

HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2025

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on June 17, 2025, 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 offered the evening's prayer.

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Judge Bates called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. noting that all magistrates were in attendance.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE MAY 20, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Tingle and second by Esq. McManis, it is ordered to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025, regular meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Director's Monthly Report

Road Supervisor Zach Smith reported that the crew is busy on various tasks including pothole patching and guardrail repair on Wolfpen Road. They will be ordering endcaps for the guardrails on Lockport Fallis to extend and repair them and have installed a driveway pipe on Mt. Gilead. They have been grading and hauling rock for gravel roads, bush hogging, and bush whacking. The paver is being serviced for blacktop patching.

Judge Bates added that the milling machine that was ordered should be in soon and will improve the paving operations.

2. Road Committee Report

Esq. Fisher reported that the Committee met and discussed the timing of base failure patches and culverts to be replaced. They talked about the need to place shields on tractor windows for safety and possibly contracting out a few miles for bush hogging since the crew is short staffed so they can focus on the roads. He stated that they need to advertise for the new dump truck. Judge Bates explained that this truck is already included in the budget and would include a snow plow and salt spreader.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Shain, it is ordered to solicit bids for the purchase of a new dump truck.

Motion carried unanimously

Esq. Hartlage inquired about a listing of the roads that would have improvements to share with citizens. Judge Bates explained that we are applying for Flex Funds from the State and have the forms completed so he can provide that list. All districts will have some work done, except District 1 which has few County roads. He stated there is not enough money to do all the work needed.

3. Open Bids for Rock, Asphalt, Chip & Seal, Salt

Judge Bates requested that Travis Buchanan open the sealed bids received for rock, asphalt, and salt to be reviewed later in the meeting. The following bids were presented for consideration by the Fiscal Court for asphalt, chip and seal, rock, and salt:

<u>Asphalt Bids</u>	Vendor	Specifications	Price per Ton
	Hinkle	Plant pickup surface	\$ 83.25
		Plant pickup binder	\$ 82.25
		Plant pickup base	\$ 81.25
		Placed & compacted surface	\$ 97.00
		Placed & compacted binder	\$ 96.00
		Placed & compacted base	\$ 95.00
	Mago	Plant pickup surface	\$ 79.00
		Plant pickup binder	\$ 78.00
		Plant pickup base	\$ 75.00
		Laid	\$ 89.75
		Cold mix pickup	\$135.00
	Shelbyville Asphalt	Plant pickup surface	\$ 79.00
		Plant pickup binder	\$ 78.00
		Base pickup	\$ 75.00
	Louisville Paving	Lump Sum Pricing Only	\$397,570

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Tingle, it is ordered to accept the bid from Mago Construction Company for laid surface at the bid price of \$89.75 per ton and for picked up at plant asphalt which were the lowest prices.

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Bates clarified that Shelbyville Asphalt is the same price as Mago which does not always operate. He stated that Shelbyville Asphalt should be approved in the cases where asphalt cannot be obtained in Lockport from Mago Construction. The Court approved the amendment to the motion by general consent.

Judge Bates stated that no bids were received for chip and seal, but there are no plans for use of that product this year since blacktop is not suitable for LeCompte's Bottom.

<u>Rock Bids</u>	Vendor	Specifications	Price per Ton
	Liter's Quarry	#2s & #3s	\$ 17.30
		#4, #8, #57	\$ 18.90
		#610 Limestone	\$ 17.30
		Dense Grade Aggregate	\$ 17.30
		Limestone Dust	\$ 16.80
		Class II Channel Liner	\$ 25.00
		Class III Channel Liner	\$ 28.00

Upon motion by Esq. Frederick and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to accept the bid from Liter's, Inc., for rock purchases by the County.

Motion carried unanimously

<u>Salt Bids</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Specifications</u>	<u>Price per Ton</u>
	<u>Received from Bid Advertisement</u>		
	No sealed bids received from the advertisement.		
	<u>Received from the KACo County Salt Auction</u>		
	Morton Salt, Inc.	Delivered, 800 tons	\$121.00
	IBG Magic	Delivered, 800 tons	\$122.00
	Compass Minerals	Delivered, 800 tons	\$160.00

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. McManis, it is ordered to accept the bid from Morton Salt, Inc., for the purchase of 800 tons of salt by the County at a cost of \$121 per ton.

Motion carried unanimously

4. KYTC District 5 – Rural Secondary Program Recommendations

Judge Bates introduced Tom Hall, KYTC District 5 Planning Section Supervisor. Mr. Hall identified KYTC staff who joined him this evening: Matt Bullock, Chief District Engineer; Mike Dees, District Maintenance and Construction; Larry Chaney, Rural Secondary Program Coordinator; and Seth Grothaus, Henry County Maintenance and Construction. The purpose for their visit is to get concurrence on the rural secondary roads to be paved. He described the road system structure and the rural secondary connections. Last year the paving done was on KY 1360, Franklinton Road, and KY 1861, Smithfield Road, which are both substantially completed and will be concluded by the end of the month.

Mr. Hall explained the funding program sheet showing \$121,127 from the prior year, the allotment for 2025-26 is \$1,201,013 with a balance available of \$1,322,140. Deducted from that amount are the routine maintenance needs for 144.31 miles of rural secondary roads in the County amounting to \$720,600 of the total and Flex Funds of \$120,101 that county government can use for resurfacing leaving \$481,439. The KYTC maintenance staff is recommending that this year's funds be used to resurface 5.441 miles of KY 1861, Smithfield Road, from KY 322 to KY 55, and 1.274 miles of KY 389 (River Road) from Marshall's Bottom Road to Boling Branch Road. The costs may exceed the budget total, but it can be adjusted with next year's funding.

Esq. Hartlage recommended that attention to be paid to KY 153 between 146 and 712 which has failures that are worsening. Judge Bates stated that there are many trucks using that road, and there are no shoulders. He has been investigating the Safe Streets for All program for potential extra funds. Esq. McManis mentioned HWY 574 from HWY 193 to HWY 421 which is getting is really bad shape with base failures. Esq. Frederick inquired about the status of the

widening of North Main in Eminence and if the money has been allocated. Judge Bates stated that the funding is on the list, but it may be 2027-2028. Mr. Hall explained the 5-year road plans which are planned, but not funded. Funding is addressed during the legislative sessions.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Tingle, it is ordered to approve the recommendation of the KYTC for the expenditure of the FY 26 Rural Secondary Road funds as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Bates mentioned the Smithfield crossroads and the possibility of a roundabout being placed there to prevent additional wrecks. Mr. Hall suggested that it needs to be brought to the attention of legislators that it is a priority to Henry County to get it placed on the State Highway Plan. He offered to work with the County in coordinating work as funding is obtained.

5. Rural Secondary Road Resolution

Judge Bates read the resolution approving the KYTC recommendations for the Rural Secondary Program and authorizing his signature on it.

Upon motion by Esq. Frederick and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to approve the resolution approving the project recommendations made by District 5 staff of the KY Transportation Cabinet for the Rural Secondary Program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PLANNING & ZONING

1. Administrator's Monthly Report

Administrator Jason Stanley reported that during the previous month 15 electrical and 36 building permits were issued. The Board of Adjustments will meet at 6 p.m. on July 28, 2025, at the 4-H Building at 1106 Castle Highway, Eminence. The P & Z Commission is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. on July 9, 2025, at the Henry County Fairgrounds.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Director's Monthly Report

Parks Director Toby Berry reported they have been busy with grass cutting, weed eating, and prepping for ballgames. The Buchanan Splash Pad pressure control valve was installed, and it was opened on May 24. There are new hours this year: 10-8 daily and 10-5:30 on weekends. The Henry County Fair will be June 24-28. A new batting cage is being built at Harry Hill Park thanks to Travis Buchanan.

2. Parks Committee Report

Esq. Tingle stated that the Committee did not meet.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Monthly Report

Deputy Judge Buchanan gave the report of Animal Services Director Danielle Ashcraft detailing the following receipts for the month of May: 13 adoptions totaling \$1,750 and donations of cash and food/supplies of \$1,170 with a total of \$2,920 in receipts. There were 37 rescue transfers and 2 dogs returned to owner in addition to the adoptions resulting in 52 animals out of the Shelter with 33 remaining. He read the list of organizations who helped with the rescues. Adoption events were held or are scheduled for June 7, June 14, and June 21.

2. Animal Services Committee Report

Esq. Hartlage stated that the Committee did not meet.

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Esq. Hartlage reported that the Committee did not meet.

Judge Bates introduced Jessica Moore who is the new director for the I-71 economic development group. She is from Lockport and resides in Carroll County now. She is determining priorities and how to make the biggest impact in economic development. Esq. Hartlage expressed that Henry County has been involved with the I-71 association, but maybe have not gotten our money's worth. He would like for her to focus on available properties in Henry County with the State and the I-71 association. Ms. Moore described all her experiences, expertise, and networks and committed to working on behalf of Henry County.

RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of May: 232 KSP dispatch calls, 123 Sheriff's office calls, 66 citations/criminal summons, 33 criminal arrests, 16 warrant arrests, 120 all court paper service, 1 fugitive transport, 65 vehicle inspections, 10 carry conceal licenses, and 7 drug charge arrests.

Esq. Frederick asked Sheriff Perry about the status of the Drug Task Force initiative. He responded that the Attorney General's office has stated that the director position can be paid for from the opioid abatement money. Currently we have Henry, Carroll, Trimble and Oldham who have signed on, and he will be addressing the Owen County Fiscal Court next month. He is working with Courtney Baxter, Commonwealth Attorney, to form the board, and by the year's end we should have a functioning Task Force which will bring resources to Henry County.

RE: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE LOUISVILLE

Mike Kochasic with the National Weather Service Louisville which provides forecasts for Henry County to keep folks safe addressed the Court. He congratulated us for being certified as Storm Ready by the NWS for the severe weather planning done here. He recognized Ian Burkett and Amy Mahoney for their work in getting the needed planning and communications in place. Henry County is now 1 of 85 counties in KY to meet the standards for the certification. He presented a sign signifying the status which lasts for the next 4 years. Judge Bates thanked Ian and Amy for their efforts in making the improvements in the County's emergency management.

RE: FISCAL COURT FY 26 BUDGET – 2ND READING

Judge Bates stated that the 1st Reading of the Fiscal Court FY 26 budget was previously conducted.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Tingle, it is ordered to approve the 2nd Reading for the FY 26 budget.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$237,424.39
Road & Bridge Fund	50,318.85
Jail Fund	50,773.87
LGEA	6,026.21
Solid Waste	149.00
ABC	3,792.96
Fair Fund	<u>2,036.44</u>
Total	\$350,521.72

<u>From:</u> 018099741 (Safety Kleen Parks)	\$46,120.02
018011718 (Park Improve Baptist)	\$76,175.40
<u>To:</u> 019200999 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$122,295.42

<u>From:</u> 019200999 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$192,620.49
<u>To:</u> 015001445 (J/E Office Supplies)	\$151.89
015001578 (Utilities, Annex)	\$6,821.64
015010103 (Co Clerk Deputies Salaries)	\$55,000.00
015010212 (Co Clerk Fringe Ben Train)	\$2.12
015010368 (Co Clerk Tax Bill Prep)	\$378.35
015015103 (Sheriff, Deputies Salaries)	\$28,000.00
015025212 (Magistrate Fringe Train)	\$2,261.16

015025569 (Registrations Conf Train)	\$940.13
015057319 (Data Processing Misc)	\$1,688.00
015065565 (Election Printing Ad)	\$1,080.16
015070107 (P&Z Administrator)	\$12,000.00
015070125 (P&Z Assistant)	\$9,500.00
015070445 (P&Z Office Supplies)	\$696.94
015070539 (P&Z Legal Ads)	\$1,027.01
015080329 (Custodial Contract Svc Lawn)	\$223.00
015080411 (Custodial Operations)	\$6,600.00
015205716 (Animal Shelter Fence)	\$8,147.76
015401467 (Recreation Supplies Equip)	\$1,642.59
015401571 (Parks Repairs Maint)	\$983.91
019100521 (Insurance Expense)	\$6,075.83
019400201 (Social Security)	\$20,000.00
019400202 (County Retirement)	\$25,000.00
015015106 (Sheriff Off Staff/Dep FT)	300.00
015205102 (Animal Control Officer)	1,800.00
015401177 (Parks Asst Supt)	2,000.00
019400205 (Health Insurance)	300.00
<u>From:</u> 029200999 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$30,110.10
<u>To:</u> 026105723 (Vehicle Equip Purchase)	\$23,963.08
026105588 (Maint Rep Equip Vehicle)	\$6,147.02
<u>From:</u> 039200999 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$5,540.00
<u>To:</u> 035101314 (Contracts Other Counties)	\$4,640.00
039400205 (Employee Health Ins)	\$900.00
<u>From:</u> 045075107 (Econ Dev Specialist)	\$5,928.31
<u>To:</u> 045175903 (Public Ad Court Mandate)	\$215.40
045401588 (Splash Pad Park Maint)	5,712.91
<u>From:</u> 135212479 (Solid Waste Tire Grant)	\$1,078.37
<u>To:</u> 135212366 (Litter Clean Up)	\$1,078.37
<u>From:</u> 789200999 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$1,221.90
<u>To:</u> 785050445 (ABC Off Supp Postage Phone)	\$1,221.90

Judge Bates stated that the question raised by Esq. Hartlage regarding the \$800 bill for water in New Castle includes the Courthouse and several other buildings.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Bates opened the floor for public comments.

Amy Charles addressed the Court about the status of her request for the posting of upcoming committee agendas and minutes. She asked if there could be a motion to do that. Judge Bates stated that a motion would not be required, and that the County is working on details. She had also asked about posting notices of all open positions for committees and councils with regard to local government on FaceBook and notifying city councils. Judge Bates responded that we have timelines for some of the positions, but that suggestion could generate a larger pool of potential members.

Caroline Cox expressed her concerns about the traffic beside New Castle Elementary School and asked for solutions to allow access to the County offices so that Property Road is not blocked and the area is safer. The civil defense siren in Port Royal is not online. She requested more high profile on social media such as zoning requests so more people would know what is going on. The YouTube minutes of Fiscal Court minutes are not available for a month. Kassidy Dees, County Attorney, replied that the video can be posted, but minutes are not publicized until they are approved. Information was provided that the video was posted on the next day for the last meeting. Judge Bates stated that he is working on the quality of the audio so the meeting recordings are better. Kentucky Utilities is putting the new pole up for the siren, and Ben Parker has agreed for it to be placed on the edge of the parking lot at Parker Farm Supply. Sheriff Perry stated that he has spoken with the superintendent regarding the school traffic issue.

Richard Hayes addressed those in attendance and requested support for their Military, Veteran, First Responders, and Family's Day to be held on Saturday, September 6 from 12-4 p.m. at Lake Jericho. The event is free to attendees and is the largest of its type in the state. It is operated under the Trimble County Cares organization, and donations can be channeled through the Judge/Executive's office with a note on checks that funds are for the Lake Jericho event.

Jakob Beckley spoke on behalf of Olivia Herrell of the Henry County Historical Society reporting that the mural on back of the Clerk's office is finished and thanked the Court for their support.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. Frederick stated that the KY State Fair will be held August 15-23 and the work is underway for the Pride of the Counties booth. The cost is \$1,500 and he encouraged anyone who wants to support it with donations or working in the booth to contact Holly Wilson of the Chamber of Commerce.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher 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

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

S/ Denise Perry
DENISE PERRY
FISCAL COURT CLERK

S/ Scott Bates
SCOTT BATES
JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

Date Approved: **July 15, 2025**