

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on September 17, 2024, at the Henry County Extension Office in New Castle, Kentucky, due to the construction project at the 4-H Building 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 Bro. Joey Woods of Union Baptist Church who offered the evening's prayer. Mr. Woods also invited everyone to the round-robin Baptist revival being held in eastern Henry County this week. Services will be held at 7 p.m. each evening: Wednesday at Franklinton, Thursday at Union, Friday at Lockport, and back again on Friday at Franklinton.

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: APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 20, 2024, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. McManis and second by Esq. Tingle, it is ordered to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024, regular meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Director's Monthly Report

Judge Bates stated that the Road Supervisor position is still empty. He and Deputy Judge Travis Buchanan are filling in. The road crew has really jumped in and is getting much work accomplished. Judge Bates added that he hopes that the magistrates are getting calls because work is being completed. They are still mowing and will be blacktopping again tomorrow. If any Court members have questions or need something done, Judge Bates asked them to let him know.

2. Road Committee Report

Esq. Fisher reported that the Committee met and he commended Judge Bates and Deputy Judge Buchanan for doing well leading the department. The crew is doing great at this time, and he continues to hear compliments. They will be getting new record sheets made for equipment maintenance. The windshield to repair the front-end loader which costs \$2,500 is ordered. The crew has been all over the County, and they have done the bushwhacking needed for school bus routes.

RE: PLANNING & ZONING

1. Administrator's Monthly Report

P & Z/Solid Waste Administrator Jason Stanley reported that 26 electrical and 24 building permits were issued during the last month. The Board of Adjustments will meet at 7 p.m. on September 23 at the Henry Count Extension Office. The P & Z Commission is scheduled to meet on October 9, but there is nothing on the agenda.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Director's Monthly Report

Parks Director Toby Berry reported that the Buchanan Splash Pad has been closed down. Since grass growth has slowed, they have been able to tear out old shrubs at Harry Hill Park and worked on installing parking bumpers at the new ballfield. They have begun painting the shelters and concession stands and will begin prepping for Trail or Treat. A water leak was repaired at Harry Hill Park. Judge Bates added that Jimmy Mahoney used his excavator on the lake at the Brent Park and hopes that the leak has been repaired so it will fill back up. Esq. Fisher mentioned a water hydrant at the Ag Arena that is malfunctioning.

2. 4-H Building Construction Contractor Discussion

Deputy Judge Buchanan announced that the advertisement for bids for the insulation and HVAC systems which closed on Monday had resulted in one bid for each. Judge Bates stated that he had called other companies trying to obtain as many as possible. Purefoam Roofing & Insulation offered a bid of \$19,555 for insulation and would be 3 weeks out. Cammack Climate Control submitted a bid for \$18,000 for 2 HVAC units and the pipe work needed on the small side of the building.

Upon motion by Esq. Frederick and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to accept the bids from Purefoam Roofing & Insulation for \$19,555 and Cammack Climate Control for \$18,000.

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Bates stated that the electrical work needs to be completed before the insulation can be installed. He knows of 3 contractors interested in that part of the project. He announced that one of those is Mike Paris who is the County Coroner and he wants to be certain that his participation would be appropriate. County Attorney Dees advised that since Mike Paris is not a voting member of the Court and there is no conflict with his County position, he would be eligible to participate in the bidding if no Court members objected. No magistrates objected to his submitting a bid. Judge Bates stated that he hopes to have the bids by the end of the week, and Fiscal Court already granted authority to the Parks Committee to select the winning bid.

Deputy Judge Buchanan announced that Trail or Treat will be October 18th from 5-7 p.m. Calls have already been made to those who participated previously, and there are already 50-60 commitments to distribute treats to the children. Esq. Frederick announced that there will be another Halloween event from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, at the Renaissance Fair.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Monthly Report

Judge Bates stated that Animal Services Director Danielle Ashcraft was unable to attend due to illness. Fiscal Court Clerk Denise Perry read her prepared August report showing 9 adoptions totaling \$1,700, \$100 for reclaim fees, donations of \$405, and \$60 in citations for a total of \$2,265.

2. Committee Report

Esq. Hartlage stated that the Committee did not meet.

3. Animal Shelter Fence Bid Approval

Deputy Judge Buchanan announced that the bids closed on the Animal Shelter Fence Project on Monday. Two bids were received: Catlett Fence LLC for \$47,250 and Baxter Fence Company for \$38,500. Judge Bates stated that he would prefer that Esq. Hartlage with his expertise and the Animal Services Committee review the bids to assure that they would provide what is needed. Esq. Hartlage stated that it should be a joint meeting with the Trimble County Committee.

Upon motion by Esq. Shain and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to authorize the Parks Committee in conjunction with the Trimble County Animal Committee to select the winning bid for the Animal Shelter Fence Project.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Esq. Hartlage stated the Economic Development Committee did not meet this month, but the Economic Development Council met prior to Fiscal Court. Some housekeeping issues were discussed, and the highlight of the meeting was Mayor Fred Downey reporting on the economic development in Eminence. Congratulations were offered to Mayor Downey for the successful Eminence Day held on September 14 with estimates of 4,000 to 5,000 attending.

RE: ABC Quarterly Report

ABC Director Ed Nelson presented the quarterly and annual reports indicating the best quarter and best year since ABC was established. The annual total is \$125,322.65. There are 15 active licenses, 3 not currently selling retail, and 4 new applications being processed. Mr. Nelson stated that the 4 new ones (Campbellsburg, Jericho, Faul Family Farm, and additional licenses for Six Mile Creek) would hopefully compensate for the closure of Smith-Berry Winery and maintain the \$100,000 mark annually. There is 1 package license that others interested parties want when it becomes available.

RE: SHERIFF’S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of August: 255 KSP dispatch calls, 153 Sheriff’s office calls, 46 citations/criminal summons, 21 criminal arrests, 15 warrant arrests, 122 all court paper service, 1 MIW transport, 65 vehicle inspections, 6 carry conceal licenses, and 2 drug charge arrests.

Judge Bates asked Sheriff Perry about Pendleton Road and complaints received about the traffic travelling too fast. He asked if additional patrols could run radar in the area.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VARIOUS COUNTY TAX RATES

Judge Bates stated that Fiscal Court does not need to act on the rates set by the different jurisdictions, but they must be informed and acknowledge those annual rates. Deputy Judge Buchanan read the rates set by each entity for 2024:

	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Tangible Personal Property</u>
County - Ambulance District	6.00	6.00
County - Extension Services	4.00	4.46
County – Health Department	4.00	4.00
County – Library	8.70	10.04
County – Soil Conservation	0.89	
County – Fiscal Court	10.30	10.70
School – Eminence Independent	66.90	66.70
School – Henry County	70.10	70.10
Special – Little Kentucky River Shed	2.60	

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$274,142.45
Road & Bridge Fund	40,573.23
Jail Fund	50,577.61
LGEA	2,819.53
ABC	2,400.37
Fair Fund	281.95
Angel’s Envy Sewer Project	<u>572,430.60</u>
Total	\$943,225.74

From: 0192009990 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$28,280.35
To: 0150653410 (Voting Machines Upgrade)	\$6,542.22
0191005210 (Insurance Expense)	81.10
0191005660 (Insurance Reimbursement)	21,657.03

Motion Carried Unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Bates opened the floor for public comments.

Joe Throne and Leslie Throne both spoke regarding the parking situation in Pleasureville adjacent to Joe's Garage. There continues to be an issue with vehicles parking on the state-owned property that is paved and appears to be a parking lot. Although there is a no-parking sign, it is pointed in the wrong direction and motorists are often unaware of it. He and his business are being blamed for the vehicles that park there and block motorists' view of the road and intersection of HWYs 22 and 421. Sheriff Perry is aware of the problem and stated that the State DoT has not been helpful in solving the problem. His office cannot cite and tow all the vehicles there, and he feels that the State should install some type of barrier to prevent parking. He and Judge Bates will continue to request State assistance in making the roadway safer and resolving the issue.

Mayor Fred Downey thanked Sheriff Perry and his department for their help in keeping everyone safe during Eminence Day.

Olivia Herrell stated that the Glow and Tell planned by the Henry County Historical Society at the Renaissance Fair is being postponed until October. The event includes a bonfire and storytelling and with a burn ban in place due to extremely dry weather conditions it will be rescheduled.

County Coroner Mike Paris noted that the Animal Control vehicle does not have any markings or lights. He expressed concern about its use on roadways and especially in dark conditions. Judge Bates stated that door labelling is ordered. Sheriff Perry added that the vehicle is wired for lights, and County Attorney Dees advised that only amber lights were permitted.

Esq. Tingle inquired about the status of a cell phone tower that was being installed in Bethlehem where appears that the company has left the site. Judge Bates explained that the construction was occurring 64 feet from the neighboring home. After review of the proposal presented to Planning & Zoning, the distances were not acceptable since the submitted plan was inaccurate and did not include this house. Last Thursday, a stop work order was issued and the holes have been filled and the equipment has been moved from the property.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

There were no additional Court comments.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Shain 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
JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

Date Approved: **October 15, 2024**