HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2026

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on September 15, 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

RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Bates led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RE: PRAYER & PREPARATION

Judge Bates offered a blessing on the evening's meeting.

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Judge Bates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. noting that all magistrates were in attendance with the exception of Esq. Carl Tingle.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 18, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

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

Motion carried unanimously

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. **Director's Monthly Report**

Judge Bates announced that Supervisor Zach Smith is currently in training to obtain his CDL Class A certification and told it was not necessary to attend the meeting. He reported that the crew is running and trying to get the bush whacking completed. There are currently issues with blades and blown hoses. Esq. Fisher spoke with Danny Clark who suggested that we might need to change to heavier hoses since we are needing so many. The Tire Amnesty Program will be this Thursday through Saturday, September 17-19. Anyone is welcome to turn in unwanted tires except tire businesses. It will be at the County Road Barn, and the crew will be busy working on the project on those days.

2. **Road Committee Report**

Esq. Fisher stated that the Committee did not meet. Updates include the blacktopping for the LARP roads will be done at the same time as the Flex Fund roads. Hinkle plans to begin on September 28, and it will not take long for this work. Radcliff and Giltner Roads will be striped this year.

3. **Flex Fund Resolution**

Judge Bates stated that we just received our notification and must approve the required resolution for flex funding. He read the ordinance adopting and approving the execution of a Rural Secondary Program Agreement between Fiscal Court and the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid.

Upon motion by Esq. Frederick and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to adopt the resolution and execute an agreement with the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, to accept the Flex Funds for FY 2027.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PLANNING & ZONING

1. **Administrator's Monthly Report**

Administrator Jason Stanley reported that during the previous month 16 electrical and 18 building permits were issued. The Board of Adjustments will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2026, at the Henry County Fairgrounds located at 1106 Castle Highway, Eminence. The P & Z Commission's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 6 p.m.; however, no applications have been submitted and they will not meet.

Administrator Stanley announced that the State Tire Amnesty program will be held this Thursday through Saturday. Tires on the rim are permitted, but no scrap will be accepted despite earlier reports that it was allowed. He reported that the countywide trash pick-up was held last Saturday.

Terms are ending for members of the P&Z boards at the end of 2026—2 on the Planning Commission and 2 on the Board of Adjustments. The appropriate appointing bodies will be notified to discuss options for renewal or replacement.

Esq. Hartlage inquired about the status of the Comprehensive Plan maps. Mr. Stanley responded that he had spoken with KIPDA today and was told that we should have the plan on Friday. The maps are completed, and KIPDA is finishing their work on the entire Comprehensive Plan. Judge Bates stated that he would push this work through if it is not received on Friday.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. **Director's Monthly Report**

Parks Director Toby Berry was not in attendance, and Deputy Judge Travis Buchanan reported that they continue to work on cutting grass and all fall sports including youth league football, soccer, baseball, softball, and t-ball which are in full swing. The 4-H Ag Day was held today at the Ag Arena, and they hold horse shows every month. The Animal Shelter Car Show Fundraiser was held at the fairgrounds last weekend. The Buchanan Splash Pad was set to close on Labor Day, but it has been extended for 2 weeks due to the downtime this summer and the on-going hot weather.

2. **Trail and Treat**

Planning for Trail and Treat which will be held from 5-7 p.m. on October 16 is underway. The rain date is October 23. Businesses and organizations have been contacted, and we have approximately 60 that have signed up so far. We anticipate having 80 groups this year, and others are invited to contact the Judge's office if they would like to participate. Judge Bates stated that volunteers to work would be welcome. It is a great event for the County and remains very well attended with approximately 1,400 kids last year.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. **Director's Monthly Report**

Animal Services Director Danielle Ashcraft did not attend the meeting and no report was presented.

RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of August: 198 KSP dispatch calls, 101 Sheriff's office calls, 42 citations/criminal summons, 23 criminal arrests, 13 warrant arrests, 109 all court paper service, 2 special details/events, 129 vehicle inspections, 15 carry conceal licenses, 2 DUI arrests, and 7 drug charge arrests.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VARIOUS COUNTY TAX RATES

Deputy Judge Travis Buchanan announced the rates for the taxing districts within the County noting that Fiscal Court is required to acknowledge them.

Jurisdiction	Real Estate Rate	Personal Rate
Ambulance Taxing District	6.0	6.0
Extension Service	4.0	4.0
Fiscal Court	10.0	10.0
Health Department	4.0	4.0
Public Library	8.5	8.5
Soil Conservation	0.89	0
Henry Co. Board of Education	73.6	73.6
Little Ky. Watershed	2.6	0
Eminence Independent Schools	Not Available	

In response to Esq. Hartlage's request for comparative data, Deputy Judge Buchanan responded that the rates for the Ambulance, Extension Service, Health Department, Soil Conservation, and the Little Ky. Watershed were the same. Fiscal Court and the Public Library were both down 0.1. The Henry County Board of Education went from 71.7 to 73.6.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	$240,563.80
Road & Bridge Fund	56,488.22
Jail Fund	45,169.56
LGEA	4,232.07
Solid Waste	5,852.06
ABC	2,279.70
Total	**$354,585.41**

From:	01 (General)	$45,169.00
To:	03 (Jail)	$45,169.00

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Bates opened the floor for public comments.

Cindy Cook shared her concerns about the Animal Shelter's leadership and management. She feels there is chaos in the Shelter and reported a case in Pleasureville that seems to not be resolved. Judge Bates invited Ms. Cook to make an appointment to come to his office and discuss the issues that she is reporting.

Harley Matthews returned to the meeting to complain about the Road Department's mowing of the easement in front of his property that was reported at the August meeting. Judge Bates responded that he did visit the property, the Department did come to clean up the mowed weeds, and he does do what he promises.

Olivia Herrell stated that the Sons of the American Revolution Friday is seeking individuals/ businesses with proper flag displays. Friday, October 2, is the deadline for items for the 250th time capsule. She is seeking donations of books for Trail and Treat. Saturday, October 24th is the date planned for the Liberty Tree Dedication at the Courthouse. (Following the meeting, the date for this event was changed to Sunday, October 4, at 3 p.m. since the tree's foliage will be lost.) The Revolutionary War Memorial should be ready soon, and the dedication will be planned dependent on the SAR rifle guard. On Saturday, November 7, the Historical Society will host Breakfast with a Vet at 9 a.m. at the Extension Office. A food drive is being held for the Henry County Help Center with drop off at the Historical Society M-F, 8-4, and Tiny Tots Day Care in Eminence M-F, 9-3. There will be a round-robin revival between Franklinton, Lockport, and Union Baptist Churches on October 14-17 at 7 p.m. nightly.

Judge Bates added that Frank Charles has notified him that the monument/sign to be placed in Eminence has been approved and he will let us know when the placement will occur which should be next year.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. Fisher announced that the Youth Livestock Auction will be held Saturday, September 19, at the Ag Pavillion. Our Best will be catering the meal at 6 p.m., and the auction begins at 7 p.m. Judge Bates added that this is a great event for the kids who raise and show the animals.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

_S/ Denise Perry_____
DENISE PERRY
FISCAL COURT CLERK

_S/ Scott Bates_____
SCOTT BATES
JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

Date Approved: **October 20, 2026**