

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2011**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on March 15, 2011 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 Scott Bates  
Esquire Jerry Beasley  
Esquire David Brown  
Esquire Mike Fisher  
Esquire Roger Hartlage  
Esquire Nick Hawkins

**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 Executive John L. Brent called the meeting to order and noted everyone was present.

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2011 Special Meeting on Economic Development.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: OLD BUSINESS**

**RE: FLOOD PLAIN PREVENTION ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

Judge Brent noted FEMA had requested the County update the Flood Plain Prevention Ordinance. Judge Brent asked the Court for a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of the Flood Plain Prevention Ordinance.

Yes-Bates, Beasley, Brown, Hartlage, Hawkins

No-Fisher

Motion carried

**RE: NEW BUSINESS**

**RE: ROADS**

**1. Supervisor's Report**

Henry County Road Supervisor, Glenn Baxter, stated he has been busy getting the blacktop projects together and looking at bridges that may need to be replaced. Esq. Fisher questioned if the culvert on Chilton Lane had been taken care of and Glenn assured him the area had been repaired. Esq. Fisher inquired about an area in Lockport that is in need of rock as it is muddy and being used for parking. There was discussion about the area and if the County is responsible to maintain it. Glenn stated he will check into it. Esq. Hawkins questioned if the State is going to pave near the entrance of Broko Lane when they pave Hwy 146. Judge Brent suggested he contact Joe Middler at the State Highway Engineers Office, to determine where they will stop. Esq. Brown questioned if all roads has been graveled as he received a complaint about Gullions Branch. Glenn noted the biggest majority of roads have been graveled, but there were ruts in Gullions Branch and he would check it tomorrow.

**2. Road Recommendations & Committee Approval**

Judge Brent noted most of the Court will be meeting with Glenn this week to set their road priorities. Esq. Beasley, Chair of the Road Committee, stated he will call the road committee together to set priorities on the road requests, as Judge Brent will need the road projects to prepare next year's budget.

**RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS-SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Scott McClamroch, reported he had no new hires this month. He will have an EMS meeting and also meet with Esq. Bates before next month's meeting. Scott complimented a group of Minnesota College students who used their Spring Break and paid their own way to come to Eminence to help cleanup from the tornado damage.

Esq. Bates commended Scott McClamroch, Glenn Baxter and Bruce Owens for their assistance following the tornado. He noted the County was represented well. Judge Brent complimented Esq. Bates for his efforts and being there before daylight.

## **RE: PARKS**

### **1. Supervisor's Report**

Parks Supervisor, Travis Buchanan, reported all mowers have been serviced and are ready to go. His department has been busy seeding and rolling the soccer fields and working on getting the water back on in the restrooms. They have also finished replacing the old tiles in one of the 4H Building bathrooms. Travis reported the contract with Coca-Cola at Harry Hill Park has expired. He is currently working with Coke to renew our contract.

### **2. Entrance Light**

Travis noted Kentucky Utilities will charge \$10.15 (ten dollars and fifteen cents) per month for a street light at the entrance to the new service park. He also stated as soon as it dries up Greg Hutcherson is ready to install the lights in the parking areas. Esq. Brown thanked Travis and Judge Brent for offering cots and assistance to a group of Tennessee students, whose bus broke down and they were stranded on I-71. Judge Brent noted anytime there is a need the County has 25 cots available.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to install a light at the entrance to the Henry County Recreational and Services Park.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: P&Z/SOLID WASTE-SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Henry County Planning & Zoning Administrator, Jody Rucker, informed the Court that the truck used for planning and zoning is in the shop for repairs. Jody also noted planning and zoning is picking up, which he thinks is a good sign for the economy.

## **RE: JAIL BUDGET 2011/2012 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Esq. Brown, Chair of the Jail Budget, reviewed the proposed jail budget with the Court. He noted the committee met with the jailer and they recommend increasing the uniform expense as well as allowing for a used vehicle. Esq. Brown noted the new budget is basically the same as last year's. Judge Brent noted the jail numbers are down from 2-3 years ago. Esq. Brown asked County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, about the Senate Bill which is suppose to help with the expense of housing inmates. County Attorney Harrod noted the bill deals more with the Department of Corrections with State Felons. The County only houses misdemeanants. Judge Brent noted it will help the County with medical expenses as the County can only be charged the Medicaid rate. Henry County Jailer, Billy Sanders, thanked the Court for allowing

him to serve. He also reported the number of inmates his department had transported as well as the number of inmates they had bonded out.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the 2011/2012 Jail Budget.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Esq. Hartlage, Chair of the Animal Control Committee, reported his committee met once this month with the committee from Trimble County. He thanked Esq. Hawkins for his work on the Inter-Local Agreement and noted all are on board with the Inter-Local Agreement. Esq. Hartlage gave an update noting with the time frame, the new structure may not be ready by July 1, 2011. The County may need to lease the Humane Society's building located in Eminence until the end of the year. The committee will need to meet to hire an Animal Control Officer, set their salary, the hours of operation, etc. Esq. Hartlage noted they are working on a Grant and both Henry and Trimble Counties will have to submit an application. He noted they still don't have the deed to the landfill property and that is contingent upon the grant. The property will be in Henry County near Hwy 42, on a higher elevation. It has to go before planning and zoning, the highway department and others to sign off on the plat. Judge Brent thanked Esq. Hartlage and Esq. Hawkins for their hard work on this project.

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to approve the Inter-Local Agreement with Trimble County for the Animal Control Shelter.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Judge Brent stated following the economic development meeting he met with Esq. Hartlage and Esq. Brown. The committee brings the following recommendations. The County will develop a strategic plan for economic development, spending up to \$5000.00 for a consultant to help facilitate and put together the plan. They also recommend that the Henry County Economic Development Council which was formed in 2001 and consists of nine voting members and seven advisory members be the base for putting together the strategic plan. The advisory members are the 5 mayors, county judge, and chamber president. The Fiscal Court committee would also like to include the superintendents from both schools, all members of the Fiscal Court Economic Development Committee, and at least one at large choice of the Fiscal Court Committee be involved in developing the plan.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to appoint Esq. Hartlage as a voting member of the County Economic Development Council and allow the Fiscal Court Economic Development Committee to choose individuals to fill the remaining two spots on the County Economic Development Council and the one at large spot on the strategic planning committee.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to move forward with the strategic plan and to spend up to \$5000.00 (five thousand dollars) toward retaining a consultant-facilitator to run the meeting and develop the plan.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: FACILITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE- CHAIR NICK HAWKINS**

Esq. Hawkins noted Henry County Sheriff, Danny Cravens, had approached him about the sheriff's office needing additional space in the Courthouse. Esq. Hawkins stated he was closed minded about the issue until Sheriff Cravens took him and facilities committee members, Esq. Bates and Esq. Beasley on a tour of the Courthouse. Sheriff Cravens noted they are bursting at the seams and they need a building that can accommodate their needs. He has contracted the Henry County Health Department concerning the sale of their building and he felt they are wanting to sale at a reasonable price. Sheriff Cravens noted they are running out of space as the Court system has grown with Court meeting everyday of the week, his office is doing more law enforcement, parking is overcrowded, and the processing of prisoners in the Courthouse are some of the issues interfering with the daily operations of his office. Sheriff Cravens noted nothing fits as well as the Henry County Health Department Building and his office will still maintain security at the Courthouse. Judge Brent complimented Sheriff Cravens for doing a good job, but expressed the financial concerns of the County buying the building and maintaining it. Judge Brent noted the utilities at the health department building run around \$11,000.00 (eleven thousand dollars) annually and that does not include upgrades that will be needed. Judge Brent stated he is not in favor of purchasing the building. There was discussion on the amount of money that AOC (Administration Office of the Courts) will pay the County for use of the Sheriff 's additional space in the Courthouse. Esq. Bates noted nothing is set in stone and until they talk with the Health Department they will not know about the price of the building. Esq. Hartlage stressed everyone needs to work together to grow the County. Esq. Brown noted the Court is responsible for the bottom line. Esq. Hawkins noted there is no certainly on this plan and he will have more to share in a few months.

## **RE: INSURANCE COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS- CHAIR NICK HAWKINS**

Esq. Hawkins, Chair for the insurance committee, felt the County had driven down the insurance premium with risk control which has reduced the risk rating as low as it can go. Esq. Hawkins brought the following recommendation from committee members of Esq. Bates and Esq. Beasley. The insurance committee is requesting a bid for a policy that will insure all of the county's properties and provide Workers Compensation coverage for all of the county's employees. The bid should include an annual rate for all coverage's for 3 (three) years, with a maximum rate guarantee for each year. The policy shall include a \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollar) deductible with general liability insurance against the county and its principles.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to let bids for the County insurance policy.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: TREASURER HIRING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Judge Brent noted we received more than 27 applicants for the position of County Treasurer. Deputy Judge Executive, Peggy Bryant and County Treasurer, Mary Scriber interviewed each applicant and narrowed it down to four. The committee consisting of Judge Brent, Esq. Bates, Esq. Hartlage, Deputy Judge Bryant, and County Treasurer Scriber interviewed the final applicants. The committee had a unanimous choice and they recommend the County hire Lori Parrish as Henry County Treasurer, at a salary of \$28,000.00 (twenty eight thousand dollars). Lori is a Henry County resident and has worked 22years at Home Health, working 15 years as their Office Manager. Judge Brent introduced Lori to the Court and asked if anyone had any questions.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to hire Lori Parrish as Henry County Treasurer at a salary of \$28,000.00 (twenty eight thousand dollars).  
Motion carried unanimously

**RE: CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS**

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

General Fund	\$248,959.56
Road & Bridge	41,841.04
Jail Fund	34,543.58
LGEA Fund	257.06
Federal Grant	20.00
Litter Fund	567.36
911-EMS Fund	<u>7,421.25</u>
Total Expenditures	\$333,609.85

Transfers

General Fund

From: 0192009990 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$2,097.00
To: 0150102120 (County Clerk, Fringe Benefits)	29.00
To: 0150704290 (Gas & Maintenance, P&Z)	1,500.00
To: 0151404810 (EMS, Uniforms)	33.00
To: 0152121790 (Solid Waste/Part-Time)	535.00

LGEA Fund

From: 0492009990 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$100.00
To: 0454205050 (Chamber of Commerce)	100.00

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: COURT COMMENTS**

Esq. Brown noted KACO is offering 2.5 hours of training this week at no cost to the County and anyone interested can go with him. Esq. Hartlage asked the Court to consider allowing public comments at the end of each meeting. Judge Brent noted he has never denied anyone to be on the agenda if they called and requested it. Judge Brent noted they will try it but they will have a time limit.

**RE: ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, 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: April 19, 2011