

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2010**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a regular session on August 17, 2010 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 and noted everyone was present.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Coombs, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2010 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 3, 2010 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 Update

Henry County Road Supervisor, Glenn Baxter, reported on the Hieatt Lane Bridge Project. He noted the deck for the bridge is in and he is pleased with the way the bridge looks. The bridge has been closed for approximately a month, but Glenn hopes to have it reopened this week. Glenn noted the road department has also been staying busy with blacktopping. Next week they plan to start the bridge on Beasley Lane.

2. Magistrate's Requests

Esq. Fisher and Esq. Brown had a list of requests for the road department.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS UPDATE

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Scott McClamroch, reported all ambulances are back up and running. The volunteer ambulances are not currently being used by the paid service. Scott noted there was no charge for the use of the loaner ambulance other than the one hundred and fifty dollar (\$150.00) fee for the State Inspection. Scott hopes to have the re-mount back in 60 days.

RE: PARKS UPDATE

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County Parks Director, Travis Buchanan, noted football and soccer will be starting in a few weeks. The park employees have been doing routine maintenance. Judge Brent noted they have also been setting posts as barriers around the football fields and painting fences.

2. Ribbon Cutting/Ground Breaking Ceremony

Judge Brent invited the Court and Community to attend the ribbon cutting and ground breaking at the Henry County Recreational and Services Park. The event will be September 9, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. The ribbon cutting is for the Cedar Lake's Park Place Homes, the Walking Trail and the Michael Brent Memorial Playground. The ground breaking is for new Henry County Health Department.

RE: 4-H HORSE CLUB TO ADDRESS THE COURT

Several members of the Henry County 4-H Saddle Club came before the Court to discuss problems with the outside fairgrounds ring. They noted the ring has drainage problems and stressed the dirt in the outdoor ring is not acceptable as it contains rocks and some glass.

Mary Jo Ricketts, Pam Dickman and Cathy Toole presented ideals on behalf of the Club. Their suggestion was to cut down the size of the outdoor ring and also cut a ditch to help with the drainage problem. They presented a proposal from Macy Foree for grading and fixing the drainage problem. The price was more than \$15,000.00 which included his labor. The Saddle Club stressed they did not have the money for the project, but the kids in the Club were ready to do whatever they could to help. They noted they were open to suggestions and needed direction from the Court on what they can do with the outdoor ring. Judge Brent reminded the Court that they gave the 4-H Saddle Club the outdoor ring. He also noted Fiscal Court does not have money left in this year's budget for fairground projects. Judge Brent suggested the Saddle Club have one point person to co-ordinate everything and that person work with the Henry County Parks Director, Travis Buchanan. Esq. Hawkins suggested the Club do what they can now and next spring meet with the parks committee. The Court was in consensus to pay for a dumpster if needed.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to allow the Henry County 4-H Saddle Club to move forward with their project while working with Henry County Parks Director, Travis Buchanan. The County will provide a construction dumpster for the Saddle Club if needed.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CIRCUIT CLERKS OFFICE AIR CONDITIONING REQUEST

Judge Brent noted each year the Court does one large improvement to the Courthouse. Henry County Circuit Court Clerk, Mary Lou Roberts, has requested central air be installed in her office. Henry County Courthouse Superintendent, Randal Rodgers, got the following bids:

72 Degrees Heating and Cooling	\$7200.00
Rick Fox Heating and Cooling	\$4785.00

Following review and discussion of the bids Judge Brent asked the Court for a vote.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to accept the low bid from Rick Fox Heating and Cooling in the amount of four thousand seven hundred eighty five dollars (\$4785.00) for a central air system for the Circuit Court Clerk's Office in the Henry County Courthouse.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: HENRY COUNTY COMMERCE PARK ENGINEER MEL MILBURN TO PRESENT

Judge Brent informed the Court the bids received for putting in the infrastructure at the Henry County Commerce Park came in high. The County has approximately two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) in Federal Funds for this project and the bids were more than twice that much. Judge Brent asked the project engineer, Mel Milburn to give the Court an update and answer any questions. Mr. Milburn suggestion was to

change the scope of the project and rebid it. He recommended putting in the sewers, grading and rocking the roads while omitting the electric, water and blacktop.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to move forward and rebid the project with the funding we have available.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 2010/2011 TAX RATE - 1ST READING

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. West, 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 2010. A public hearing for the tax levy will be held on September 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 2009/2010 TREASURER'S SETTLEMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2009/2010 Treasurer's Settlement pending audit.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 2009 SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2009 Sheriff's Settlement subject to audit.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: SHERIFF'S CONTRACT WITH CITY OF NEW CASTLE

Henry County Sheriff, Danny Cravens, asked the Court to enter into a contract with the City of New Castle. The Contract states the Sheriff's office will provide a minimum of fifteen hours of police patrol per week, within the city limits of New Castle. The City will pay the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) per year to the Sheriff for the additional service. Sheriff Cravens stated the County should not be out anything. Money from the contract will pay for salary, retirement and social security. Sheriff Cravens noted this is a trial basis and the contract can be canceled by either party at anytime. He also noted the Sheriff's Department will respond to the County's needs first. Judge Brent noted if the Sheriff has to hire another deputy because of the additional service, the Sheriff's office will need to reimburse the County for the benefits.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the contract regarding law enforcement within the City of New Castle for a period of six months.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: SHERIFF'S BUDGET AMENDMENT

Henry County Sheriff, Danny Cravens, requested a budget amendment for the unanticipated receipt and disbursements of the twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the City of New Castle.

Upon motion by Esq. West and seconded by Esq. Coombs, it is ordered by the Court to approve the Sheriff's Budget Amendment for receipt and disbursement of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

Motion carried unanimously

RE: AG DISTRICT RECOMMENDATIONS - VAUGHN & WHALEY

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to accept the Ag District Recommendations to establish the **98 acres** of the Earl Vaughn property, located at 2578 Sunnyside Road, Eminence, KY and the **265 acres** of the Tony Whaley property, located at 493 Jackson Road, New Castle, KY, **total of 363 acres** as Ag Districts.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: AUDITORY CONCERNS OF COURT MEETINGS

Judge Brent noted he has received a few complaints that at times the public cannot hear the Court members during the Court meetings. He asked for discussion and suggestions from the Court. Following comments Esq. West volunteered to look into the issue and bring back options at the next Court meeting.

RE: CLOSED SESSION – DISCUSSION OF FORMER EMPLOYEE

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to go into a closed session to discuss a former employee.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Coombs, it is ordered by the Court to go back into Regular Session.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$241,187.21
Road & Bridge	347,651.76
Jail Fund	14,466.14
LGEA Fund	24,011.97
Federal Grant	20.00
Litter Grant Fund	108.14
911-EMS Fund	948.75
Fair Fund	<u>1,744.23</u>
Total Expenditures	\$630,138.20

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. Hawkins noted he will set up a meeting with the parks committee and Parks Director Travis Buchanan to discuss park issues.

RE: ADJOURN

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley 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 21, 2010