

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2019**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on October 15, 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 SEPTEMBER 17TH MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the September 17th 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, updated the Court on paving projects. Mago who is doing the blacktopping in eastern Henry County is finished, and Hinkle should be starting any day. The department is currently ditching, replacing pipes, and cold patching. A culvert collapsed on McCarty Lane last night. Preparations for the winter will begin soon. Mr. Tindle stated that Nacona Jeffries who had served as Assistant Supervisor has resigned, and he proposed that Ethan Smith be promoted to that position.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to promote Ethan Smith as the new Road Department Assistant Supervisor as of November 1.

Motion carried unanimously

2. Road Committee Report--Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley stated that the committee did not meet. He reported that he is concerned about the number of employees currently in the Road Department. Judge Brent replied that Mr. Tindle does a good job in moving part-time employees into full-time positions, and there are currently 3 individuals who contract for snow removal as needed.

3. New Cut Road Emergency Road Aid Update

Judge Brent stated that Nick Vanover of the Rural and Municipal Aid office of the Department of Transportation attended the September meeting and informed the Court that \$250,000 had been awarded for New Cut Road. However, he has not responded to communications requesting information on how to proceed with the project. We must have a memorandum of understanding before the work can start.

4. Joe's Branch Bridge Project Update

Judge Brent stated that the bids were opened last week for the work on the Joe's Branch Bridge. The 2 bids received were \$108,267 from Triple C Contractors and \$515,000 from Louisville Paving. The work will be completed on an 80/20 basis with the County being reimbursed for 80 percent of the cost.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to approve the bid of Triple C Contractors for the Joe's Branch Bridge Project.

Motion carried unanimously

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 did not meet.

3. Recommendation of Taxing District Board Appointments

Judge Brent stated that at the September meeting the Court approved the formation of the Henry County EMS Taxing District and the intention to partner with Baptist Health LaGrange for the operation of the service. Baptist Health will begin meeting soon with employees as the transition progresses. Judge Brent recommends and the Fiscal Court approves the appointment of the members of the Taxing District Board who will begin their work by developing the bylaws. He proposed the following individuals to comprise the Board:

Magistrates	Esq. Chuck Smith (EMS Committee Chair who previously ran an EMS) Esq. Scott Bates (Former EMS Committee Chair and committee member)
Citizens	Valerie Moffett (EMS volunteer and former Deputy Judge) Beverly Aldridge (Retired Nurse) Jim Wilhite (Retired Teacher, Coach and Businessperson)

Upon motion by Esq. Smith and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the appointment of Esq. Chuck Smith, Esq. Scott Bates, Valerie Moffett, Beverly Aldridge, and Jim Wilhite to the EMS Taxing District Board.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Director's Update

Henry County P & Z / Solid Waste Administrator Amanda Ricketts reported that 12 building and 28 electrical permits have been issued for the month. The upcoming training is scheduled for 8 a.m. till noon on October 23 at the 4-H Building. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved a zone change for the old Southern States building in Campbellsburg to I-1 for a specialty rock business.

2. R & R Expansion Public Meeting (State) – October 16, 2019

Judge Brent stated that the State Division of Solid Waste will conduct a public meeting at 6 p.m. on October 16, 2019, at the Henry County High School to hear comments regarding the request by R & R Septic to expand. They have received a Notice of Violation for receiving partially treated and untreated waste. They are requesting a permit to do what they have already been doing at the Robbie Lane site.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Supervisor's Update

Travis Buchanan, Parks and Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported that his staff is busy preparing for the Trail & Treat. Youth football season is over and all stars will be starting soon. Youth league soccer and baseball will be finished around the first of November. Part-time employees will be finished for the season following Trail & Treat. The back soccer field is being renovated. Mr. Buchanan expressed his thanks to Sheriff Keith Perry for the used truck for that the Parks Department.

2. Trail & Treat – October 18

This year's Trail or Treat will be held on October 18 from 5-7 p.m. at the Recreational and Services Park. There are 65 groups who will be distributing candy and treats this year.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt reported that they are experiencing typical operations; however, he noted that there is an increase in owner surrenders for various reasons. On November 2 the Betsy Jackson Memorial Fund Raiser will be held at the 4-H Building. Kim Lyons conducts the event which is to be even larger than this year with vendors, food, and gift baskets. All proceeds benefit the Shelter funding vet services and food.

Committee Report- Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher reported that the committee did not meet.

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sgt. Josh Jamiel of the Sheriff's Department reported the following activities for the month of September: 312 KSP dispatch calls, 99 Sheriff's office calls, 66 citations/criminal summons, 45 criminal arrests, 25 warrant arrests, 149 all court papers served, 2 special details/events, 58 vehicle inspections, 9 concealed carry licenses issued, and 11 drug charge arrests.

RE: BUDGET / PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. Health Insurance Recommendation for the 2020 Calendar Year

Esq. Bates stated that the Committee met with a representative of Phil Brown Insurance Agency, Inc., and reviewed their proposal for health insurance coverage for County employees. This plan would save the County \$58,161 and provide similar plans for employees with lower maximum out-of-pocket and deductible amounts. The single plan will cost County employees \$20 per month. Employees carrying others on their plan will pay an additional \$40 with the County contributing at the same level as last year.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered to approve Humana health insurance coverage through the Phil Brown Insurance Agency for full-time County employees with a per month cost to them of \$20 for single coverage and \$40 over last year's premium for other policies.

Motion carried unanimously

2. Time Sharing Program

The Committee met Monday with employees Travis Buchanan, Amanda Ricketts, and Megan Wilson to discuss a program that would allow time sharing of annual and/or sick leave. To be eligible to receive time, an employee or immediate family member must have suffered a serious medical condition. They must have exhausted all their paid time off and apply for the program with approval from the Personnel Committee. Donors who have accrued at least 240 hours of paid time off may choose to donate to a specific recipient in their time of need.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to approve a Time Sharing Program for full-time employees with the criteria as established by the Budget / Personnel Committee.

3. Full-time Employee Raise Recommendation to Start January, 2020

Judge Brent stated that the issue of raises for full-time employees was postponed from the time that the budget was approved pending details on the cost of their contributions for insurance coverage. Esq. Bates stated that the Committee met and discussed the additional costs and recommends an increase of 37.5 cents per hour beginning January 1.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered to approve an increase of 37.5 cents per hour for full-time employees beginning January 1.

Motion carried unanimously

4. Payroll Policy Update

Esq. Bates informed the Court that the Budget/Personnel Committee has reviewed the records for hours accrued for part-time employees since the beginning of the year. There are several who have exceeded the allowable 99 hours to be considered part-time. As was approved by the Court in May, the Department will be responsible for the cost of State retirement for those individuals and they will be contacted for payment.

RE: WATER DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT

Judge Brent stated that he had been contacted by the Henry County Water District regarding Ricky Jones who should have been reappointed to the board by November 15, 2016. The Court can resolve this omission by approving the action “nunc pro tunc” which will make it retroactive to that time.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Smith, it is ordered to approve the appointment of Ricky Jones as Commissioner for the Henry County Water District Board nunc pro tunc as of November 15, 2016.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$262,214.22
Road & Bridge Fund	42,090.24
Jail Fund	40,828.43
LGEA	78.71
Litter	849.17
911 Fund	28,181.49
ABC	2,537.76
Fair Fund	<u>292.56</u>
Total Expenditures	\$377,072.58

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. Stanley inquired about the status of the closure on Fox Run Road. Judge Brent explained that the money is coming from Homeland Security, and they are extremely slow in responding. It is his understanding that the amount offered is approximately \$90,000, and the projected

cost was \$130,000 before the latest slip which has left the road in worse condition. The company who gave the estimate should be contacted to consider how we can proceed to get them to perform the necessary work to safely reopen the road with the funding available. Mr. Tindle stated that FEMA wants a core sample due to the depth that pylons must be installed. Esq. Stanley shared his concern at the length of time the road has been closed.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments.

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

S/ Denise Perry
DENISE PERRY
FISCAL COURT CLERK

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

Date Approved: **November 19, 2019**