

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on September 15, 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 AUGUST 18TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the August 18th 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

Road Supervisor Kenny Tindle stated that the crew is mowing, bush hogging, and in-house patching of spots on roads. Blacktop work will start next week and they will soon place culverts for new homes. The Department currently consists of only 4 full-time workers since the part-time employees have returned to school. Work on the Deerfield Road culvert and patching will be addressed soon.

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 Taxing District Board meets on the 3rd Monday evening so he will have a report in October since they have not had their September meeting.

RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Update

P & Z Administrator Amanda Ricketts reported that 22 electrical permits and 17 building permits have been issued during the month. The Planning Commission met on 9-9-20 and approved an application for an A-1 to A-2 change for an agricultural subdivision development at the intersection of Sulphur Road and Beasley Lane. Another pending application for an A-1 to I-1 change was withdrawn. The Board of Adjustments will meet on September 24 to review a home occupation for a garage at 30 Stonebrook Circle.

Sam Adams, Mike Ray, and Amanda Ricketts are working with KIPDA on updating the Comprehensive Plan. Updates will be provided regularly.

2. Tire Amnesty

Administrator Ricketts stated that the tire amnesty program conducted every 4 years will be operated in 2020 on October 29-31 with the location to be announced. Although it is a State program, Kentucky is not allowing their employees to assist with it nor hold it at the State Highway Barn. The location will be publicized in the *Henry County Local* and over social media as soon as a suitable location is secured.

The annual Countywide Trash Pick-Up is scheduled for Saturday, November 7. Group leaders who previously participated will be contacted soon. Last year 204 miles were covered, and this year up to 210 miles will be available for interested groups.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

Travis Buchanan, Parks & Fairgrounds Supervisor, reported grass growth continues to keep his Department busy. The church league softball tournament will finish tonight. Youth soccer has been practicing and will begin games this Saturday. Youth football is getting started. The Buchanan Splash Pad was closed on Labor Day. Operations went smoothly this year, and it will be winterized next week. The annual Trail or Treat has been cancelled for this year. With the very large crowds expected, there doesn't appear to be a way to operate it safely.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Report

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, informed the Court that Kim Lyons was conducting a fundraising event this evening at McDonald's in Eminence. Ten percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Animal Shelter. Two pallets of dog food were sent to shelters in Louisiana as they recover from their hurricane emergency. The remainder that was collected will be shared between Henry and Trimble Counties in conjunction with Dare to Care. The electrical repair that was mentioned has been completed.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher reported that the Animal Services Committee did not meet.

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Esq. Hartlage stated that the Committee did not meet. He expressed his concern that after meeting for a year and 8 months, there are no economic development leads or inquiries. He has placed an ad on WAKY radio in conjunction with a commercial he placed for his business to see if he could generate interest. Judge Brent responded that he was not getting requests for information either. Esq. Hartlage added that the Committee did not get responses from the mailings they did, and it appears that the Pendleton area residents were not ready to move further with the sewer issue.

RE: SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Sheriff Keith Perry reported the following activities for the month of August: 220 KSP dispatch calls, 98 Sheriff's office calls, 54 citations/criminal summons, 9 criminal arrests, 13 warrant arrests, 157 all papers served, 2 fugitive transports, 2 juvenile transports, 56 vehicle inspections, 19 carry conceal licenses, 2 DUI arrests, and 7 drug charge arrests.

RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CARES ACT DOLLARS

Judge Brent explained that the County has submitted an application for \$549,029 in CARES Act funding. We have actually received \$145,096.31, \$103,221.06 for the Sheriff's office and \$41,875.25 for the County. He recommended that Fiscal Court amend the annual budget to allow for the full amount requested even though we may not receive it all. This amendment would increase the revenue and expenditures for the full amount to avoid additional adjustments should the full amount be awarded.

Upon motion by Esq. Smith and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to amend the 2020/21 Henry County budget increasing the revenue and expenditures by \$549,029 to allow for the potential of CARES Act money that has been requested.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: TREASURER'S SETTLEMENT FOR 2019/20

Treasurer Megan Wilson presented the 2019/20 annual settlement report showing all receipts and disbursements from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. The only item to note is the \$100,000 from a Homeland Security grant that was expended last year and reimbursed during this fiscal year. Fiscal Court members expressed their appreciation to Megan Wilson for her handling of the County's finances.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the settlements report for the 2019/20 year.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: ABC ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

ABC Administrator Ed Nelson presented the annual ABC Report showing the receipt of \$95,886.33 in licenses and fees for the 2019/20 fiscal year. He stated that his expectation for lower annual totals to be down significantly was wrong. The 4th quarter had a strong recovery and ended the year with a decline of only \$1,738 or 1.8 percent. There are a total of 17 businesses licensed, down from a peak of 21. Of those 17 licenses, 3 are not currently selling retail. There are still 2 quota package licenses available. Administrator Nelson stated that he had visited 11 of the operating businesses today and received positive comments on the volume of Sunday sales being higher than expected. He thanked the Fiscal Court for approving the ordinance revisions.

RE: 2020/21 TAX RATES – 2ND READING

Judge Brent stated that the 2nd Reading for the 2020/21 tax rates was on the agenda; however, due to publication requirements, it could not be held today. A special meeting will be held on September 23, 2020, at 6 p.m. at the 4-H Building to conduct the 2nd Reading to officially set the rates.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT TAX RATE FOR 2020/21

Judge Brent explained that the Henry County Health Taxing District Board has established the Public Health Tax Rate for 2020 and informed him that Fiscal Court must acknowledge that they were notified of their action. Magistrates have received a copy of the resolution indicating an ad valorem tax rate of 4 cents per \$100 on real and personal property and motor vehicles.

RE: HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTATION OF 2020/21 TAX RATE

Tony Jones, Director of the Henry County Public Library, informed the Fiscal Court that the Board of Trustees has voted to utilize the compensating rates for 2020/21. The real property ad valorem rate for real property will drop from 10.2 to 10.1, the personal property rate goes from 14.31 to 14.74, and the motor vehicle remains the same at 3.74. These rates will allow the library to maintain funding for the operation and debt repayment on construction of the new building. The library reopened on a limited basis on June 22. Before that, they operated on a virtual basis and offered curbside services. They currently are open 6 days a week with evening and Saturday hours. There are still State restrictions which prohibit in-person programming.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$186,066.15
Road & Bridge Fund	70,392.53
Jail Fund	32,620.22
LGEA	13,685.42
Litter	73.01
911 Fund	1,816.64
ABC	12,980.78
Fair Fund	<u>585.64</u>
Total Expenditures	\$318,220.39

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments. Kenny Tindle expressed his appreciation for all the concern and prayers during his latest illness. Olivia Harrell of the County Clerk's Office thanked the Court for the new phone system for the County offices. Judge Brent expressed his appreciation to Amanda Ricketts and Travis Buchanan for their efforts in making this needed improvement in phone technology.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. Bates stated that he has met with a business which offers high-speed wireless Internet service. They would like to utilize the Water District tower, but that is not available. He hopes to continue the effort and see better service available for Henry County residents.

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: **October 20, 2020**