

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

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on September 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 AUGUST 20TH REGULAR MEETING AND SEPTEMBER 5TH SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the August 20th Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the September 5th Special 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, was not in attendance due to being stuck in a wreck on I-71. Judge Brent reported that the county-wide patching of 43 loads has almost been completed.

2. Road Committee Report--Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley stated that the committee did not meet.

3. Approval to Bid Out Construction for the Joe's Branch Bridge

Judge Brent stated that he had received the necessary paperwork for the Joe's Branch Bridge project from Frankfort and requested approval to bid the project.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered to approve the letting of the bid for the work on the Joe's Branch Bridge with the Road Committee authorized to accept the bids.

Motion carried unanimously

4. County Road Construction Policy

Esq. Beasley presented the proposed specifications for the construction of new roadways in the County. The requirements include 10 inches of rock, 3 inches of base asphalt, and 1.5 inches of surface finish.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to approve the following specifications for new roadways built in the County: 10 inches of rock, 3 inches of asphalt base, and 1.5 inches of finish.

Motion carried unanimously

5. HWY 146 Update

Judge Brent stated that he has been informed that the letting of bids for the HWY 146 improvements from Safety-Kleen to Pendleton is scheduled for June, 2020. Senator Hornback has assured him that any change in administration should not affect the project. Clearing has begun on the right-of-way, and the roadway already looks much better.

6. Presentation by the Commissioner of Rural Roads Office

Judge Brent introduced Nick Vanover of the Rural and Municipal Aid office in the Department of Transportation. Mr. Vanover explained that Governor Bevin is committed to trying to address the infrastructure needs across the State. There are thousands of miles of roadways and the Road Aid money doesn't go very far. Secretary Thomas attended a Fiscal Court meeting in the spring, and since that time discretionary funding has been secured amounting to \$250,000. The MOA should arrive soon for the work needed on New Cut Road and emergency funds should be issued in January. Judge Brent expressed his appreciation to Secretary Thomas for the help with New Cut Road and HWY 146.

Esq. Hartlage inquired about the status of the Deerfield Road issue. Judge Brent stated that the Homeland Security money does not appear to be enough for the project. FEMA funds 75 percent of the cost and the State and County cover the remaining 13 and 12 percent amounts. The Road Committee may need to look at it again, and it possibly could be submitted as another discretionary project.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Paige Lucas-Jamiel, stated that the service is going well and presented updated run numbers for July and August. Overdose related calls continue to be very high.

2. EMS Committee Report - Esq. Smith

Esq. Smith reported that the EMS Committee did meet and have been discussing the best options for continued service for the County. They have contacted the Kentucky Association of Counties for advice and investigated how other counties are operating.

3. Contract with Baptist Health to Provide EMS Services

Esq. Smith stated that he, Esq. Bates, and Esq. Beasley have decided as a committee to recommend the Management Support Service Agreement with Baptist Health LaGrange.

Clint Kaho, President of Baptist Health LaGrange, answered questions posed by the Court and citizens. Patient preference is the decision on where individuals will be transported, and they will not have to go to LaGrange. The contract provides for 180 days for either party to walk away from the agreement. Mr. Kaho stated that Baptist Health has every intention of a good relationship and will work to transition smoothly. He committed to hiring current employees through Baptist Health's staff hiring process. There will be opportunities for increased wages and the same benefits that all Baptist employees receive. Each employee will have the chance

to sit with Baptist staff who can explain the positions and benefit packages. They will come in as new employees to the system and their paid time off plan begins on Day 1.

The Henry County Taxing District will maintain the assets currently owned by the County including the building in Campbellsburg and the main site in New Castle, the vehicles, and supplies/equipment on which an inventory will be taken. The Taxing District will continue to pay the insurance, taxes, and any expense over \$2,000. The hospital will maintain the ambulances and expenses less than \$2,000 will be paid by them. Baptist Health LaGrange has been operating the Oldham County service with their taxing district for 7 years and have maintained an open dialogue and good partnership there. In response to questions about response times and services going downhill, Mr. Kaho responded that they will work with the Taxing District to continue services as they are today. The Fiscal Court and then the Taxing District will determine what services they want and will maintain discussions and determine what is needed. Baptist Health LaGrange will give monthly updates to Fiscal Court and then have someone at the monthly meetings of the Taxing District.

Judge Brent explained that \$50,000 will be paid to Baptist as an administrative fee. The County should realize savings through lower workers comp, lower liability insurance costs, purchase of supplies, and the professional management of the service. The cost of operating the service to the County has been over \$300,000 for each of the last 2 years. The expectation is that approximately \$500,000 will be generated by the Taxing District annually. With a projected surplus of at least \$100,000, the debt service can be paid on the last truck purchased which cost \$192,000 and funds made available to replace ambulances as needed. Any change in the rates for the Taxing District will be determined by the Board.

Esq. Bates stated that he had specifically inquired to insure there would be no conflict of interest with Judge Brent being a member of the Baptist Health LaGrange Board of Directors and was assured that there was none.

Upon motion by Esq. Smith and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the Henry County Ambulance Management and Support Services Agreement

Motion carried unanimously

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Director's Update

Henry County P & Z / Solid Waste Administrator Amanda Ricketts reported that 13 building and 19 electrical permits have been issued for the month. The training for September was postponed and is rescheduled for October 23. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended a zone change during the September 11 meeting and approved the amended development plan for Angel's Envy. They will meet again on October 9. There were no agenda items for the Board of Adjustments in August or September.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Supervisor's Update

Travis Buchanan, Parks and Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported that the staff is very busy with Little League football, baseball, softball, and soccer. The Splash Pad has been winterized and the features removed for the season.

This year's Trail or Treat will be held on October 18 from 5-7 p.m. at the Recreational and Services Park. There are 40 booths for along the trail already committed and he anticipates approximately 60.

RE: ABC Administrator's End-of-Year Report

ABC Administrator Ed Nelson reported that all fees are in for 2018/19. Receipts total \$97,624.81 which is down \$6,000 from last year and \$3,000 from the previous year. There are currently 18 businesses down from 21 last year. Most licensees have reported to him they feel the market is saturated. Two of the businesses are not selling any retail products in the County. He is expecting an additional application within a week or two. The inactive license in Eminence is transferring into the County resulting in 2 package stores in Eminence and 4 in the County.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt reported that the shelter had been busy doing transports, answering calls, and handling adoptions. There are 2 upcoming adoption events on September 28 at the Henry County Library and on October 5 in Madison. They will be joining with the Eminence High senior class for Trail or Treat. He reported donations of \$900 in food, \$400 in vet bills, and 19 new beds which are helpful in caring for the animals.

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 did attend the Henry County Economic Development Council where they elected Robin Barmore and Tommy Tingle as the new co-chairs.

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of August: 231 KSP dispatch calls, 121 Sheriff's office calls, 65 citations/criminal summons, 45 criminal arrests, 30 warrant arrests, 175 all court papers served, 1 MIW transport, 2 special details/events, 52 vehicle inspections, 8 concealed carry licenses issued, 2 DUI arrests, and 10 drug charge arrests.

RE: 2nd READING OF THE CREATION OF HENRY COUNTY EMS TAXING DISTRICT

Upon motion by Esq. Smith and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to approve the creation of the Henry County EMS Taxing District.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: RUMPKE CONTRACT RENEWAL

Judge Brent stated that the approved Rumpke contract could be extended for up to 5 years from the time it was entered. The current cost is set at \$20.68 per month beginning January 1, 2020. It can be increased by the Consumer Price Index rate not to exceed 3 percent.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered to approve the contract renewal with Rumpke for trash pickup in Henry County.

Motion carried on vote
Yes – 5 (Esqs. Bates, Beasley, Hartlage, Smith, Stanley)
No – 1 (Esq. Fisher)

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$267,168.81
Road & Bridge Fund	59,564.97
Jail Fund	45,395.99
LGEA	15,516.34
Litter	310.34
911 Fund	2,087.17
ABC	13,151.73
Fair Fund	<u>576.12</u>
Total Expenditures	\$403,771.47

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments. One citizen expressed her concern that Henry County would not be large enough to generate the funding that Baptist Health would require to maintain the contract for operation of EMS.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. Bates introduced Adam Franklin as the newly elected head of the Henry County Republican Party.

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: **October 15, 2019**