

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 2020**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on May 19, 2020, 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: PRAYER & PREPARATION

Silent prayer was observed in preparation for the meeting.

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Judge Brent called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and noted that all magistrates were in attendance except Esq. Stanley who joined at 6:15 p.m. He stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting would be conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 21ST MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the April 21st Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: APPROVAL OF THE MAY 6TH SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the May 6th Special Budget 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 crew was bush hogging, making patch coat repairs, and working on equipment. There has been a recent bout of stop sign thefts. He has ordered replacements which cost \$57 each in addition to the posts in some cases. There are also some road name signs missing.

2. Road Committee Report - Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley stated that the Committee had not met.

3. Radcliffe Road Weight Limit

The issue of large truck usage of Radcliffe Road was discussed by the Court members. The concern is determining an appropriate weight limit that is reasonable for maintaining the roadway while allowing residents access to needed services such as trucks hauling rock. Esq. Hartlage stated that it should have the 34,000 lb. weight limit that is consistent with other County roads.

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and second by Esq. Smith, it is ordered by the Court to post 34,000 lb. weight limit signs on Radcliffe Road.

Motion carried by vote of
Yes – 3 (Esqs. Fisher, Hartlage,
Smith)
No – 2 (Esqs. Bates, Beasley)

4. County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement for 2020/21

Judge Brent stated that participation in the Cooperative Program allows counties the opportunity to enter into an agreement with the Transportation Cabinet for the expenditure of our allotted share of County Road Aid Funds. The State has sent information that the amount is approximately 6% less based on less gas tax collection. Judge Brent read the resolution adopting and approving the execution of a County Road Aid Cooperative Program Contract between the Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the resolution approving the Cooperative Agreement with the Transportation Cabinet for 2020/21.

Motion carried unanimously

5. Approval to Take Bids for Rock, Asphalt, and Salt for FY 2020/21

Judge Brent stated that the County must advertise for bids for the purchase of rock, asphalt, and salt for Fiscal Year 2020/21.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to authorize the advertisement for bids for the County's purchase of rock, asphalt, and salt for 2020/21.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: EMS TAXING DISTRICT REPORT

1. EMS Board Report - Esq. Smith & Esq. Bates

Esq. Smith reported that the EMS Taxing District Board met on Monday evening. Baptist Health reports that there is still a shortage of staff. Esq. Bates stated that with the County Attorney's support they would like to extend the agreement with Baptist Health that expires in December. In order to align with the fiscal year, a 6-month extension to the agreement would be required. They will work on a proposed budget for the Taxing District which must be prepared by the end of July.

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Update

P & Z Administrator Amanda Ricketts, reported that 13 electrical permits and 10 building permits have been issued during the month.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

Travis Buchanan, Parks & Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported that there are no spring sports currently. Soccer has cancelled their season, and Little League is still hoping to start later with appropriate procedures in place. They have been performing maintenance and deep cleaning the restrooms at all the facilities. Work will begin on a landscaping project at the Henry County Fairgrounds with a \$1,000 grant from the Henry County Garden Club. The crew will begin construction of a 20' x 20' shelter with 4 picnic tables and shaded seating adjacent to the Splash Pad. The Splash Pad could be opened within 4 days with all the equipment in place and the chemicals balanced when it is permitted. We would be required to ensure that proper guidelines are enforced for visitors.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Report

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, reported that all dogs brought into the shelter are being rescued through the regular channels. They should again be empty this weekend after transporting 21 animals on Friday evening. Mr. Flinkfelt is expecting to receive the \$2,500 spay & neutering grant at any time. He has also spoken with personnel at the Humane Society of the U.S. who are offering free food which could be shared with pet owners who might need it at this time. He will work on plans for distribution using a system that would allow social distancing.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher reported that the Animal Services Committee has not met.

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Esq. Hartlage stated that he has no report from the Economic Development Committee.

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of April: 199 KSP dispatch calls, 57 Sheriff's office calls, 56 citations/criminal summons, 14 criminal arrests, 4 warrant arrests, 114 all papers served, 22 vehicle inspections, 11 carry conceal licenses, 1 DUI arrest, and 13 drug charge arrests.

RE: COUNTY OFFICES RE-OPENING UPDATE

Judge Brent informed the Court that re-opening of county government offices is occurring per the Governor's order in conjunction with local health department input and decisions. The Sheriff's office design allows them to operate without further modifications. Travis Buchanan has built half walls with shelves in the Judge/Executive's office that allow the public access to the office while keeping them 6 – 8 feet away from the staff desks. Jason Scriber has built a plexiglass foyer in his office. The County Clerk's office now has a pass-thru window in their door. Citizens are allowed into the deed room, and will be making appointments for voting per State requirements. Additional procedures such as temperature testing and masks are required in her office due to voting.

Election Day is June 23 this year, and there are 3 options for voting: 1) Appointment for in-person voting at the Clerk's office beginning June 1; 2) Absentee ballot by mail or hand delivered to the office; and 3) In-person voting on Election Day to be held at the 4-H Building in compliance with State requirements.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

Judge Brent explained that while reviewing the budget numbers for the Animal Shelter he had discovered that Trimble County had not sent a notice for any funds since December. Today he learned that the claim for January through April is \$4,558.40. He asked that the Court consider adding that payment to the funds itemized on the Open Invoice Report for the meeting.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to approve paying Trimble County \$4,555.40 in addition to the following claims:

General Fund	\$189,254.80
Road & Bridge Fund	58,566.00
Jail Fund	28,394.69
LGEA	319.48
Litter	0.00
911 Fund	3,886.05
ABC	2,084.44
Fair Fund	<u>131.59</u>
Total Expenditures	\$282,637.05

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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: **June 16, 2020**