

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2020**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on March 17, 2020, at the Henry County 4-H Building in New Castle, Kentucky, with the following in attendance:

John L. Brent, Judge Executive
Kassidy Dees, Assistant County Attorney
Esquire Scott Bates
Esquire Jerry Beasley
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 except Esq. Mike Fisher whose mother was ill.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 18TH MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the February 18th 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, was unable to attend due to his recent surgery and illnesses.

2. Road Committee Report--Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley stated that the Road Department has been patching roads and grading. He recommended the hiring of Barry Woods to a part-time road worker position.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to employ Barry Woods to a part-time road worker position.

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Brent stated that he had learned that the State would be placing its blacktop on 202. He asked the magistrates to identify any County roadways they would like to be considered for blacktopping and to get that info to Esq. Beasley by the first week in April. The Committee will have to prioritize them.

RE: AMBULANCE TAXING DISTRICT

1. Update

Henry County EMS Director Paige Lucas-Jamiel did not attend the meeting.

2. EMS Board Report - Esq. Smith

Esq. Smith reported the Board met and things are going well with Paige and the crew all working a great amount. The 2 ambulances discussed previously remain in non-working condition, and Med 7 in Campbellsburg will be taken to be checked out to ensure safety.

Treasurer Scott Bates stated that money coming in from the billing company appears to be better than previously received. As of yesterday, the balance is approximately \$58,000 with another deposit to make. Judge Brent stated that receipts need to be in the \$50,000 a month range to operate annually at \$600,000. The old service cost approximately \$900,000. There continues to be old charges on the books for uncollected bad debt; however, the auditor has informed the County that the amount must be carried and cannot be written off.

The insurance for ambulances is through KACO, but there has been confusion since the change in December. Esq. Bates continues to work with the insurer over the billing to be certain that the correct vehicles are covered and an additional invoice received for the new ambulance. He asked the Court for authorization to pay up to \$3,464.84, although he feels that we may be given credit in the process of negotiating this amount which will be paid through the Taxing District.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Smith, it is ordered by the Court to authorize the payment of up to \$3,464.84 for an additional charge for insurance coverage for the ambulances.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Director's Update

Amanda Ricketts, Henry County P & Z / Solid Waste Administrator, reported that 10 building and 12 electrical permits have been issued during the month. The Planning and Zoning Commission met and discussed a text amendment to allow internet tower construction in A-1 Zones. The Commission has submitted a proposal for 1st Reading which would allow a tower not exceeding 100 feet and with size and placement provisions. The Board of Adjustments has a meeting scheduled for next Monday, but it will be cancelled due to current recommendations for public meetings.

RE: TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 640 (PERMITTED USES IN A-1 DISTRICTS)

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 1st Reading on a text amendment to Section 640 to permit the construction of internet towers in A-1 Zones.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Supervisor's Update

Travis Buchanan, Parks and Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported that all restroom facilities have been opened for the season, and they will begin mowing grass soon. He conducted 2 weeks of the 4-H Small Engines Class. Little League parents have done some drainage work with their desire to ultimately build a block dugout. They also would like to install infield mix on the fields, but the cost of materials would be \$30,000 to \$40,000 for all 3 fields. All sports leagues are currently suspended.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Director of Animal Services Dan Flinkfelt reported that February was a slow month, and he completed his recertification training. There are currently 9 dogs in the shelter and 2 of those will be leaving on Friday. Rescue transports to Chicago will resume when restrictions are lifted.

2. Committee Report- Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher was not in attendance.

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Esq. Hartlage stated that the Committee did not meet.

RE: ABC ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Nelson, ABC Administrator, did not attend but had prepared information detailing 2nd Quarter fees and licenses. All businesses with one exception continue to be compliant.

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of February: 159 KSP dispatch calls, 78 Sheriff's office calls, 43 citations/criminal summons, 31 criminal arrests, 19 warrant arrests, 168 all court papers served, 3 juvenile transports, 2 special detail/events, 60 vehicle inspections, 28 concealed carry licenses issued, 1 DUI arrest, and 12 drug charge arrests.

RE: HENRY COUNTY CLERK QUARTERLY (AMENDED) PRESENTATION

County Clerk Shanda Archer explained that 2 ledger items were flipped on her annual report, and the state auditor was requiring that the Court approve the amendment. The change involves only 2 line items and does not change the excess fees.

Upon motion by Esq. Smith and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court approve the amended County Clerk's annual report.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: HENRY COUNTY JAILER'S 2020/21 BUDGET—1ST READING

Judge Brent presented the Jailer's 2020/21 Budget for 1st Reading. We would be within \$30,000 for the current year; therefore, the proposed budget will leave housing costs at the same level. With increased income from rock taxes, the budget shows \$10,000 from the

general fund moved to LGEA. This budget would also allow for small raises for staff and the mandated 12.5 percent increase in retirement.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered to approve the 1st Reading of the 2020/21 Jailer’s Budget totaling \$655,950.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Judge Brent introduced Roanya Rice, Director of the North Central Health Department, and Dr. Stephanie Lokits, Director of Nursing, for a presentation which included a program review of the Public Health Program and information regarding the Coronavirus, COVID-19. Documents detailing all the functions of the NCHD were reviewed and specific guidance was offered on dealing with the current COVID-19 pandemic. Both professionals answered questions posed and distributed a frequently asked questions document to all in attendance with specific recommendations and links for obtaining the most current news and directives. Individuals were directed to Kentucky’s website www.kycovid19.ky.gov for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

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	\$253,981.04
Road & Bridge Fund	54,429.24
Jail Fund	37,011.58
LGEA	26.64
Litter	808.29
911 Fund	27,674.46
ABC	4,664.83
Fair Fund	<u>1,094.25</u>

Total Expenditures \$379,690.33

From: 0192009990 Reserve for Transfers	\$15,600.00
To: 0150155670 Sheriff Emergency Reserve	\$3,600.00
0150255390 Legal Ads	\$1,000.00
0150805780 Utilities—Annex & CH	\$11,000.00
From: 0292009990 Reserve for Transfer	\$8,300.00
To: 0261053120 Special Road & Bridge	8,300.00

<u>From:</u> 024909 Transfer Out	\$25,988.62
<u>To:</u> 014910 Transfer In	\$25,988.62
<u>From:</u> 014909 Transfer Out	\$125,000.00
<u>To:</u> 034910 Transfer In	\$125,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Assistant County Attorney Cassidy Dees explained that the Supreme Court just ordered that all courts will be closed to the public. They will be operating with adjustments to allow for due process for those individuals charged with higher felony crimes or domestic violence. New court dates will be issued for lesser crimes, and bench warrants will not be issued at this time. They will be conducting video arraignments without the need for transport of inmates. They will implement teleconferencing where necessary with only attorneys present. The courthouse is not closed at present, but screening procedures are in place for anyone entering. Bonds will be reduced to reduce jail numbers. The County Attorney's office is offering drop off and phone service with no public admittance to reduce personal contact.

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: **April 21, 2020**