

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2026**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on May 18, 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 offered the prayer for blessings on the meeting.

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 APRIL 21, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Tingle, it is ordered to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026, regular meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2026, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Tingle, it is ordered to approve the minutes of the April 28, 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 cleaning out culverts, doing ditch work, filling potholes, bushwhacking, and grading. They have completed bushwhacking on the HWY 193 end of New Cut Road and are currently working on Marion Lane. The grading has been finished on Little Dixie Road and will be moved to LeCompte’s Bottom next. They have worked on cleaning out the culverts and ditches on Farm Road, Deerfield, and Watkins Lane.

2. Road Committee Report

Esq. Fisher stated that the Committee met and discussed mowing equipment and when to start bushhogging. They would like to have 2 part-time workers for mowing which would free up the crew for the other on-going maintenance work like culverts and ditch work. He added that they discussed the need for a wood chipper for all the trees down due to weather. Judge Bates responded that the budget is tight and he is not sure there are adequate funds. The truck will be in within the next week or so and can be paid for from the current budget. There is not much for equipment purchase in the next budget, but there is a possibility that the part-time help could be covered.

3. Opening of Bids for Rock, Asphalt, Paint & Salt

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

	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Specifications</u>	<u>Price per Ton</u>
<u>Rock Bids</u>	Liter’s Quarry	#2s & #3s	\$ 17.75
		#4, #8, #57	\$ 19.50
		Dense Grade Aggregate	\$ 17.75

Limestone Dust	\$ 17.25
Class II Channel Liner	\$ 25.75
Class III Channel Liner	\$ 29.00
Crushed Stone Base	\$ 17.75

Upon motion by Esq. Tingle 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>Vendor</u>	<u>Specifications</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>Striping Bids</u>		
Reynolds Sealing & Striping	\$.26 per LF on Radcliff & Giltner Roads	\$15,921.36

Judge Bates stated that the cost for the striping would come from blacktopping funds even though they are limited due to safety needs.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Tingle, it is ordered to accept the bid from Reynolds Striping & Sealing for the striping work on Radcliff and Giltner Roads at a cost of \$15,921.36.

Motion carried unanimously

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Specifications</u>	<u>Price per Ton</u>
<u>Salt Bids</u>		
Compass Minerals Morton Salt, Inc.	No submission Delivered, 25 ton minimum	\$109.66

Upon motion by Esq. Shain and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to accept the bid from Morton Salt, Inc., for the purchase of salt by the County at a cost of \$109.66 per ton.

Motion carried unanimously

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Specifications</u>	<u>Price per Ton</u>
<u>Asphalt Bids</u>		
Hinkle	Plant pickup surface	\$ 81.50
	Plant pickup binder	\$ 78.00
	Plant pickup base	\$ 75.00
	Laid surface	\$ 95.50
	Laid binder	\$ 93.50
	Laid base	\$ 92.50

Mago	Plant pickup surface	\$ 83.00
	Plant pickup binder	\$ 81.00
	Plant pickup base	\$ 79.00
	Cold mix pickup	\$135.00
	Bagged (per bag)	\$ 12.50
	Laid	\$ 98.50
Shelbyville Asphalt	Plant pickup surface	\$ 83.00
	Plant pickup binder	\$ 81.00
	Base pickup	\$ 79.00

Upon motion by Esq. Shain and second by Esq. McManis, it is ordered to accept the bid from Hinkle Construction Company for asphalt products to be picked up by the County.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Shain and second by Esq. McManis, it is ordered to accept the bid from Hinkle Construction Company for laid asphalt products for the County.

Motion carried unanimously

4. Rural Secondary Program / Flex Funds Approval

Judge Bates reported that we have not gotten the numbers from Frankfort and this program will be approved in June.

5. County Road Aid Resolution

Judge Bates announced that we have received the County Road Aid Cooperative Program Agreement from the Transportation Cabinet. Fiscal Court must agree to participate in the program and accept the funds amounting to \$991,307.75. County Attorney Cassidy Dees reviewed the agreement and read the resolution in full which will adopt and approve the execution of the program contract and give Judge Bates the authorization to sign it.

Upon motion by Esq. Shain and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered to approve the resolution authorizing the County Road Aid Cooperative Program Agreement with the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, accepting all roads and streets as being part of the County Road System

Motion carried unanimously

6. Transportation Coop Agreement Public Hearing for Use of Funds

Judge Bates stated that the County is required to hold a public hearing regarding the use of the County Road Aid Coop funds. He invited those in attendance to make their suggestions on the expenditure of funds. He opened the floor for comments, and there were none.

RE: PLANNING & ZONING

1. Administrator's Monthly Report

Administrator Jason Stanley reported that during the previous month 39 electrical, 25 building, and 1 sign permits were issued. Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the Board of Adjustments will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the 4-H Building located at 1106 Castle Highway, Eminence. The P & Z Commission has no scheduled dockets for its June meeting and will not meet.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Director's Monthly Report

Parks Director Toby Berry reported that they are busy with weed eating, cutting grass, and prepping for sports games. One mower is down and currently being repaired. The Buchanan Splash Pad features are installed, the tanks filled, and the chemicals regulated. There are 2 cracks in a control valve and Tommy Wortsmith is getting the part to install. He has also fabricated a valve to use until then. The Health Department has approved that plan, and the inspection is scheduled for Friday.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Monthly Report

Animal Services Director Danielle Ashcraft was unable to attend, and Deputy Judge Buchanan reported 7 adoptions at \$1,500, donations of \$1,726, and \$545.24 in other funds received resulting in \$3,771.24 in receipts. There are currently 26 dogs in the shelter after 31 were taken in with 32 out--6 adoptions, 19 rescues, 6 returned to owners, and 1 other. Upcoming events include Tractor Supply on May 30, the Henry County Public Library on June 4, Smithfield Day on June 6, and the Pet Expo in Versailles on June 20.

Judge Bates stated that he has received multiple complaints from a resident of Stonehurst regarding dogs roaming in the neighborhood. He asked County Attorney Dees what Animal Control can do since they have not been able to actually catch them outside the yard. She advised that Animal Control can file a criminal complaint holding the owner responsible for a county ordinance violation.

Esq. Tingle announced that due to weather the car show has been postponed to Labor Day.

RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of April: 225 KSP dispatch calls, 145 Sheriff's office calls, 58 citations/criminal summons, 32 criminal arrests, 18 warrant arrests, 147 all court paper service, 1 fugitive transport, 1 MIW transport, 85 vehicle inspections, 17 carry conceal licenses, and 4 drug charge arrests.

RE: ABC QUARTERLY REPORT

ABC Director Ed Nelson reported that the third quarter fees and reports have been filed. We now have 17 active businesses selling alcohol. Revenue for the quarter is down which is typical for the 3rd quarter. Total revenue received from alcohol sales to date is \$1,074,151.26.

RE: KIEDA REPORT

Jessica Moore addressed the Fiscal Court providing an update on the work the group is doing to create momentum for economic development. They are intentionally bringing folks to the I-71 corridor and building relationships and holding conversations to help them understand the regional needs and what can be offered. They held the successful regional forum last week and have worked on relationships with brokerage partners, investors, and developers. KIEDA was instrumental in helping to locate the new business planned which was before P & Z last week that will make a huge impact. She has learned that regional economic development is relationship, visibility, and access driven. She requested that the County consider raising its funding from \$8,000 to \$15,000 annually to facilitate their work for Henry County. The extra funding is to help position Henry County for the growth that is going to happen not build overhead.

Judge Bates added that Ms. Moore has gone above and beyond in her help to land economic development and he appreciates her work. He cited her strategic efforts in bringing realtors to the judge/executives as was the case with the recently approved Campbellsburg project for which she was directly responsible.

Esq. Hartlage stated that Jessica is doing a marvelous job and he feels that we are getting something back unlike with Greater Louisville, Inc. He would like for the Court to seriously consider the increase since they are driving development in Henry County and the region. He thinks KIEDA has delivered on their promise. Judge Bates stated that he had already declined to pay Greater Louisville, Inc., this year. He added that we get marketing, communications, networking, grant support, and other assistance from KIEDA, not just Jessica Moore.

RE: FLAT CREEK WATER EXTENSION

Judge Bates stated that he has met with Keith Morris of the Henry County Water District 2 and County Attorney Cassidy Dees as they work on an agreement between Henry County Water and North Shelby Water getting all the legalities handled for the Flat Creek area. This extension work will happen, but not before July because funding will be in the next year’s budget.

RE: LGEA PUBLIC HEARING

Judge Bates stated that the mineral severance tax is collected by the State from counties with quarries which returns allocations to them. He read the list of potential uses for these funds and the requirement for a public hearing. Judge Bates opened the floor for public comments, and there were none.

RE: AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION UPDATE

Judge Bates announced that plans for the America 250 celebration in Henry County are going well. We are getting commitments from corporations and individuals and welcome more. The smaller details are coming together and more posted updates will be provided soon.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$254,387.68
Road & Bridge Fund	41,681.59
Jail Fund	17,052.60
LGEA	28,100.72
Solid Waste	64.37
ABC	<u>2,113.79</u>
Total	\$343,400.75

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Judge Bates announced that since the date was changed and this is considered a special meeting no public comments would be heard.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Shain 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 6:32 p.m.

S/ Denise Perry
DENISE PERRY
FISCAL COURT CLERK

S/ Scott Bates
SCOTT BATES
JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

Date Approved: **June 16, 2026**