

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

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on March 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
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. 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 FEBRUARY 16TH 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 February 16th 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 reported that the flooding has caused a great mess which has required grading, rocking, and repairing. The work continues on LeCompte's Bottom which should take at least another week.

2. Road Committee Report - Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley stated that the Committee did not meet. Judge Brent reminded the magistrates to identify the priority roads needing work within their districts and get with Esq. Beasley to prepare information for the budget. The draft budget must be developed by the end of April.

3. Resolution for Recently Accepted Roads

Judge Brent explained that Shain Lane, Graves Drive, Graves Court, Jericho Ridge Road, Jericho Ridge Court, and Yocum Road to Webbtown Road have been added into the county road system. A resolution agreeing that the roads listed on Appendix A are part of the system, and those listed on Appendix B are not part of the county road system.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered to adopt the resolution with Appendix A identifying all county-maintained roadways and Appendix B listing those roads that are not part of the county road system.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: EMS TAXING DISTRICT REPORT

1. EMS Board Report - Esq. Smith

Esq. Smith reported that the EMS Board meeting was held last evening with Debbie Berry, the new director; Keith Smith, former director; and Clint Kaho, Baptist LaGrange President. The lifting equipment from the COVID funding is in and training is still to be conducted. Paige Lucas-Jamiel has submitted her resignation for March 30, and Baptist will hire her replacement per their human resources practices. Esq. Bates explained that requirements for Senate Bill 66 spending for the new ambulance were being investigated.

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Update

P & Z Administrator Amanda Ricketts reported that 16 building permits and 10 electrical permits have been issued. The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet via Zoom on April 14, 2021. There are currently no applications for the Board of Adjustments, and the deadline for those for the April meeting is March 29. The spring trash pickup day is Saturday, March 20, and will include approximately 60 miles that will be covered by school and community groups. Advertisements for the April 14 P&Z meeting will be published in the *Henry County Local* and included on the Henry County government Facebook page. These will include information and individuals can call the office for further assistance.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

Travis Buchanan, Parks & Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported being busy with spring sports beginning. Little League and soccer have begun practices. Little League purchased 2 more loads of infield mix which were installed before the rain last week. The facilities are opened at all the parks, and the concession stands have been inspected by the Health Department and are ready to operate. They have repaired and opened the batting cage and fertilized all the fields.

Mr. Buchanan gave an update on the Courthouse renovation which has hit a snag on the millwork for the judges' benches. The problem relates to maintaining an adequate humidity level for the wood. The opening is pushed back, but no date has been set at this time. It will likely be in the summer. In response to a question about the landscaping, Judge Brent responded that the Administrative Office of the Courts has agreed to hire landscaping services for the grounds. They have placed 1,800 plantings in the yard, and it would be impossible for our current staff to maintain it properly.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Report

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, reported that there are currently 3 dogs at the shelter, but he expects them to be rescued this weekend. He continues to work with the spay and neuter grants under which 75 vouchers have been issued for Henry and Trimble County residents. Mr. Flinkfelt expressed his appreciation for the work of the New Castle and LaGrange Fire Departments and EMS. They assisted very professionally in a successful water rescue of 3 dogs who continue to do well even though 1 was in the water for 1 hour and 45 minutes. He stated that in checking records he has determined that it has been 1 year since any animal was euthanized.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Fisher

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

RE: ABC ADMINISTRATOR’S QUARTERLY REPORT

ABC Administrator Ed Nelson reported that all license fees and 2nd quarter regulatory fees have been paid. Revenue is up almost \$3,000 over the last quarter and \$4,000 over the same quarter last year. There are currently 14 license holders selling retail and one package license is available for Henry County. It appears increased sales of particularly beer are due to the pandemic restrictions since they usually fall during the winter. In response to a question from Esq. Hartlage, Mr. Nelson stated that businesses do not report on the timing of sales so it would not be possible to determine the effect of Sunday sales on the increase.

RE: SHERIFF’S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of February: 298 KSP dispatch calls, 157 Sheriff’s office calls, 94 citations/criminal summons, 27 criminal arrests, 20 warrant arrests, 154 all papers served, 2 MIW transports, 3 special events, 38 vehicle inspections, 27 carry conceal licenses, 1 DUI arrest, and 5 drug charge arrests.

Sheriff Perry informed the Court how the CARES Act dollars had been spent: 2015 and 2017 Explorers purchased and accessorized, updated computers in the office, updated mobile computers, bought patrol rifles and duty weapons, paid off the office copier, and purchased less lethal pepper ball guns.

RE: 2021/2022 JAIL BUDGET

Judge Brent stated that by statute the jail budget must have its first reading in March. Jailer Southworth has asked for little previously, but would like to purchase a used Explorer for transport. Judge Brent stated that he had added \$14,000 for that purchase and a 40 cent per hour raise for part-time employees. The difficulty in preparing the budget at this point is guessing when and how the court system will get inmates through their proceedings moving forward due to COVID-19.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered to accept the first reading of the 2021/2022 Henry County Jail Budget.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: KIPDA HAZARD MITIGATION PRESENTATION

Judge Brent introduced Olivia Ranssen of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency who shared information on the required 5-year Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County. The agency prepares this for all the 7 counties around Louisville who are in their service area.

The plan includes an assessment which identifies and analyzes potential risks and ways to lessen the impacts of all types of disasters and hazards. It includes precise actions and projects to mitigate future problems and is required for FEMA grant eligibility. KIPDA expects to have this completed by the fall of 2021 by working with local stakeholders. Additional information is available at <https://kipdahazardmitigation.org>.

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	\$164,626.43
Road & Bridge Fund	59,024.78
Jail Fund	36,215.19
LGEA	77.81
CARES Act	0.00
Litter	1,269.92
911 Fund	564.68
ABC	4,468.29
Fair Fund	<u>1,601.54</u>
Total Expenditures	\$267,848.64
From: 014909 (General)	\$125,000.00
To: 034910 (Jail)	\$125,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Judge Brent noted that Rick Baker, EMA Director, has determined that some of the emergency weather sirens around the County are not operating properly. He is working on methods to repair them, especially those at the new park.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, 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 20, 2021**