

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 28, 2022**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on April 28, 2022, 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.

**RE: NEW BUSINESS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2022/23 Henry County Budget**

Judge Brent opened the meeting with comments regarding the draft budget which must have its 1<sup>st</sup> Reading by the end of April. It must be sent to the Department of Local Government for its review and then we conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

Judge Brent reviewed an overview of the current state of the budget which is firmly in the black. He stated that at end the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter cash is up \$550,000 in the General Fund. The Road Fund is down \$200,000 mainly due to stagnant road revenue from the state. LGEA and ABC are both up about \$40,000. The financial position looks the best it has in 7 to 8 years mostly attributed to the effects of the pandemic and lowered jail costs.

Judge Brent presented some highlights and explanations of the 2022/23 budget:

- Provides a 75 cent per hour raise for all full- and part-time employees effective January 1, 2023.
- Allows a 4 percent salary adjustment for elected officials. The actual increase will be determined in January by the state COLA.
- Continues incentives in place for Road Department employees who have CDLs and equipment proficiency
- Allocates \$25,000 for maintenance work at the Annex Building

- Includes funds for the matching grant to build a handicapped accessible ramp and make baseball field improvements and provides \$10,000 for the replacement of 2 damaged sliding boards at Harry Hill Park
- Funds special 80/20 bridge project for Jones Road, \$30,000 for in-house patching, and \$250,000 for road resurfacing projects which will be approved by Fiscal Court
- Contains \$400,000 in CDBG funds and \$1,591,600 in EDA funds for the Angel's Envy sewer project
- Includes \$2,967,411 in ARPA federal funds of which \$2,000,000 is set aside for the Pendleton sewer project

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 2022-23 budget is \$10,918,682.92.

Esq. Beasley requested that \$40,000 be added to the Road Fund budget for paving resulting in the same amount as last year. After discussion, it was decided to place an additional \$40,000 in reserves for transfer in the Road Fund so the funds could be used with more flexibility.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the proposed 2022-23 Henry County Budget with an additional \$40,000 in Road Fund Reserves for Transfer resulting in a total budget of \$10,958,682.92

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Fisher, 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: **May 17, 2021**