

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on September 5, 2019, at the Henry County 4-H Building in New Castle, Kentucky, with the following in attendance:

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

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Judge Brent called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and noted all magistrates were present.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

1. 2nd Reading of 2019-20 Proposed Tax Rates

Judge Brent explained that the 2nd Reading for the setting of the tax rates was being held at this special meeting due to an oversight at the newspaper in running the required second notice advertising that it would be heard at the August meeting.

Judge Brent presented the proposed tax rates for 2019-20: real property--12.1 cents; tangible property—15.9 cents; and watercraft and motor vehicles—11.9 cents. He clarified that real property consists of houses and land and tangible property includes business inventory. These proposed rates include the allowable 4 percent increase in real property only and would result in an extra \$4 on \$100,000 in assessment. No increases have been taken on any of the categories since 2002. The county government portion of any individual's tax bill is approximately 10 percent of the total. The County can only assess property taxes, insurance surcharges, and occupational taxes. Neither of the other options would generate adequate revenue.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2019-20 tax rates at 12.1 cents for real property, 15.9 cents for tangible property, and 11.9 cents for watercraft and motor vehicles.

Motion carried
Yes – 4 (Esqs. Bates, Beasley,
Fisher, & Stanley)
No – 2 (Esq. Hartlage & Smith)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments. In response to the issue of implementing an EMS taxing district, Judge Brent and Esq. Bates responded that the funds generated by that action would be used exclusively for ambulance services. Additional money for the general fund is needed and the increase in the real property rates should generate approximately \$300,000 to operate other County services.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, 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: September 17, 2019