

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on October 15, 2024, 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 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 Michael Luttrell of Restoration Life Church who offered a prayer for the meeting. Judge Bates announced that the Henry County Republican and Democratic Parties are holding a prayer breakfast for the upcoming elections on November 2nd at 7:30 a.m. at Restoration Life Church.

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Judge Bates called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. to assure that anyone who had gone to the Extension Office would have had time to arrive at the meeting. He noted that all magistrates were in attendance with the exception of Esq. Ed Frederick who is ill.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. McManis and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2024, regular meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no official unfinished business; however, Judge Bates stated that work on the 4-H Building is nearing completion. The issue of acoustics in the large meeting room will be addressed.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Director's Monthly Report

Judge Bates reported that the Department is working getting much done. There are still some complaints, but we are getting to them as quickly as possible. The recent wind event over the weekend of September 28 required many hours of removing trees from roadways. Judge Bates thanked Deputy Judge Buchanan, Esq. Fisher and all those who helped with the work.

2. Road Committee Report

Esq. Fisher reported that the Committee met and reviewed the needed repairs. The dump truck should be fixed tomorrow; and there are still some issues with the graders. He thanked Judge Bates and Deputy Judge Buchanan for their morning check-ins at the Road Barn and the staff for all their work. Judge Bates announced that 200 tons of cinders delivered today. They will be placed in the hoop barn and be ready for use on the roadways.

3. Release Bond on Kelly Drive & Fanny Way

Judge Bates announced that the verifying paperwork has been submitted for Kelly Drive and Fanny Way that were adopted as County roads. The paving has been completed, and the Court can now release the bond held by developer Mark Suna.

Upon motion by Esq. Tingle and second by Esq. McManis, it is ordered to release the bond held by the County for the completion of the paving on Kelly Drive and Fanny Way.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PLANNING & ZONING

1. Administrator's Monthly Report

Deputy Judge Buchanan reported on behalf of P & Z/Solid Waste Administrator Jason Stanley that 22 electrical and 33 building permits were issued during the last month. The Board of Adjustments will meet at 7 p.m. on October 28 at the Henry Count Extension Office. The P & Z Commission is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. on November 13 at the Henry County 4-H Building.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Director's Monthly Report

Parks Director Toby Berry stated that they had a break from mowing grass, but are now back at it. They have painted and power washed building and power-seeded the new ball field. This week they will focus on Trail or Treat prep work. Deputy Judge Buchanan announced that the event will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, October 18, at the John L. Brent Park. This year there are 80 groups handing out treats which is the most ever. He encouraged folks to come early with the expectation of good weather and a large number of children.

2. 4-H Building Construction Contractor Discussion

Judge Bates thanked Toby Berry and Daniel Brown who have been working on the project. They have been removing materials which has helped keep the cost down.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Monthly Report

Animal Services Director Danielle Ashcraft reported 4 adoptions totaling \$850, \$20 for licenses, and \$50 for a citation resulting in \$920 received by the Shelter during September. The company installing the fence began work today and wants clarification from the Fiscal Court about whether it is to be put into a couple of inches of concrete.

2. Animal Services Committee Report

Esq. Hartlage stated that the Committee did meet. After looking over the specifications received for the fencing at the Shelter, Baxter Fence Company was awarded the project. The meeting was a mutual one with Trimble County. After discussing the security benefits of imbedding the fence in concrete versus the possibility of rusting in the future, the Court agreed that it should be installed in concrete.

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Esq. Hartlage stated the Economic Development Committee did not meet this month; however, the Council met prior to the Fiscal Court meeting. Discussion included things going on around the County and ironing out the logistics of the group itself.

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of September: 281 KSP dispatch calls, 152 Sheriff's office calls, 83 citations/criminal summons, 44 criminal arrests, 23 warrant arrests, 110 all court paper service, 59 vehicle inspections, 3 carry conceal licenses, and 8 drug charge arrests.

Sheriff Perry informed the Court that he has begun work on establishing a multi-county drug task force. He has been advised by the Justice Cabinet that this type of operation could be funded with the federal Opioid Settlement funds. He has switched an officer to full-time drug investigations, and after 2 weeks has already confiscated 1 pound of cocaine. He would like to pay off the unmarked vehicle and assign it to this officer since he will be 100 percent drug enforcement. It was purchased for \$52,400 last year and the remaining balance is \$44,760.79. Meetings have already been held with the judge/executives and sheriffs of Henry, Trimble, Owen, Carroll, and Gallatin Counties and County Attorney Cassidy Dees. He added that counties are willing to provide money, but the biggest need is manpower. Oldham County has committed to it, and he feels that this task force will gain more traction. Judge Bates stated that the Budget Committee could meet to discuss the requested expenditures for this effort.

RE: COUNTY CLERK'S REQUEST FOR INCREASE ON SALARY CAP

County Clerk Shanda Archer explained that the auditors have instructed her that her expenditures for deputies and assistants for the County Clerk's office cannot exceed the approved salary cap without approval from Fiscal Court. She requested that the amount be raised by \$6,000 to allow for the election requirement for machine auditing and stated that it would not affect her office's bottom line or the excess fees promised to the County. This request would be a shift of funds only.

Upon motion by Esq. McManis and second by Esq. Tingle, it is ordered to approve the requested amendment to the Annual Order Setting maximum Amount for Deputies and Assistants for the County Clerk's Office increasing it from \$227,000 to \$233,000.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COUNTY CLERK PRESENTS GRANTS RECEIVED

County Clerk Archer explained the County Clerk's office has received a \$20,087.50 grant from Libraries and Archives for the restoration of permanent records. She acknowledged the work of Olivia Herrell in digitizing the permanent records maintained in her office. The office has also received a Disaster Recovery Grant of \$38,680 from Libraries and Archives and \$65,416.03 from House Bill 1 for digitizing documents online. Clerk Archer distributed flyers explaining the methods and dates for voting this year. She stated that no voting would be held on November 4 since the equipment would be delivered to precincts and requested assistance from the Road Department in that regard.

RE: REDUCTION IN INDEPENDENT EXCAVATING’S BOND BY \$600,000

Judge Bates stated that the work on the Angel’s Envy Sewer Project has progressed to the point that the engineer and KIPDA staff have requested a reduction in the bond of 50 percent for Independent Excavating who is the project contractor. The work is approximately 90 percent complete with only the installation of the ordered pump for the pumping station remaining.

Upon motion by Esq. Shain and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to approve the \$600,000 bond reduction for Independent Excavating on the Angel’s Envy Sewer Project.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$307,938.52
Road & Bridge Fund	44,668.67
Jail Fund	44,692.93
LGEA	1,095.72
Solid Waste	154.42
ABC	877.53
Fair Fund	700.33
Angel’s Envy Sewer Project	<u>559,525.16</u>
Total	\$959,653.28

From: 0192009990 (Reserve for Transfers) \$160.52
To: 0191005210 (Insurance Expense) \$160.52

From: 0192009990 (Reserve for Transfers) \$152.68
To: 0351012120 (Training Fringe Benefits) \$152.68

Motion Carried Unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Bates opened the floor for public comments.

Olivia Herrell commented that the cemetery fund raiser held on Saturday, October 12, at Esq. Fisher’s was very successful with \$11,000 raised.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

There were no additional Court comments.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Esq. McManis and second by Esq. Shain, 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: **November 19, 2024**