

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2019**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on January 15, 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 DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the December 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

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, reported they had a trial run for winter weather. He thanked Esq. Jerry Beasley for his help with truck repairs. The department is currently working on ditching and water flow issues on the upper or HWY 193 end of New Cut Road. They are also trying to clear dead ash trees throughout the County.

Esq. Hartlage inquired about the lack of a dead end sign on L'Esprit Farm Road. Supervisor Tindle responded that the new signs have just been ordered, and this one will be installed as soon as the next order is made. He further asked about the damage from heavy garbage trucks on Cedar Run Road. Mr. Tindle stated from previous conversations with Rumpke he has learned they do not have smaller trucks, and we will have to repair roads behind them.

#### **2. Road Committee Report--Esq. Beasley**

Esq. Beasley stated that the Committee has met. They continue discussions on New Cut Road.

#### **3. Flex Fund Designation**

Judge Brent stated that for 8 years it has been the Governor's policy to carve out a portion of the Rural Secondary Funds that can be utilized for county roads or counties can choose to return the funds to the State for use on state roads. Henry County has been informed that we are eligible for approximately \$90,000 this year. Fiscal Court makes the decision on retaining these funds for County roads.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to retain the Flex Funds for use on County roads.

Motion carried unanimously

#### **4. New Cut Road Update**

Judge Brent stated that he had received an email this afternoon from Craig Caudill regarding the Emergency Road Aid request. We have been awarded \$150,000. Although this is not the \$569,000 we requested to repair all the slides or the \$425,000 for the priority areas, it would address the major area near the pipeline at approximately \$89,000 and more. The Commissioner also informed Judge Brent that we could also agree to submit another request for discretionary funding through the Governor's office. Calls to Senator Paul Hornback and the Governor's office by residents would be helpful in this process.

Upon motion by Esq. Smith and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered to accept the \$150,000 in Emergency Road Aid from the State and allow the Road Committee to determine which areas would be addressed with these funds.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS**

### **1. Supervisor's Update**

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Paige Lucas-Jamiel, reported that services are going well. The new truck went into service on Sunday. The side mirror on one truck was knocked off by a driver who is now denying blame. Earl Floyd Ford is holding the invoice as insurance is pursued for the \$1,100 repair.

### **2. EMS Committee Report - Esq. Bates**

Esq. Bates reported that the EMS Committee did meet and discussed several issues. The time clock which operates on fingerprints has been installed. If this system does not meet the needs adequately, other types of systems could be implemented if necessary.

## **RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE**

### **1. Update**

Judge Brent reported that 11 building and 12 electrical permits have been issued during the month. The Planning and Zoning Commission did not have a meeting in January, but there is one scheduled for February. The Board of Adjustments has a conditional use application to review in January. Donnie Tipton is supervising inmates again; and they removed litter on Hwy 421 between New Castle and Campbellsburg which totaled 2 completely full pickup trucks. If the magistrates are aware of a particular road which needs to be addressed, they should let Mr. Tipton know.

## **RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS**

### **1. Supervisor's Update**

Travis Buchanan, Parks and Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported that activities have slowed down. They are working on their winter maintenance list. General Electric donated a new refrigerator and upright freezer to the Dare to Care program, and those appliances have been placed in the 4-H Building.

## **RE: ANIMAL SERVICES**

### **1. Director's Update**

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, reported that December was a good month. They have made their last trip to Chicago and will now be doing rescue transports to New Albany, IN. Trimble County's newly hired staff members are doing necessary training. He stated that he is focusing on canvassing for strays in the town areas of the County.

### **2. Committee Report – Esq. Fisher**

Esq. Fisher reported that the committee did not meet.

### **3. Henry/Trimble Update**

Judge Brent reported he has met with the new Trimble County judge to develop a good working relationship. Both judge/executives will meet with all staff of the animal shelter next Tuesday.

## **RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Judge Brent stated that the regional economic development director position which was vacant due to the passing of Gary Mathis has been filled. His goal is to have the new director attend the February Economic Development Council and Fiscal Court meetings.

The County has signed an option agreement for Lot 1 of the Commerce Park with Burnett Farm Toys for a distribution, warehouse, and showroom business. Denise Perry is working with the Chamber of Commerce to develop a signage program for the County to direct people to local attractions. The engineer for Rabbit Hole Distillery reports that they have a state permit pending and will start on the construction of their rickhouse soon. The Angel's Envy storage facility on HWY 421 is awaiting approval of drawings and expects construction to begin on their site soon. Esq. Hartlage added that the sale of the property in Pendleton for a proposed Thornton's has been completed.

## **RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT**

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of December: 200 KSP dispatch calls, 60 Sheriff's office calls, 26 citations/criminal summons, 9 criminal arrests, 19 warrant arrests, 194 all papers served, 2 fugitive transports, 1 MIW transport, 1 special event, 45 vehicle inspections, 25 carry conceal licenses, and 2 drug charge arrests.

**RE: ADF DESIGNATION FOR 2018/19 – CAMPBELLSBURG/PENDLETON FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Judge Brent notified the Court that the Area Development Fund money that has been received previously and used to purchase 2 turnout suits for each local fire department was completely cut from the state budget. Campbellsburg is the only department which had not been outfitted. The expense for the purchase has been included in the budget although there would be no reimbursement to cover that cost.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to pay for 2 turnout suits for the Campbellsburg/Pendleton Fire Department.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR JUDGE/EXECUTIVE TO SELL SURPLUS VEHICLES**

Judge Brent stated that the County currently owns some surplus vehicles. He requested that the Court give him permission to investigate the best method, sealed bid or auction, to dispose of those various vehicles which include an ambulance, cruiser, Jeep, dump truck, and others.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to allow Judge/Executive Brent to determine the best method to dispose of the County's surplus vehicles and administer their sale.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2019-2022**

Judge Brent appointed the following standing committees for 2019-2022:

Roads	Jerry Beasley, Chair; Scott Bates; Mike Fisher
Emergency Services	Chuck Smith, Chair; Scott Bates; Jerry Beasley
Courthouse/Facilities Maintenance	Roger Hartlage, Chair; Jerry Beasley; Mike Fisher
Planning & Zoning/Solid Waste	Chuck Smith, Chair; Mike Fisher; Jason Stanley
Budgets, Insurance & Personnel	Scott Bates, Chair; Chuck Smith; Jason Stanley
Animal Services	Mike Fisher, Chair; Roger Hartlage; Jason Stanley
Parks/Fairgrounds	Jason Stanley, Chair; Mike Fisher, Chuck Smith
Economic Development/Commerce Park	Roger Hartlage, Chair; Scott Bates; Jason Stanley

Scott Bates is the current Fiscal Court appointee to the Economic Development Council. When his term expires, Roger Hartlage will fill that position.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Smith, it is ordered by the Court to approve the standing committee appointments for 2019-2022.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL DISCUSSION**

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to close the Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to return to Regular Session.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: APPOINTMENT / RE-APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

Judge Brent explained that each new term all County employees must be reappointed to their positions and new hires must be officially appointed by the Fiscal Court.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to reappoint all current employees to their positions and to appoint Amanda Ricketts as the Planning and Zoning Administrator and Accounts Payable Clerk and Mike Hilliard as the Emergency Management Agency Director.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: PERSONNEL & INSURANCE**

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to allow Judge/Executive Brent to work with the Budget, Insurance, and Personnel Committee to hire a full- or part-time Planning & Zoning/Solid Waste officer.

Motion carried unanimously

Esq. Bates informed the Court that the action taken at the December meeting to increase insurance costs for County employees by \$20 per month has been reviewed. The State sets the maximum that can be charged for all policies other than single ones; therefore, anyone carrying a family policy could not have their portion of the cost raised. The result of this action would be that only employees with a single policy could be required to pay additional costs. Employees carrying single plans currently pay \$1.01 per month for their insurance.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to rescind the action to increase insurance costs by \$20 per policy, to retain the current rate of \$1.01 for single policies, and to continue the maximum state contribution for those with plans including family members.

Motion carried unanimously

## CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$211,200.95
Road & Bridge Fund	42,052.36
Jail Fund	41,681.78
LGEA	0.00
Litter	183.20
911 Fund	226.71
ABC	2,309.62
Fair Fund	<u>1,536.78</u>
Total Expenditures	\$299,191.40

## RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments and there were none.

## RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. Beasley stated that Kenny Tindle and the crew he supervises continue to do a good job on the roads.

## RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, 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: **February 19, 2019**