

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2009**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a regular session on August 18, 2009 at the Henry County Courthouse in New Castle, Kentucky with the following in attendance:

Honorable John L. Brent, Judge Executive
Honorable Peggy V. Bryant, Deputy Judge Executive
Honorable Virginia Harrod, County Attorney
Esquire Jerry Beasley
Esquire David Brown
Esquire Guy Coombs
Esquire Mike Fisher
Esquire Nick Hawkins
Esquire Adam West

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 noting everyone was present.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2009 regular meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Coombs and seconded by Esq. West, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2009 special meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: OLD BUSINESS

There being no old business the meeting proceeded with new business.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Supervisor's Report

Judge Brent informed the Court that Henry County Road Supervisor Glenn Baxter was not present as he is removing a tree on Cane Run Road. Judge Brent noted that the road department had planned to start paving on Monday, but they could not get the base due to the Hwy 421 project. Esq. Brown stated he felt the gravel roads needed attention first.

2. Rural Secondary Proposed Amendments 2009/2010-Chris Sloan to Present

Chris Sloan with the KY Department of Transportation came before the Court to discuss a problem with the Hwy 421 bridge project near Pleasureville. Due to a problem with a utility company the bridge project will not be let this year. Chris noted he had been informed the budget was cut \$137,000 in Henry County so the funds would not have been available for this project. Chris does not want to do Hillspring Road until the Hwy 421 Bridge is complete. Esq. Beasley stated that patching is needed on Hillspring Road until this project takes place. Chris noted he had received complaints about the Hwy 157 Bridge that goes over the Little KY River near Sulphur. He recommended the Court approve \$55,000 on the Hwy 157 bridge near Sulphur and the balance of \$49,000 be used on patching Hillspring Road and Sulphur Road. Esq. Coombs requested gravel on the shoulders of Hwy 153 between Pendleton and Smithfield. He noted there have been several accidents in this area as more traffic is detouring due to the CSX bridge project in Campbellsburg. Chris asked Esq. Coombs to let him know the particular area.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to accept the 2009-2010 Rural Secondary Road proposal amendment as recommended by Chris Sloan.

Motion carried unanimously

3. Joes Branch Road-Property Owner to Address the Court

Mrs. Burba came before the Court to express her concerns regarding the road conditions on Joes Branch Road. She noted she was the last house on the road past the blacktop and she was requesting the County cinder her road in the winter. She stressed it is difficult for her to get in to feed her animals and she is concerned if she were to get ill the EMS could not reach her. Judge Brent noted that the County's policy is to clear the blacktop roads first and then use the blade on the gravel roads but not cinder them. Glenn Baxter stated that the EMS and the road department work together to clear roads for emergencies. Esq. Beasley noted cinders and salt will tear up a gravel road and make it soft. Following discussion and comments the Court was in consensus for the road committee to put together a high need area plan to let Glenn know what gravel roads should be salted and cindered first.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

Henry County EMS Supervisor Scott McClamroch recommended the Court hire Michael Eric Bland as a part-time Paramedic and paramedic John Feris to fill the vacant position of paramedic assistant supervisor.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. West, it is ordered by the Court to hire Michael Eric Bland as a part-time paramedic and paramedic John Feris to fill the position of paramedic assistant supervisor.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: TREASURER'S SETTLEMENT

Judge Brent informed the Court that Henry County Treasurer Mary Scriber was not present due to her brother's illness. He noted it was a good year in the general fund which finished this fiscal year \$200,000 in the black. Judge Brent stated \$60,000 of this was due to the hard work and good management from the EMS. Judge Brent asked for questions and comments before voting to approve the settlement.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2008/2009 Treasurer's Settlement pending audit.

Motion carried unanimously

Esq. Hawkins asked to address the Court. He stated freezing the county employee raises has been a subject weighing heavy on his mind. He noted that the treasurer's settlement shows the County is in a good financial position. The reason the County is in this condition is due to the employees working hard and going above and beyond. Esq. Hawkins stressed that he understood these are tough economic times but stated freezing employee salaries doesn't help anybody. Esq. Hawkins stressed not giving a raise is doing a disservice to the employees and giving a raise was the right thing to do.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. West, it is ordered by the Court that a cost of living raise as determined by the State, not to exceed twenty five cents an hour be given to all employees effective January 1, 2010.

No Action Taken-Motion Amended

Amended Motion

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. West, it is ordered by the Court to give all County employees a twenty five cents per hour raise effective January 1, 2010.

Yes-Brown, Coombs, Fisher, Hawkins, West

No- Beasley

Motion carried

RE: 2009/2010 TAX RATE-1ST READING

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court that the County **tax levy remain the same** as last year at 11.7 cents per hundred dollars on all real property in Henry County, 15.9 cents per hundred dollars on all personal property in Henry County, and 11.9 cents per hundred dollars on all vehicles and watercraft for 2009. A public hearing for the tax levy will be held on September 15, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT-2008

Henry County Sheriff Danny Cravens presented the 2008 Sheriff's Settlement to the Court. He noted there had been a software problem but the money was right and everything looked good.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. West, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2008 Sheriff's Settlement.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to approve the following claims and transfers:

General Fund	\$201,364.26
Road & Bridge	89,728.28
Jail Fund	10,083.06
LGEA Fund	30,623.23
Federal Grant Fund	20.00
Litter Grant Fund	1,060.75
911-EMS Fund	6,042.91
Fair Fund	<u>953.30</u>
Total Expenditures	\$339,875.79

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COURT COMMENTS

County Attorney Virginia Harrod addressed the Court to answer the questions raised by Esq. Brown concerning the duties and responsibilities of his job. Ms. Harrod noted her research came from the indictment involving county officials in Owen County. The information states the Magistrates are to work a mandatory minimum of 100 hours per month to get retirement and insurance benefits. She stated some Counties document this by keeping daily logs. Judge Brent commended the Transportation Enhancement Grant which gave funding to Campbellsburg and Pleasureville to replace their sidewalks.

RE: ADJOURN

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and seconded by Esq. West, 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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

S/Peggy V. Bryant
PEGGY V. BRYANT
FISCAL COURT CLERK

S/John L. Brent
JOHN L. BRENT
JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Date Approved: September 15, 2009