

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2009**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a regular session on November 17, 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
Esquire Jerry Beasley
Esquire David Brown
Esquire Guy Coombs
Esquire Mike Fisher
Esquire Nick Hawkins
Esquire Adam West

Honorable Virginia Harrod, Absent

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 and noted County Attorney Virginia Harrod was absent on vacation.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and seconded by Esq. Coombs, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2009 regular meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: OLD BUSINESS

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

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RE: ROADS

1. Supervisor Update

Henry County Road Supervisor Glenn Baxter reported the road department was in the process of going over the gravel roads again. Glenn noted with the new dump truck in use he has taken the 1999 GMC truck out of service. The truck has approximately 200,000 miles on it. Glenn researched the KRS and found the County can sell the truck to any government agency without having to advertise. Glenn has been offered a price of \$6,500.00 from the City of Eminence for the truck. Glenn asked the Court for permission to sell the truck.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. West, it is ordered by the Court to sell the 1999 GMC truck for the amount of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00) to the City of Eminence.

Motion carried unanimously

2. Road Committee Report on Emergency Road Aid Projects

Judge Brent noted the road committee had met this afternoon and he asked Esq. Hawkins to give the Court a report from the committee.

Esq. Hawkins noted the committee had two Emergency Road Aid Projects to review. They received 2 estimates and 1 informal drawing on the Six Mile Creek Road Project. The committee had various opinions as to the best way to repair the low water crossing. The road committee recommended the Court table any decisions until next month giving them time to research further.

Esq. Hawkins noted 2 estimates had been received for the bridge on Turkey Run Road. Pat Williamson of Williamson Precast presented an estimate in the amount of \$54,400.00. Barry Bowen of Bowen Excavating presented an estimate of \$51,600.00 which included the labor portion of \$10,000.00 and equipment. The County will be purchasing the materials direct. Esq. Hawkins noted the County has received \$38,300.00 in Emergency Road Aid from the State for this project making the cost to the County \$13,300.00. The road committee recommended the Court accept the lowest bid from Bowen Excavating.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to accept the low bid of fifty one thousand six hundred dollars (\$51,600.00) from Bowen Excavating for the Turkey Run Road Project.

Motion carried unanimously

Esq. Hawkins noted the road committee discussed the need to have a policy for scraping gravel roads. The committee recommended the Court adopt the following policy. When scraping a blacktop road that turns into a gravel road, with only 100 yards or less of gravel, to go ahead and scrape the gravel road on the first pass. The Court was in consensus to adopt the policy.

Esq. Fisher expressed his concerns for clearing roads in LeCompte's Bottom. Following discussion Judge Brent reminded the Court that the County has an inter-local agreement with Franklin County and they take care of the roads in that area.

3. Joe's Branch Road-Magistrate Fisher

Esq. Hawkins noted the road committee wanted Glenn Baxter to check on Emergency Road Aid from the State for a low water crossing on Joe's Branch Road. Judge Brent stated he supported the project but the County just received funds from the State and he doubted additional funding would be available. Esq. Fisher requested Glenn go ahead and get estimates for a low water crossing on Joe's Branch Road.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS UPDATE

Judge Brent reported Henry County EMS Supervisor Scott McClamroch had to leave to make a run. Scott had requested approval of 4 part-time hires. Judge Brent noted he reviewed the applications and one application does not have the background check attached.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to hire Jonathan R. Cooke and Heidi L. Baker (pending Heidi's background check) as part-time paramedics and Stephanie A. Schilling and Brooke A. Dreyer as part-time EMT's.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 2010 SHERIFF'S & CLERK'S BUDGETS

The 2010 Sheriff's and Clerk's Budgets were presented to the Court for review.

RE: SHERIFF'S & CLERK'S BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Judge Brent asked Esq. Beasley, Esq. Brown and Esq. West to serve on the sheriff's and clerk's budget committee. Henry County Sheriff Danny Cravens will set up the meeting.

RE: HEALTH INSURANCE FOR 2010-SCOTT BROWN TO PRESENT

Insurance Agent Scott Brown came before the Court to discuss health insurance rates. Scott noted the County has been with United Healthcare for the past three years. The renewal rates for United Healthcare for 2010 increased by 10 percent. Scott was pleased with the increase as medical inflation has increased by 13-14 percent. Scott got bids from KACO Anthem which had the most competitive rate but was still 43 percent higher. Humana's rates were 103 percent

higher and Bluegrass was 77 percent higher than United Healthcare. Scott noted the renewal rates with United Healthcare are for the same plan as last year but there is improvement for coverage under the new mental health law. Following questions and discussion Judge Brent called for a vote.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. West, it is ordered by the Court to continue with the United Healthcare policy and the County will subsidize the cost of the employee base plan minus \$1.00 for the monthly premium. If the employee wants to have the buy up plan or add their family members they will be responsible for the difference.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

Judge Brent pointed out a large dollar amount on the claims. He noted Courthouse Superintendent Randal Rodgers had contacted Randy Blair of Blair's Roofing to recommend a company to repair the leaks around the courthouse clock tower. Due to the height of the clock tower the company had to rent a lift at a cost of \$1000.00 a day. The total cost was approximately \$3,000.00.

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

General Fund	\$223,869.94
Road & Bridge	52,485.69
Jail Fund	40,661.51
LGEA Fund	2,290.00
Federal Grant	20.00
Litter Grant Fund	21,388.23
911-EMS Fund	868.00
Fair Fund	<u>548.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$342,131.37

Transfers

From: 1392009990 (Reserve for Transfers)	
To: 1352123660 (Litter Cleanup)	\$564.00
From: 7692009990 (Reserve for Transfers)	
To: 7694002020 (Retirement)	\$51.00

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Judge Brent noted he had been to the KACO conference and they had given back to the County a check in the amount of \$8,367.39. This was due to the interest rates on bonds going down. Judge Brent asked Esq. Brown who serves on the KACO Board to update the Court on what is being done to correct the excessive spending at KACO. Esq. Brown noted they have a committee in search of a new executive director. There are new policies in place for spending on conferences, travel and food. He also noted they have taken back most of the credit cards.

Judge Brent recognized Eminence Mayor Jim Petitt. Mayor Petitt wanted to thank the Judge, the Court and the road department for working together with the City of Eminence. He felt they had one of the best working relationships.

Esq. Beasley questioned why the gates at the park and fairgrounds were left open after dark. He stressed his concerns regarding vandalism. He would like to see the gates pulled to but not necessarily locked.

RE: ADJOURN

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Fisher, 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: December 15, 2009

