

HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 2026

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on June 16, 2026, 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 Bro. Coleman Colston who offered the prayer for the evening's meeting.

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Judge Bates called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. noting that all magistrates were in attendance with the exception of Esq. Hartlage who was caught by traffic and arrived soon after the call to order.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE MAY 18, 2026, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. McManis and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026, special meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Director's Monthly Report

Road Supervisor Zach Smith reported that the crew has been busy with different tasks around the County. Both bush hogging tractors are working on their routes between bushwhacking jobs which have been completed on Marion Lane and Russell Branch Road. They have moved to Deerfield and plan to start working on that as more bush hogging is completed. The crew has also been addressing washouts on gravel roads, fixing potholes, and cleaning up trees after the recent storm and heavy rains.

2. Road Committee Report

Esq. Fisher stated that the Committee met and heard that everything is working, although they still cannot find summer help. There are 2 workers off, and they need additional help. There are spots on roads to repair before Hinkle comes to do paving. Judge Bates added that we can schedule with Hinkle and are looking for part-time workers to mostly follow the bush hogs and bushwhacker.

Esq. Hartlage inquired about mowing on the interstates. Judge Bates responded that there are signs posted on HWY 146, but he has not been informed about the plans. Esq. Hartlage shared that he had received an unexpected text thanking the County for the work on potholes on Tatum Road and Valley View Drive. Esq. Shain stated that there are culverts needed also.

3. Accepting All Bids for Asphalt Pickup

Judge Bates stated that the Court accepted the bid from Hinkle for laid blacktop, but we need to accept bids from the other companies for blacktop to be picked up from the plants. There are situations where the location makes the costs lower where transportation distances are shorter or times when Hinkle is not producing blacktop. The bid from Hinkle is \$81.50 per ton and from \$83 per ton from Mago and Shelbyville Asphalt.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. McManis, it is ordered to accept the bids from Hinkle, Mago, and Shelbyville Asphalt for asphalt to account for transportation costs and availability.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PLANNING & ZONING

1. Administrator's Monthly Report

Fiscal Court Clerk Denise Perry presented the Planning & Zoning report for Administrator Stanley who is on vacation. During the previous month 30 electrical, 23 building, and 1 sign permits were issued. The Board of Adjustments will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the Henry County Fairgrounds located at 1106 Castle Highway, Eminence. The P & Z Commission's next meeting is July 8, 2026, at 6 p.m. also at the Henry County Fairgrounds.

Esq. Hartlage inquired about the confusion surrounding the decision on the Court of Appeals ruling on the Malin's P & Z issue and the new Campbellsburg appeal and if the Court needs to act. Judge Bates responded that Fiscal Court is only involved when an appeal is filed, otherwise the P & Z Commission's findings stand. In the Malin matter when it was appealed and heard, Fiscal Court upheld the findings of the P & Z Commission. The Court of Appeals has ruled that we should have held 1st and 2nd readings and passed an ordinance instead of only voting to uphold. On the other matter, the Campbellsburg City Council is discussing annexation of the Campbellsburg property that has been appealed. We have been advised not to address either at this point.

County Attorney Dees provided clarification on the process for appeals to P & Z decisions. She advised that when a matter is appealed to Fiscal Court as the legislative body they can hold their own independent investigation, make an independent ruling, or uphold the P & Z Commission. The opinion of all of our counsel is that based on the statute language the Court's action should have been sufficient; however, the Court of Appeals did not agree. They have ruled that there should be an amended ordinance with 1st and 2nd readings which we will do moving forward.

2. Approval of Bond for Smithfield Estates

Judge Bates stated that the bond for Phases 2 & 3 of the Smithfield Estates is required for the construction of roadways. The amount of \$785,834 was determined by the engineers and contractors, and Fiscal Court needs to approve the estimate so the bond can be obtained for that amount.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Frederick, it is ordered by the Court to approve the \$785,834 bond for the Phase 2 & 3 roadway construction for Smithfield Estates

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Director's Monthly Report

Parks Director Toby Berry reported the Parks crew is busy with cutting grass and prepping for ballgames. The Buchanan Splash Pad is up and going and is very crowded every day. Upcoming events include the Henry County Fair on Tuesday, June 23, to Saturday, June 27, and the July 3rd America 250 event at the John Logan Brent Park which begins at 4 p.m.

2. Rubber Tire Grant Update

Deputy Judge Buchanan reported that the County did receive the Crumb Rubber/Tire-Derived Product Grant previously discussed. The grant award is \$63,545 with a 25 percent match. The bids are around \$100,000 so we should need around \$37,000 from the Safety-Kleen funds allocated for park projects. Work will begin as soon as possible following the July 3rd event. The poured in place product will be installed on the playground adjacent to the splash pad and will be a huge improvement in appearance and function since it makes a solid surface. He acknowledged Amy Mahoney for submitting the grant.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Monthly Report

Animal Services Director Danielle Ashcraft reported receipts of \$3,446.93 from 10 adoptions at \$1,550, donations of \$1,570.30 and \$326.63 in other funds. There are currently 16 dogs in the shelter after 22 intakes with 35 out--16 adoptions, 14 rescues, and 5 returned to owners. Upcoming events include the Pet Expo in Versailles on June 20 and the Kentucky Humane Society Care-A-Van on June 30 for a cat clinic. The numbers keep increasing each year with 312 animals in and 318 out in 2025.

2. Approval of Henry-Trimble Animal Shelter Interlocal Agreement

Judge Bates stated that the Interlocal Agreement for the Henry-Trimble Animal Shelter was previously adopted. It must be submitted to the Department for Local Government who advised that the language related to termination and the disposal of assets needed to be revised. Deputy Judge Buchanan read the required changes regarding disposal of assets and clarification in the term "real property" in Paragraph 28, the date changes from 2025 to 2026, and removal of a typographical error in Paragraph 15.

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and second by Esq. Tingle, it is ordered by the Court to approve the amended Henry-Trimble Animal Shelter Interlocal Agreement with the changes in language related to termination and to include the term "real property."

Motion carried unanimously

RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of May: 166 KSP dispatch calls, 122 Sheriff's office calls, 49 citations/criminal summons, 27 criminal arrests, 18 warrant arrests, 70 all court paper service, 2 fugitive transports, 2 special events/details, 118 vehicle inspections, 33 carry conceal licenses, and 3 drug charge arrests.

Sheriff Perry responded to inquiries about the number of vehicle inspections and the new speed sign. The Glenn dealership has increased the vehicle inspection numbers and the sign is providing good data on the peak hours of speeding and is very helpful.

RE: FY 2027 BUDGET – 2ND READING

Judge Bates stated that the FY 2027 budget has had no changes since the 1st Reading which was held in April.

Upon motion by Esq. Shain and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the FY 2027 budget totaling \$8,817,411.07.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 950-09-2025-20 SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Deputy Judge Buchanan conducted the 1st Reading of the proposed change to Ordinance 950-09-2025-20 related to Short Term Rental Property (STRP) which clarifies the definition of STRPs and adds campgrounds and cabins.

Upon motion by Esq. Frederick and second by Esq. Shain, it is ordered by the Court to amend Ordinance 950-09-2025-20 related to short-term rental properties and clarifying the definition.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Bates requested that Fiscal Court go into Executive Session per KRS 61.815 to discuss pending opioid litigation.

Upon motion by Esq. McManis and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered that Fiscal Court go into Executive Session per KRS 61.815 to discuss pending litigation.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Frederick and second by Esq. Tingle, it is ordered to end the Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Frederick and second by Esq. Tingle, it is ordered to resume the Regular Session.

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Bates stated that the matter discussed related to an additional defendant in the national opioid litigation and that the Court needs to approve our participation so that we will receive our share of the settlement.

Upon motion by Esq. Shain and second by Esq. McManis, it is ordered that Henry County participate in the settlement with defendant Lupin as part of the national opioid litigation.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF AUCTIONING SERVICES FOR SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Judge Bates stated that the County will be auctioning the old EMS property in Campbellsburg and surplus property from the Road Department. Bids were taken for auctioneering services, and 2 were received. Deputy Judge Buchanan reported the bids are structured as buyers' premiums which means there is no cost to the County and that the amount will be added to the purchaser's price. There were 2 bids received: Potts Auctions Inc. for 8 percent and Timberlake Auction Service LLC for 6 percent. Judge Bates stated that this is the fairer way to make the decision on who is chosen.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Frederick, it is ordered by the Court to approve the bid for auctioneering services for the County from Timberlake Auction Service LLC.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION UPDATE

Judge Bates announced that plans for the America 250 celebration in Henry County are going well. Donations are surpassing what some folks expected as many people want to be involved. He stated that this is a non-partisan event and will not be a Trump rally. It is a celebration of the country's 250 years. He cited the details and his belief that it will be a great event. The first 500 people will receive free event t-shirts with the sponsorships listed on the back. It will be family friendly with the splash pad and other children's activities planned. A wide variety of food offerings will be available with 10 food trucks. Advertising and social media posts are continuing including Froggy radio which will be broadcasting from the celebration.

Deputy Judge Buchanan stated that there are some invoices and vendors from the event that should be paid prior to the July Fiscal Court meeting. This would include the food vendors who will be accepting vouchers from sponsors for food, invoices from the bands due on July 3, contract labor, and other invoices due on or before July 3.

Upon motion by Esq. Shain and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the payment of expenses associated with the July 3 celebration with them to be included on the claims at the July Fiscal Court meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Bates stated that he is so proud of folks within the County and others who have jumped on board to make this event so great. The only cost to the budget will be paying the employees for their time on that day.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$298,447.97
Road & Bridge Fund	219,521.41
Jail Fund	36,396.28
LGEA	14,694.49
Solid Waste	4,000.00
ABC	<u>3,436.39</u>
Total	\$576,496.54

<u>From:</u> 01 (General)	\$40,000.00
<u>To:</u> 03 (Jail)	\$40,000.00

<u>From:</u> 018099741 (Safety-Kleen Park)	\$21,117.14
015025539 (Legal Ads)	3,177.62
015065193 (Election Comm Salaries)	1,072.22
<u>To:</u> 019200999 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$25,366.98

<u>From:</u> 109200999 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$99,841.99
<u>To:</u> 015001101 (Co JE-Salary)	\$889.72
015001103 (Co JE-Deputy Judge Salary)	13,818.52
015001445 (Co JE-Office Supplies)	457.51
015001571 (Renewals/Repairs-Annex)	1,564.94
015001578 (Utilities-Annex)	2,792.34
015005101 (Co Att-Salary)	850.80
015010103 (Co Clerk-Deputy Salaries)	32,500.00
015010368 (Co Clerk-Tax Bill Prep)	790.79
015020210 (Coroner Exp Acct)	95.40
015025569 (Regis-Conf & Training)	2,170.00
015057319 (Data Process-Misc)	3,995.64

	015065565 (Election Print/Ad)	13,776.38
	015070125 (P&Z-Admin Asst)	7,100.00
	015070332 (P&Z-Legal Fees)	50.00
	015070445 (P&Z-Off Supplies)	2,187.68
	015070539 (P&Z-Legal Ads)	1,325.00
	015070567 (P&Z- Refunds)	335.13
	015080329 (Cust-Con Svc Lawn)	111.00
	015401177 (Parks-Asst Supt)	5,400.00
	015401571 (Parks-Rep/Maint)	4,932.52
	019100521 (Insurance Exp)	358.98
	019100551 (Membership)	4,339.64
<u>From:</u>	026103445 (Office Expense)	\$1,000.00
	026105309 (Consultant)	4,897.10
	026105312 (Spec Road/Bridge)	88,283.50
	026105429 (Fuel)	1,329.62
	026105471 (Salt/Cinders)	3,775.34
	0261058481 (Uniforms)	1,023.03
	026105549 (Medical Exp)	545.00
	026105569 (Training)	1,500.00
	026105578 (Utilities)	6,389.20
	029100599 (Misc)	1,000.00
	026103102 (Road Super-Salary)	11,424.75
<u>To:</u>	029200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$121,167.54
<u>From:</u>	029200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$121,167.54
<u>To:</u>	026105405 (Asphalt)	\$464.69
	026105409 (Rock)	21,112.65
	026105447 (Materials)	7,220.86
	026105588 (Maint/Rep-Equip/Veh)	700.61
	026105723 (Vehicle-Equip Purchase)	86,302.26
	029400202 (Retirement)	5,366.47
<u>From:</u>	035101429 (Gas/Maint-Radios)	\$9,338.27
	065101481 (Uniforms)	\$715.00
	035101549 (Medical)	4,771.22
	035101551 (Dues)	100.00
	035101569 (Staff Training)	685.44
	035102314 (Housing Juveniles)	2,500.00
	039100599 (Misc)	1,000.00
	039400202 (Retirement)	1,000.00
	035101103 (Dep Jailer-Salary)	6,288.71
<u>To:</u>	039200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$26,398.64

<u>From:</u>	039200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$33,890.00
<u>To:</u>	035101314 (Contracts w/O Cos)	\$32,840.00
	039400201 (Social Security)	750.00
	039400205 (Emp Health Ins)	300.00
<u>From:</u>	045075107 (Econ Dev Specialist)	\$8,000.00
<u>To:</u>	049200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$8,000.00
<u>From:</u>	049200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$10,000.00
<u>To:</u>	045101314 (Housing Inmates)	\$10,000.00
<u>From:</u>	135212366 (Litter Clean Up)	\$3,851.00
<u>To:</u>	139200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$3,851.00
<u>From:</u>	139200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$3,851.00
<u>To:</u>	135212479 (Solid Waste Tire Grant)	\$3,851.00
<u>From:</u>	019100566 (Insurance Reim)	\$12,584.82
<u>To:</u>	019200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$12,584.82
<u>From:</u>	019200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$350.00
<u>To:</u>	015001571 (Renewals/Repair-Annex)	\$350.00
<u>From:</u>	019200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$2,246.04
<u>To:</u>	015015106 (Sheriff Staff/Deputy FT)	\$2,246.04
<u>From:</u>	019200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$2,410.90
<u>To:</u>	015001578 (Utilities, Annex)	\$2,410.90
<u>From:</u>	019200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$16.78
<u>To:</u>	015020103 (Coroner Dep/Asst)	\$16.78
<u>From:</u>	019200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$1,537.33
<u>To:</u>	015401177 (Parks Asst Supt)	\$1,537.33
<u>From:</u>	019200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$6,023.77
<u>To:</u>	019400205 (Health Insurance)	\$6,023.77
<u>From:</u>	029400201 (Social Security)	\$1,526.03
<u>To:</u>	029200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$1,526.03
<u>From:</u>	029200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$1,526.03
<u>To:</u>	029400202 (Retirement)	\$1,526.03

<u>From:</u>	785050107 (ABC Enforcement Off)	\$4.63
<u>To:</u>	789200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$4.63
<u>From:</u>	789200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$4.63
<u>To:</u>	785050106 (ABC Personnel)	\$4.63
<u>From:</u>	029400201 (Social Security)	\$288.27
<u>To:</u>	029200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$288.27
<u>From:</u>	029200999 (Reserve for Transfer)	\$288.27
<u>To:</u>	026105578 (Utilities)	\$288.27

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Bates opened the floor for public comments.

Jakob Beckley addressed the Court and provided an update on the disaster relief efforts begun when the major flooding event occurred in 2025. The donations and distributions were operated through Friends for Michael at that time since the auditors would not allow the County to make donations to individuals. To keep the effort available moving forward, a separate non-profit organization has been formed which currently has about \$10,000 remaining from the original donations. He thanked Denise Perry for her work in getting Henry County Disaster Relief Inc. established which will be operational as other disaster situations may arise. She acknowledged Keith Jeffries and Renee Roberts for their vital help in the process. She reported that Travis Buchanan has agreed to serve as the President and Jakob Beckley as the Treasurer of the new 501 C 3. Judge Bates stated that this is not a political organization, but just dedicated as a service to the county in the future.

Olivia Herrell stated that the Historical Society is \$200 away from having the Revolutionary War memorial all paid for. Thunder Over Bethlehem will be held on July 4, and she stated they are accepting donations and looking for people to help clean up afterwards. The liberty trees are growing well and will be planted when the memorial is installed.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. McManis asked about the increase from \$79 to 90 in bills being received this month for Rumpke trash pickup. Judge Bates stated that it is a fuel surcharge due to higher prices for gas. It is included in the contract with Rumpke and will reduce when wholesale fuel prices go down.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Tingle, 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 6:48 p.m.

S/ Denise Perry
DENISE PERRY
FISCAL COURT CLERK

S/ Scott Bates
SCOTT BATES
JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

Date Approved: **July 21, 2026**