

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on February 16, 2021, 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 (telephonically)
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. The meeting was conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines and with attendees required to wear face masks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 19TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the January 19th Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Judge Brent stated there were no items of unfinished business from the previous meeting.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Supervisor's Report

Road Supervisor Kenny Tindle stated that the road crews have put in many hours and are all safe. They have spread approximately 225 tons of salt and 275 tons of cinders. They are working 12-14 hour days with the first truck pulling out at 4:10 this morning. They have been over all the roads at least once today. With more snow expected, they will continue throughout the week. With the cost of salt \$87-\$88 per ton, Judge Brent noted that they have already spent most of the budgeted amount for salt for the year. Mr. Tindle thanked Esq. Bates for his offers of assistance to the Department and to Judge Brent for operating the tractor to help clean roads.

2. Road Committee Report - Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley stated that the Committee did not meet.

RE: EMS TAXING DISTRICT REPORT

1. EMS Board Report - Esq. Smith

Esq. Smith reported that the EMS Board meeting was cancelled due to weather.

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Update

P & Z Administrator Amanda Ricketts was unable to attend. Judge Brent stated that in addressing solid waste matters it appears that we may not be able to use inmates for picking up roadways. With the money left in the State Litter Grant, the office is organizing a spring day for teams of volunteers to cover the main roads. In implementing the new solid waste ordinance, a team meeting is held each Monday to review progress.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

Travis Buchanan, Parks & Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported that ice and snow work has been the main project this week in addition to removing rotten trees from the new park and waxing floors at the 4-H building. Little League and soccer have held their spring sign-ups and will be beginning soon. Little League has decided to have 2 more loads of infield surface material installed which will have to be completed while the ground is still frozen.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Report

Judge Brent reported that Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, was not in attendance, but there are no animals currently at the shelter. He has asked Director Flinkfelt to begin making stops in other areas monthly in addition to his town patrols.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher was not attendance and the Committee has not met.

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of January: 252 KSP dispatch calls, 172 Sheriff's office calls, 78 citations/criminal summons, 52 criminal arrests, 31 warrant arrests, 121 all papers served, 71 vehicle inspections, 34 carry conceal licenses, and 6 drug charge arrests. He thanked Travis Buchanan for his help with keeping walks and lots cleared.

RE: SHERIFF'S 2020 EXCESS FEES PRESENTATION

Sheriff Keith Perry presented a check to Fiscal Court in the amount of \$24,204.69 for excess fees for 2020.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Smith, it is ordered to accept the Sheriff's 2020 excess fees in the amount of \$24,204.69.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COUNTY CLERK’S 2020 EXCESS FEES PRESENTATION

County Clerk Shanda Archer addressed the Court stating that she was extremely appreciative to Fiscal Court for their support and her staff for their hard work. She is presenting a check for \$221,078.45 in excess fees for 2020. The significant increase is due to the State raising the recording fee charged and additional revenues from property sales and refinancing. The recording fees were implemented to provide for adequate storage for the County’s permanent records. She has identified upgrades that need to be made and has asked for up to \$50,000 of the total excess fees to be included in next year’s budget for that purpose.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to accept the County Clerk’s 2020 excess fees in the amount of \$221,495.55.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$137,420.20
Road & Bridge Fund	70,201.65
Jail Fund	8,654.09
LGEA	26,988.66
CARES Act	0.00
Litter	1,227.25
911 Fund	1,771.47
ABC	2,592.49
Fair Fund	<u>1,335.62</u>
Total Expenditures	\$250,191.43

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

RE: COURT COMMENTS

County Attorney Virginia Harrod thanked the Court for allowing her to attend telephonically due to the weather. In response to Judge Brent’s concerns for the cost for housing circuit court inmates for extended periods, she stated that the Chief Justice has issued an order that no trials are to be held until April 1 and it may be extended.

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: **March 16, 2021**