

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2022**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on April 19, 2022, at the Henry County 4-H Building in New Castle, Kentucky, with the following in attendance:

John L. Brent, Judge/Executive  
Kassidy Dees, Assistant 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 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.

**RE: APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the March 15<sup>th</sup> Regular 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**

Road Supervisor Kenny Tindle was on vacation, and Judge Brent reported that the crew was grading gravel roads. Esq. Beasley acknowledged that the recently hired employee who is experienced in grading is doing a great job.

### **2. Approval of New Hires**

Judge Brent stated that Ethan Smith has worked for the department for 5 years while earning a college degree. He has completed that and will begin a nursing career. His brother Zach who has worked part-time is willing to accept a full-time position, and Judge Brent recommends approval for this appointment. He also stated that Mr. Tindle usually hires part-time workers for the summer season and requested the Court's approval for him to do the same this year.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to hire Zach Smith to a full-time position and approve the hiring of seasonal part-time workers as needed.

Motion carried unanimously

### **3. Road Committee Report - Esq. Beasley**

Esq. Beasley stated that the Committee did not meet.

### **4. Road Committee to Compile Road Recommendations**

Judge Brent requested that the Road Committee compile and submit their recommendations for repair work on County roads in preparation for the draft budget by April 25.

## **RE: EMS TAXING DISTRICT REPORT – ESQ. SMITH**

Esq. Smith reported that the EMS Taxing District Board had their April meeting. Everything is going well, but mechanical problems continue. The transmission is out on the chase vehicle and it will be repaired. The 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the budget was held last night. The \$10,000 of Senate Bill 66 money will be put in the budget for next year, and the County Treasurer will determine the correct procedure for handling this transaction.

## **RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE**

### **1. Administrator's Report**

P & Z Administrator Amanda Ricketts reported that 10 building permits and 22 electrical permits have been issued. The P & Z Commission met this month and approved a zone change on Jackson Road for outside personal storage (boats, RVs, etc.) and the final section of Phase I of the Quail Run subdivision for 100 total residential lots. The Board of Adjustments will not meet in April.

### **2. Personnel Committee Report / Request to Advertise for Full-Time Position**

Judge Brent explained that the Personnel Committee met and discussed the administration of the Planning & Zoning and Solid Waste functions within the office. For years there were 2 full-time staff and 1 part-time Solid Waste enforcement person. The responsibilities with 1 full-time employee, 1 part-time staff member, and 2 one-day-per-week employees have become overwhelming as the office is the busiest it has ever been. Judge Brent explained that the part-timers who have all retired from other careers have indicated that they are ready to move on to other endeavors and will not remain after this year. Judge Brent stated that in order to be proactive and get someone in place and trained it would be beneficial to advertise now for a 2<sup>nd</sup> full-time position. He recommended a pay range of \$35,000 to \$42,000 based on experience for this Solid Waste/P&Z Compliance Officer.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Smith, it is ordered to advertise for a full-time Solid Waste/P&Z Compliance Officer position with a pay range of \$35,000 to \$42,000.

Motion carried unanimously

Esq. Bates stated that the Personnel Committee has set a personnel cap at 8 for the Sheriff's Office and 5 for the County Clerk's Office. Both constitutional officers agreed to these limits due to the cost of benefits which are paid by the County; however, the Committee could meet to discuss the matter at a later date.

## **RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS / COURTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Travis Buchanan was not in attendance. Judge Brent reported that all is going well and he and Mr. Buchanan are working on determining the budget needed for the courthouse operations. The money will be in the County budget and then reimbursed by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The park shelter rentals are picking up. Mr. Buchanan applied for a grant for the handicapped accessible ramp at Harry Hill Park and additional work on one of the baseball fields. He was awarded \$25,000 for the projects. Judge Brent explained that it is a matching grant, but that Fiscal Court has already budgeted \$18,000 for the ramp last year.

## **RE: ANIMAL SERVICES**

### **1. Director's Report**

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, stated that the Shelter has been very busy with animals being surrendered, transports to Chicago for rescues, school visits, and work with other organizations to place dogs. They have begun mowing the grounds and will begin summer maintenance work.

### **2. Committee Report – Esq. Fisher**

The Animal Services Committee did not meet.

## **RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT**

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of March: 322 KSP dispatch calls, 168 Sheriff's office calls, 125 citations/criminal summons, 38 criminal arrests, 31 warrant arrests, 155 court processes, 2 special events, 65 vehicle inspections, 26 carry conceal licenses, and 6 drug charge arrests.

## **RE: DETACHED CATALYTIC CONVERTER ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

Esq Hartlage informed the Court that the Detached Catalytic Converter Ordinance was due for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Assistant County Attorney Dees did not have the needed penalties provisions from County Attorney Harrod who is recovering from surgery. She stated that the penalties would be determined by statute and written into our ordinance.

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to postpone the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Possession of a Detached Catalytic Converter Ordinance to the May meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: ESTABLISH BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

Judge Brent explained that Denise Perry is planning a forum to bring together local and regional providers who are interested in expanding broadband services in the County. Each company representative will be given an opportunity to share their organization's proposal for broadband services to areas where high-speed service is not currently available. He requested that Court members who are interested volunteer to serve on a special committee to make recommendations to the Court. Esqs. Bates, Hartlage, and Stanley agreed to serve on the Broadband Committee. The public meeting will be scheduled in June and details announced later.

## **COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION ANNUAL REPORT – ALLEN BRYANT**

Judge Brent introduced Allen Bryant, Chairman of the Henry County Conservation District, who provided an overview of the work done by the agency. He highlighted activities for students and landowners and opportunities available to support the mission of the organization which is charged with protecting and conserving natural resources. They encourage helpful practices and distribute funds to applicants for the implementation of projects leading to improvements in conservation. There will be free tree saplings available on April 24, 2022, at the office at 1125 Campbellsburg Road.

### **RE: RECOGNITION OF RETIRING JAILER / DEPUTY JAILER BILLY SANDERS**

Judge Brent stated that the Court recognizes and provides a token of gratitude to individuals who retire after serving the County. Billy Sanders moved from his role as a deputy jailer approximately 12 years ago when the jailer under whom he was working resigned. Mr. Sanders became the Henry County Jailer for 1 year until an election was held. For the next 10 years he worked alongside Jailer Scott Southworth as a part-time deputy jailer. Judge Brent presented a plaque to Mr. Sanders for his dedicated service and expressed appreciation for his willingness to fill all these positions.

### **RE: 2022 / 2023 BUDGET -- 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Judge Brent informed the Court that the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2022 / 2023 County Budget by state law must be held by the last day of April. This meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on April 28, 2022, at the 4-H Building.

### **RE: ESTABLISH MAY FISCAL COURT MEETING DATE/TIME**

Judge Brent announced that the regular Fiscal Court meeting date coincides this year with the Primary Election. He asked the Court members their preference in changing the date and/or time of the May meeting.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to change only the time of the May meeting to 5 p.m. on May 17<sup>th</sup> which is the regular date.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: HUGH McBURNEY REQUEST TO ADDRESS FISCAL COURT**

Hugh McBurney requested to be put on the agenda to address questions he had been asked about the County during his campaigning for a magistrate. He asked about various topics including infrastructure funds, if they had been received, and how they would be spent; the EMS taxing district formation and the purpose of that action; tax collection procedures; mandatory garbage costs and benefits; ABC revenues and how they are used; rationale for the sale of the cell tower owned by the County; how fuel is purchased for County vehicles; the possibility of asking rickhouse owners for support for the fire departments; County committee membership; and the tax structure on the bourbon storage facilities.

**RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS**

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

General Fund	\$279,520.83
Road & Bridge Fund	57,968.47
Jail Fund	14,078.13
LGEA	20,747.13
CARES Act	0.00
Litter	1,088.50
911 Fund	23,509.66
ABC	2,566.53
Fair Fund	<u>543.55</u>
ARPA	\$400,022.80

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments.

Olivia Harrell asked about posting County committee meeting announcements on Facebook.

**RE: COURT COMMENTS**

Esq. Bates reiterated the voting opportunities for citizens during the primary election:

- Excused early voting on May 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Henry County Clerk’s office
- In-person early voting on May 12 & 13 from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the 4-H Building and May 14 from 6 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the 4-H Building
- Regular voting at local precincts on May 17 from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Esq. Hartlage acknowledged Matthew Adkins who is the new executive director of the Kentucky I-71 Economic Development Alliance. Mr. Adkins also attended the Economic Development meeting this evening in addition to Fiscal Court to introduce himself to the local community.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Smith, 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, 2022**