

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2020**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on August 18, 2020, 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. The meeting was conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines and with attendees encouraged to wear face masks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

RE: APPROVAL OF THE JULY 21ST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the July 21st 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

Judge Brent expressed concern for Henry County Road Supervisor, Kenny Tindle, who is currently ill. Esq. Beasley and Judge Brent have been checking in at the Road Department and providing instructions to the staff. The paving has been completed on all roads except Ball Lane and Giltner Road which require the signed Memorandum of Understanding before the work is done to insure State reimbursement.

2. Road Committee Report - Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley stated that the Committee did not meet.

RE: EMS TAXING DISTRICT REPORT

1. EMS Board Report - Esq. Smith & Esq. Bates

Esq. Smith reported that the EMS Taxing District Board met. The training officer demonstrated an automatic CPR machine that could be purchased with CARES Act money but no final decision on that was made. There are currently 2 positions open with one each for EMT and paramedic. A computer has been purchased for placement in the ambulance housed in Campbellsburg.

Esq. Bates stated that EMS Board representatives and Judge Brent had met with Baptist Health LaGrange to discuss the financials. A check will be issued for \$63,633.33 and \$32,800 has been received. They continue to work on ideas for potential collections of outstanding bills. The costs are running approximately the same, but there have been lost runs resulting in less revenue.

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Update

P & Z Administrator Amanda Ricketts, reported that 18 electrical permits and 17 building permits have been issued during the month. The Planning Commission will meet on September 9 to consider an A-1 to I-1 application for storage of contractor equipment and an A-1 to A-2 application for subdivision development at the intersection of Sulphur Road and Beasley Lane. The Board of Adjustments does not have a meeting in August. The vacancy on the Commission for the City of New Castle will be filled by Todd Thompson. The Fiscal Court has a recommendation for the vacancy for a County representative.

2. Recommendation to the Board of Adjustments

Judge Brent recommended Perry Thomas from District 5 to fill the open seat on the Board of Adjustments.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered to approve Perry Thomas to fill the open County representative position on the Board of Adjustments.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

Travis Buchanan, Parks & Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported that the staff is working hard to keep up with the grass growth. The Buchanan Splash Pad is going very well with no mechanical issues. There is currently a church softball league playing weekly through this month. Youth soccer may begin after Labor Day while Little League has already cancelled for the season. Little League parents are interested in fund raising and doing work on the fields. Volunteers Neil Stivers and Aaron Bruce have applied field conditioner to Field 2. The parents will work on a long-range plan and coordinate with Supervisor Buchanan to make further improvements.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Report

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, informed the Court that Animal Services is going well with rescues and returns to owners pulling the animals out of the shelter.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher reported that the Animal Services Committee did not meet. There is an electrical issue at the shelter which must be addressed.

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to repair the electrical issue at the Henry Trimble Animal Shelter.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Esq. Hartlage stated that the Committee did not meet. He reported that Sonne Steel will be opening a steel fabrication operation at the old veneer plant in the Pendleton area. They plan to hire 11 employees.

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of July: 267 KSP dispatch calls, 112 Sheriff's office calls, 132 citations/criminal summons, 17 criminal arrests, 4 warrant arrests, 151 all papers served, 6 juvenile transports, 1 MIW transport, 63 vehicle inspections, 29 carry conceal licenses, 1 DUI arrest, and 14 drug charge arrests.

Sheriff Perry responding to questions about the effects of COVID-19 stated that thefts appear to have increased and the drugs of choice have changed. County Attorney Harrod stated that due to the pandemic the Chief Justice has ordered the release of non-violent offenders, and this situation has led to violators being granted administrative release. Judge Brent stated that the cost for housing district offenders has decreased, but those awaiting circuit court remain incarcerated with their cases stalled and their expenses staying the same or increasing.

RE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TAX SETTLEMENT

Sheriff Keith Perry presented the Sheriff's Settlement for the period ended May 31, 2020. The document showed the total due of \$8,584,316.60 and \$8,584,315.86 paid. The 74 cent difference results from rounding of numbers.

Upon motion by Esq. Smith and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the Sheriff's Department Tax Settlement for the period ended May 31, 2020, pending audit.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: HENRY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #2 BOARD

Judge Brent informed the Court that the term of Denise Coombs on the Water District #2 Board is expiring. The recommendation is to re-appoint her to that position.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Smith, it is ordered by the Court to re-appoint Denise Coombs to the Water District #2 Board.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 2020/21 TAX RATES – 1ST READING

Judge Brent stated that the current rates for the County are 12.1 cents on real property, 15.9 cents on tangible property, and 11.9 cents on water and motor vehicles. The recommendation is to approve the same rates for 2020/21.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered to approve the 1st Reading of the tax rates for 2020/21 at 12.1 cents on real property, 15.9 cents on tangible property, and 11.9 cents on water and motor vehicles.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: ABC ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – 2ND READING

Judge Brent stated that the 1st Reading of ABC Ordinance Amendment was held at the July meeting. There were no additional questions or comments on the content.

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered to approve the 2nd Reading of the Henry County Fiscal Court’s ABC Ordinance.

Motion carried on vote
Yes - (Esqs. Bates, Beasley, Hartlage, Smith, & Stanley)
No - (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	\$223,112.64
Road & Bridge Fund	480,867.47
Jail Fund	27,385.06
LGEA	2,453.42
Litter	408.00
911 Fund	438.84
ABC	4,030.64
Fair Fund	<u>599.19</u>
Total Expenditures	\$739,295.26

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Brent noted that the claims for the month include approximately \$300,000 to Hinkle Construction and \$100,000 paid for asphalt. A State reimbursement of \$250,000 for New Cut Road will happen, but there is nothing definite on the timeline.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

County Attorney Harrod presented the contract on the Heron Creek Road project to formalize the agreement with a landowner who has offered to pay 50 percent of the cost of paving on the roadway. The contract includes a clause to re-negotiate the terms should the costs increase or decrease by 5 percent.

Amanda Ricketts informed the Court that the new phone system would be installed by the end of the month. Calls will be answered by an automatic attendant and can be linked to any other the other County offices.

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: **September 15, 2020**