

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2023**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on May 16, 2023, at the Henry County 4-H Building in New Castle, Kentucky, with the following in attendance:

Scott Bates, Judge/Executive
Kassidy Dees, County Attorney
Esquire Brad Fisher
Esquire Ed Frederick
Esquire Roger Hartlage
Esquire Kevin McManis
Esquire Danny Shain
Esquire Carl Tingle

RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Bates led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RE: PRAYER & PREPARATION

Judge Bates introduced Pastor Mike Sawalich of Mount Sterling Baptist Church in Vevay, Indiana, who lives in Henry County for the evening's prayer.

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Judge Bates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He noted that all magistrates were in attendance.

RE: HENRY COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and second by Esq. Frederick, it is ordered to amend the agenda to add items related to the appointment of members to the Henry County Reapportionment Board and to approve the advertisement for excavation work for the new ball field.

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Bates informed the Court that County Clerk Shanda Archer had notified him that the Henry County Reapportionment Board must convene every 10 years following the census. There are about 70 people who must be redistricted through a computerized system to match the populations for districts. She recommended Paul Feemster with the Republican Party, Steve Heffley with the Democratic Party, and Steve Woods to represent the eastern portion of the County. Clerk Archer and Deputy Jennifer Shannon will also serve on the Board whose first meeting will be June 6.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Frederick, it is ordered to approve the appointment of Paul Feemster, Steve Heffley, and Steve Woods to the Henry County Reapportionment Board.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 18, 2023, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Tingle and second by Esq. McManis, it is ordered to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023, regular meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 26, 2023, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Tingle and second by Esq. McManis, it is ordered to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2023, special meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Judge Bates stated there was no unfinished business.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Director's Monthly Report

Road Supervisor Kenny Tindle reported the Department has been bush hogging and bush whacking. They will be picking up election equipment and will have 3 tractors ready to begin ditching across the County. Judge Bates added that the ditching equipment will not be used in front of board fences since it throws dirt onto them.

2. Road Committee Report

Esq. Fisher reported that the Committee met and further discussed maintenance on equipment and trucks. They are looking for a mini-backhoe to use for 2-3 months for areas where the ditching machine cannot be used. They are working to save equipment worth it, but are looking possibly at a lease program for the future. The Committee has discussed the placement of the new salt barn which will be purchased in the new budget.

Judge Bates thanked Esqs. Fisher and Shain for their work in helping to get repairs made on the shed. He added that over \$14,000 has been received from Deals.gov from the surplus equipment, and there is still some scrap left to be sold.

RE: EMS TAXING DISTRICT

1. Taxing District Monthly Report

Esq. Frederick stated that the EMS Taxing District Board met last night and heard the 1st reading of the budget. The EMS Taxing District Committee met and reviewed the budget which looks good, and the 2nd reading will be held next month. They approved expenditures for uniforms and painting the building.

RE: PLANNING & ZONING

1. Administrator's Monthly Report

P & Z/Solid Waste Administrator Jason Stanley reported that 58 building and 22 electrical permits were issued during April. The Board of Adjustments will meet on May 22 and the P & Z Commission on June 14.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Director's Monthly Report

Travis Buchanan introduced Toby Berry who is transitioning to the position of Park's Director. He reported that sports are in full swing at the parks with Little League and youth soccer. The equipment needed to repair the Buchanan Splash Pad is back and he has a few issues that are being resolved related to a valve. It will open on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend with daily hours from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They are trying to keep on top of everything needed at the parks and have started a part-time worker.

2. Request to Advertise for Bids for Excavation Work on the New Ball Field

Mr. Buchanan stated that although the work on the new ball field has been delayed due to transfer of ARPA funds, it is the appropriate time to move forward. He requested permission to advertise for the excavation work.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Shain, it is ordered to authorize Judge Bates to advertise for excavation work to construct the new ball field at Harry Hill Park.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Monthly Report

Director Dan Flinkfelt reported that the Shelter is staying busy, but moving animals out as fast as they come in. He commented that Trimble County's new full-time person is working out great and he is learning how to share responsibility. They are scheduling adoption events for the summer and fall. The grand re-opening of the Animal Shelter held on May 13 went well. About 75 percent of the painting is completed, and they have had a couple of drain issues and a water leak which should be repaired on Wednesday.

Judge Bates stated that there have been some small issues between Mr. Flinkfelt and the Trimble County staff that are being resolved by him and Judge Ogburn. He added that the Shelter looked good, and there was a large turnout at the grand re-opening event.

2. Animal Services Committee Report

Esq. Hartlage reported that the Committee did not meet.

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Esq. Hartlage stated that the Economic Development Committee has not met and is waiting for further notice on additional funds for the Pendleton Sewer Project. Judge Bates commented that the application for the grant discussed previously is being prepared. Esq. Hartlage said that the engineer has informed him that there may be additional funding coming available. Judge Bates reiterated that the County will pursue all federal and state monies that we should be getting.

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of April: 292 KSP dispatch calls, 138 Sheriff's office calls, 67 citations/criminal summons, 31 criminal arrests, 20 warrant arrests, 97 court processes, 2 special events, 57 vehicle inspections, 37 carry conceal licenses, 1 DUI arrest, and 10 drug charge arrests.

RE: LGEA PUBLIC HEARING

Judge Bates informed the Court that each year we are required to hold a public hearing regarding the money received from the mineral severance tax on the rock mined at the quarry. He opened the floor for public input. There were no questions or comments.

RE: TRANSPORTATION COOP AGREEMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR USE OF FUNDS

Judge Bates stated that there must be an annual public hearing regarding the County Road Aid. These State funds are based on the miles of road and gas sold in Henry County and is used to help support the County Road Department. Judge Bates announced the floor was open for comment. There were no questions or comments from the public.

RE: REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ROCK, ASPHALT, & SALT

Judge Bates requested that he be given authorization to advertise for the purchase of rock, asphalt, and salt for the County's use in Fiscal Year 2024

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Frederick, it is ordered to authorize Judge Bates to advertise for bids for the purchase of rock, salt, and asphalt for the upcoming year.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR VEHICLES

Judge Bates stated that funds have been budgeted for the upcoming fiscal year to purchase vehicles. The plan is to purchase used pickup trucks for the Coroner and Animal Services which will be less than the \$30,000 which requires bids. The vehicles for the Jailer and multi-use for administration will be over that amount and must be bid.

Upon motion by Esq. Shain and second by Esq. Tingle, it is ordered to authorize Judge Bates to advertise for vehicles for use by the Jailer and the Fiscal Court Administration.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$ 64,978.04
Road & Bridge Fund	24,556.02
Jail Fund	25,071.27
LGEA	2,742.76
Litter	0.00
911 Fund	40.51
ABC	330.53
Fair Fund	588.60
Pendleton Sewer	0.00
Angel's Envy	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$118,307.73

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Animal Services Director Flinkfelt stated that he had been notified by Walmart that the \$5,000 grant for the Shelter has been approved.

Esq. Hartlage requested that any donations for the Animal Shelter go to the betterment of the service and not as a replacement for other budgeted items. If anyone wishes to make a donation for a specific project, the funds will go to the particular cause and not supplant the budget.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Shain and second by Esq. Frederick, 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
JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

Date Approved: **June 20, 2023**