

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2022**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on January 18, 2022, at the Henry County 4-H Building in New Castle, Kentucky, with the following in attendance:

Kassidy Dees, Assistant County Attorney  
Esquire Scott Bates  
Esquire Jerry Beasley  
Esquire Mike Fisher  
Esquire Roger Hartlage  
Esquire Jason Stanley

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to elect Esq. Bates to serve as chair pro tem of the meeting due to Judge Brent's absence.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Esq. Bates 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**

Esq. Bates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that all magistrates were in attendance with the exception of Esq. Smith and Judge Brent who were on quarantine.

**RE: APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the December 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Esq. Bates stated there was no unfinished business from the previous meeting.

## **RE: NEW BUSINESS**

## **RE: ROADS**

### **1. Supervisor's Report**

Road Supervisor Kenny Tindle stated that the Road Department has been busy with the snow. They have used 100 tons of salt and 150 tons of cinders so far this winter. He has ordered 150 additional tons of salt. There have been numerous breakdowns, but as of today all equipment is running.

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

Esq. Beasley stated that the Committee did not meet.

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

Esq. Smith reported that the EMS Taxing District Board did not meet.

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

P & Z Administrator Amanda Ricketts was in quarantine and did not make a report.

## **RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS**

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

Travis Buchanan, Parks & Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported that the parks are going well. They have been working in the shop getting organized for the upcoming year. He has all 3 mowers back; however, the Snapper mower needs to be replaced based on the recommendations of 2 small engine shops.

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

The Parks Committee did not meet. Esq. Stanley stated that he had spoken with Mr. Buchanan to discuss the purchase of a mower. He has priced 3 units, and Esq. Stanley recommended authorizing Mr. Buchanan up to \$12,500 toward the purchase of a new mower. Esq. Hartlage asked Mr. Buchanan if he had shopped locally to price mowers. Mr. Buchanan responded that he had gotten prices from Oldham and Carroll Counties and has not been pleased with the service he has gotten in Henry County. Esq. Hartlage recommended getting pricing and buying local.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to allow the Park Committee to make the decision on the purchase of the mower with a cost up to \$12,500.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: COURTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Buchanan stated everything is going good at the courthouse. There was an issue with the HVAC unit that has been repaired. Mr. Buchanan continues to learn about the systems. The courtroom benches should be delivered the end of January. They will install both upstairs courtrooms, and then refinish and reinstall in the District courtroom.

## **RE: ANIMAL SERVICES**

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

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, stated that December has been busy for the Shelter. Rescues are starting to pick up. Trimble County's part-time staff member resigned. Mr. Flinkfelt is trying to get Trimble County Fiscal Court to buy 50 bales of straw to give to people that need it for their animals with the cold weather. He also stated they are working on getting drainage done at the Shelter.

### **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 December: 234 KSP dispatch calls, 143 Sheriff's office calls, 87 citations/criminal summons, 30 criminal arrests, 22 warrant arrests, 164 court processes, 1 fugitive transport, 1 MIW transport, 55 vehicle inspections, 10 carry conceal licenses, 2 DUI arrests, and 9 drug charge arrests.

## **RE: 2022 SALARY SCHEDULE**

Esq. Bates stated that the Department for Local Government requests that salaries for the Road Department be raised to \$14 per hour and all wages be raised to that level.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to approve the raising of the Road Department's starting and minimum wage to \$14 per hour.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: HENRY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Esq. Bates informed the Court that he has received notice from Chief Operating Officer Keith Morris of the Henry County Water District that Wendell Hawkins’ term as a commissioner is expiring. He requested that Mr. Hawkins be reappointed for an additional 4-year term.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to approve the recommendation that Wendell Hawkins be appointed to a 4-year term as commissioner with the Henry County Water District.

**RE: HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER / COMPASS REPORT**

The Hope Community Center Site Manager Courtney Alexander provided an update on the Center and detailed the activities and services provided for the community. Lakin Alexander, COMPASS Coordinator, presented information and an update on the program devoted to accessing treatment and support for those struggling with addiction.

**RE: INDUSTRIAL PARK COMMITTEE REPORT**

Esq. Stanley reported that he has reached out to the Rabbit Hole Distillery owners, but is still waiting for their response. He hopes to have more information at the next meeting.

**RE: RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CORONER JIMMY POLLARD**

Esq. Bates presented Jimmy Pollard with a plaque for his 35 years of service as the Henry County Coroner. He wished Mr. Pollard all the best during his retirement. Mr. Pollard thanked all the Fiscal Court members that he has worked with over the years and his wife for putting up with his crazy schedule and supporting his career.

**RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS**

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

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund       | \$167,959.52    |
| Road & Bridge Fund | 95,568.12       |
| Jail Fund          | 52,770.80       |
| LGEA               | 565.33          |
| CARES Act          | 0.00            |
| Litter             | 35.00           |
| 911 Fund           | 717.94          |
| ABC                | 5,598.73        |
| Fair Fund          | <u>1,938.20</u> |
|                    | \$325,153.64    |

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Esq. Bates opened the floor for public comments.

Hugh McBurney addressed the Court about Flat Rock Road. He stated that he doesn't like the job the Road Department is doing grading the gravel and all the pot holes. Mr. Tindle addressed some of his concerns. Two neighbors of Mr. McBurney were in attendance and addressed their concerns about the level of training the department employees are receiving.

Dr. Jim Masters, Henry County Public Schools Superintendent, introduced himself to the Court and the public.

**RE: COURT COMMENTS**

There were no additional Court comments.

**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/ Scott Bates  
**SCOTT BATES**  
**ESQUIRE & CHAIR PRO TEM**

Date Approved: **February 15, 2022**