

HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 29, 2021

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on April 29, 2021, at the 4-H Building in New Castle, Kentucky, with the following in attendance:

John L. Brent, Judge Executive
Esquire Scott Bates
Esquire Jerry Beasley
Esquire Mike Fisher
Esquire Roger Hartlage
Esquire Chuck Smith
Esquire Jason Stanley

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Judge Brent called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and noted all magistrates were present. County Attorney Virginia Harrod was unable to attend due to a medical appointment. The meeting was held in accordance with pandemic recommendations and protocols.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

1st Reading of the 2021/22 Henry County Budget

Judge Brent opened the meeting with comments regarding the current state of the budget which is firmly in the black. He cited the inmate expenses being lower and the effect of the CARES money on the budget. Low interest rates and stimulus funds have increased business through Planning and Zoning and property taxes are up.

Judge Brent presented some highlights and explanations of the 2021/22 budget:

- Budget provides a 40 cent per hour raise for all full- and part-time employees effective January 1, 2022.
- Renewals and repairs should be increased by \$20,000 from the draft to account for an addition to be built on the Clerk's Office.
- There will be only 1 election so expenses for that process are down.
- Funding from Safety Kleen will provide the final ambulance payment.
- LGEA funds will include \$17,000 to construct a handicapped ramp and \$5,000 for the Little League fields at Harry Hill Park.
- Road Funds include money for a newer grader, special project match, materials for in-house patching and paving for 8 County roads as funding allows.

- Federal Community Development Block Grant funds for utility payments for individuals affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and Economic Development Administration for the Angel's Envy Sanitary Sewers Project will show as income and disbursements in the budget.
- Fiscal Court will vote later on the use of the expected almost \$3,200,000 in Federal Stimulus Funds.

Judge Brent discussed each line item of the entire budget citing deviations from the current one and answering any questions posed by the magistrates. The total of all funds included in the proposed 2021-22 budget is \$10,690,857.11.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 1st Reading of the proposed 2021-22 Henry County Budget and the Budget Attachment Sheet with the addition of \$20,000 for renewals and repairs resulting in a total of \$10,690,857.11.

Motion carried unanimously

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

DENISE PERRY
FISCAL COURT CLERK

JOHN L. BRENT
JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Date Approved: **May 18, 2021**