

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2019**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on December 17, 2019, at the Henry County 4-H Building in New Castle, Kentucky, with the following in attendance:

John L. Brent, Judge Executive
Virginia Harrod, County Attorney
Esquire Scott Bates
Esquire Jerry Beasley
Esquire Mike Fisher
Esquire Roger Hartlage
Esquire Chuck Smith
Esquire Jason Stanley

RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge/Executive, John L. Brent, led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RE: PRAYER & PREPARATION

Silent prayer was observed in preparation for the meeting.

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Judge Brent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that all magistrates were in attendance.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19TH MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the November 19th Regular Meeting as corrected.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Judge Brent stated there was no unfinished business from the previous meeting.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Supervisor's Report

Henry County Road Supervisor, Kenny Tindle, underwent surgery today and the initial reports are that it went well. Judge Brent reported that Esq. Beasley is assisting with the operations of the Department in Mr. Tindle's absence.

2. Road Committee Report--Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley stated that the committee did not meet, but asked the Court members to let him know if there were any issues that need to be addressed. The Joe's Branch bridge work should be completed soon.

3. Report on Fox Creek & New Cut Road Slips

Judge Brent reminded the Court that Henry County had been notified that we had been awarded \$250,000 in discretionary funds and all the paperwork was hand delivered to Frankfort two weeks ago. Before proceeding, we must have it returned with all necessary signatures and are still waiting for the Transportation Cabinet to get it back to us. We are awaiting the expected \$90,000 check from FEMA for the Fox Creek slip. As soon as we receive this check, work will begin.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Paige Lucas-Jamiel, stated that the transfer of operations to Baptist Health happens on Sunday, December 22. There are 7 paramedics who will not be staying with the Department, and Baptist has opened the hiring process to fill the slots.

2. EMS Committee Report - Esq. Smith

Esq. Smith reported that the work with the newly formed EMS Taxing Board is on-going. He stated that it is composed of Valerie Moffett, Chair; Beverly Aldridge, Secretary; Scott Bates, Treasurer; Jim Wilhite; and Chuck Smith.

Esq. Bates stated that the Board is working hard to complete all the necessary procedural steps and everything has been submitted to Frankfort. The process requires a great amount of work including an estimated budget and tax exemption verification which has been forwarded to the Office of Local Government. Communication with Baptist appears to be going well. Fiscal Court and 911 funds will pass through the Taxing Board and be documented.

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Director's Update

Amanda Ricketts, Henry County P & Z / Solid Waste Administrator was unable to attend but her report indicated that 20 building and 8 electrical permits had been issued. There were no meetings of the Planning & Zoning Commission or the Board of Adjustments. Judge Brent reported that Steve Heffley and Ed Nelson will continue the weekly trash pickup program initiated by Donnie Tipton. Part-time P & Z Enforcement Officer Mike Sawalich will be issuing the violation letters from the Department.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Supervisor's Update

Travis Buchanan, Parks and Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported small projects including trimming trees and removing dead ones. They have also stripped and waxed the 4-H Building floor. The big bucket attraction at the Buchanan Splash Pad will be replaced and due to a paint issue 3 ball features will be repainted in January. These costs will be at the expense of the company.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt reported that November was a very busy month for the shelter. They have received approximately \$7,500 plus food and other supplies during the year through donations. When added to the fees generated, he estimates that \$10,000 has been secured for Animal Services.

2. Committee Report- Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher reported that the Committee did not meet.

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Esq. Hartlage stated that the Committee did not meet. He commended the work of the Economic Development Commission which is moving forward.

RE: ABC QUARTERLY REPORT

Ed Nelson, ABC Administrator, reported \$19,847.50 in fees and taxes for the 1st quarter which is typically the lowest due to crediting license fees. There are currently 19 businesses with licenses, but 2 distilleries are not selling local retail yet. The last package license was issued to a new store in Sligo. The inactive license that was purchased in 2016 in Eminence is now available to anywhere else in the County. The State is moving to all digital processing of applications and he will be attending training soon to adjust to that change.

Esq. Hartlage inquired about comments from license holders regarding Sunday sales. Mr. Nelson stated that he hears from them that they would like to be allowed to sell on Sundays since their overhead costs are the same. Mr. Hartlage reminded those in attendance that he is circulating a petition to have the question of Sunday sales put on the ballot.

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of November: 139 KSP dispatch calls, 86 Sheriff's office calls, 34 citations/criminal summons, 22 criminal arrests, 14 warrant arrests, 162 all court papers served, 1 juvenile transport, 2 MIW transports, 2 special detail/event 54 vehicle inspections, 16 concealed carry licenses issued, and 8 drug charge arrests.

RE: BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Esq. Bates reported that the Budget Committee met with Sheriff Perry and Clerk Shanda Archer to review their submitted budgets. They were able to increase the excess fees for the Sheriff's budget to \$10,447.64. There is also an additional \$1,000 added for patrol services for Pleasureville. The Committee will be meeting with Judge Conrad in the upcoming year to address the requirements and costs for bailiffs for court proceedings.

RE: SHERIFF'S 2020 BUDGET – 2ND READING

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Smith, it is ordered to approve the 2nd Reading of the Sheriff's budget for 2020 which projects excess fees of \$10,447.64.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLERK'S 2020 BUDGET – 2ND READING

County Clerk Shanda Archer explained that Kentucky is raising the recording fees for the first time in 30 years and will be a significant increase for Henry County when it is implemented. Her hope is that a portion of this money could be used in the future for improvements in storing documents including the historical ones retained by the County. She has increased the amount for salary increases to \$86,428 and added the new revenues. With these changes, the projected excess fees amount for the current budget for the County Clerk's office is \$73,928.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered to approve the 2nd Reading of the County Clerk's budget for 2020 with estimated excess fees of \$73,928.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 2ND READING OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR ALLOWED TRANSFER FROM ROAD TO GENERAL FUNDS--\$25,988.62

Judge Brent explained that the 1st Reading was approved at the November meeting to transfer money from the Road Fund to the General Fund. He has learned that truck license fee reimbursements were higher than State projections.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to approve the 2nd Reading of the budget amendment to transfer \$25,988.62 from the Road Fund to the General Fund.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Judge Brent informed the Court that Terry Johnson's term on the Henry County Library Board is expiring and he recommends that he be reappointed for an additional term.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered to approve the reappointment of Terry Johnson to the Henry County Library Board.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 2020 CENSUS PRESENTATION

Claudia Peralta-Mudd presented information regarding the 2020 Census and the value of the results to local communities. She encouraged active involvement in forming a Complete Count Committee. Numbers from the census can result in additional funds for roads, schools, and health services for residents. In mid-March everybody will get mailed information, and the actual census process begins April 1. There will be 4 opportunities for individuals to complete documents by themselves, and then census workers will become involved if necessary. Hayden Kandul from KIPDA explained that the grants through them are directly funded based on census data. Ms. Peralta-Mudd stated that an approximate benefit of \$2,000 per person per year can be funneled into the County.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$235,171.03
Road & Bridge Fund	35,643.71
Jail Fund	44,585.02
LGEA	1,026.64
Litter	0.00
911 Fund	2,734.94
ABC	2,715.39
Fair Fund	<u>335.01</u>
Total Expenditures	\$322,211.74

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments. In response to a question about EMS response time based on staffing, Director Lucas-Jamiel assured those in attendance that the services would not be affected. Judge Brent stated that the salary rates will be increasing approximately \$4 per hour and the paramedic positions will be filled. A question was asked about the status of R & R Septic. Judge Brent stated that he understands that a cease order remains in effect for land farming on the property on Robbie Lane; however, they still have other locations for disposal and can use the existing lagoon.

County Clerk Shanda Archer said that she will be attending training on the use of new voting machines on January 9 in Oldham County. The State will be going to new technology, but not until there are funds available for their purchase.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Mayor Rodney Young informed the Court that the County owes the city of Pleasureville \$600 for ambulance storage for 2018 and part of this year. Judge Brent stated that a bill was never sent to the County for fiscal year 2018.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, 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/ John L. Brent
JOHN L. BRENT
JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Date Approved: **January 21, 2020**