receipts of \$3,476,422 with disbursements of \$3,407,094 leaving a balance of \$69,328.

Upon motion by Esq. Smith and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered to approve the 1st Reading of the County Clerk's budget for 2020.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: FINAL APPROVAL OF INSURANCE PLANS & CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR 2020

Judge Brent stated that the Court had switched employee health insurance providers in an effort to save money. Complications have arisen when it was determined that 2-3 employees with family plans would have experienced drastic increases of over \$300 per month that were not intended. At the Special Meeting the Court ordered that increases would be capped at \$100 over what the employee paid last year. This action was meant to ensure that they could obtain a plan similar to what they had last year and incur no more than an increase of \$100 but not switch to a different type of coverage. By approving the 2 plans presented in the packet which included the employee and Court contributions, the issue would be clarified.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to approve the 2 plans for employee health insurance included in the Humana health insurance brochure.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 1ST READING OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR ALLOWED TRANSFER FROM ROAD TO GENERAL FUNDS--\$25,988.62

Judge Brent explained that the County is allowed to transfer money from the Road Fund to the General Fund to cover the portion of employee salaries spent administering road operations. The auditor has informed the County that \$25,988.62 would be allowed and that the budget must be amended to reflect this transfer.

Upon motion by Esq. Smith and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered to approve the 1st Reading of the budget amendment to transfer \$25,988.62 from the Road Fund to the General Fund.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$401,780.45
Road & Bridge Fund	250,694.21
Jail Fund	46,071.83
LGEA	10,000.00
Litter	21,188.28
911 Fund	2,089.42
ABC	4,466.78
Fair Fund	<u>1,109.99</u>
Total Expenditures	\$737,400.96
<u>FROM:</u> 0191009990	\$3,857.45
<u>TO:</u> 0191005210	3,229.01
0194002080	628.44
<u>FROM:</u> 0292009990	\$628.44
<u>TO:</u> 0294002080	628.44
<u>FROM:</u> 014909	\$145,000.00
<u>TO:</u> 034910	145,00.00

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments and there were none.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. Hartlage commended Judge Brent for his initiative in sending letters to all the distillers in the state.

Esq. Bates stated that he had been approached by the Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census. He had encouraged the representative to attend a Fiscal Court meeting.

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: **December 17, 2019**