

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 17, 2012**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on July 17, 2012 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. Hartlage and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: OLD BUSINESS**

**RE: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF AMENDMENT TO THE DOG ORDINANCE**

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the second reading and adoption of an amendment to Section XII-Penalties of Henry County Ordinance #94-8-1, to include HB273.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: NEW BUSINESS**

**RE: ROADS**

**1. Supervisor's Update**

Henry County Road Supervisor, Glenn Baxter, reported the culvert is in and the blacktopping is complete on McCarty Lane. The project on Jackson Road is done. The paving on Bullitt Hill Road has been completed and the work has started on the Bullitt Hill low water crossing. Glenn also reported work has started today on the Long Branch Bridge Project.

**2. Road Issues**

Esq. Hawkins questioned the work being done on Pollitt Circle. Glenn responded that the area has been dug out, lined with fabric and the area will be blacktopped this summer. Esq. Beasley brought a request from the mail carrier, for rock around the mailbox at 292 Raiser Lane.

**RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS**

**1. Director's Update**

Henry County EMS Director, Josh Jamiel, reported everything was going good. They had two transfers the last two days. To cut expenses Josh has quit staffing the transfer truck, but has staff on call when needed. Josh noted he is still working on purchasing a response vehicle. He asked the Court to approve two part time employees.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to hire Michael Lee Jennings as a part-time paramedic and Kyle Stewart, pending his background check, as a part-time EMT.

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Brent recognized retired EMS Director, Scott McClamroch, for his eleven years of dedication and service to the County. Judge Brent noted he was proud of Scott's work as he helped establish the paramedic service. Esq. Brown and Esq. Bates also expressed their thanks and appreciation to Scott.

**2. Committee Update-Esq. Bates**

Esq. Bates reported J & N Electronics will install narrow band this weekend. He also noted the need to replace repeaters at the Port Royal Road Tower, Fairview Ridge in Owen County which serves KY River Fire Department and the Henry County Road Department. The cost for each repeater is \$1,915.50. Judge Brent noted he will check with the Regional 911 Board to see if they would be willing to cover the cost of the repeaters, and if not the County will.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the purchase of the three repeaters at a cost of \$1,915.50 (one thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars and fifty cents) each.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: P & Z/SOLID WASTE**

### **1. Administrator's Update**

Henry County Planning and Zoning Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported 13 zoning permits were issued for the month of June. Jody is spending a lot of time working on the update of the 5 Year Solid Waste Plan.

### **2. Zone Change Recommendation-A1-B2**

Jody presented a zone change recommendation from the Henry County Planning Commission. They recommended a zone change from A-1 to B-2 for the property located at 6641 South Main Street, Eminence, KY.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to accept the recommendation from the zoning commission for a zone change from A-1 to B-2 for the property located at 6641 South Main Street, Eminence, KY.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: PARKS AND FAIRGROUNDS –SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Henry County Parks Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, noted his department spent a lot of time preparing the fairgrounds for the fair. Coed and church softball is winding down. Soccer and football will be starting soon. They have been working on the soccer field irrigation, which is 75% (seventy five percent) complete. Travis thanked Glenn Baxter and the road department for bringing the backhoe to move the large rocks in the soccer field. Esq. Brown complimented Travis and noted he continues to receive compliments on the park.

## **RE: ANIMAL SERVICES**

### **1. Committee Report-Esq. Hartlage**

Esq. Hartlage noted his committee did not meet this month, but will meet in the near future. The animal shelter is 100 per cent moved out of the Eminence building and into their new building. He encouraged everyone to come out and see the new shelter. Esq. Hartlage noted the animal shelter did what they could at the Eminence location but the new facility can expand and grow and take the animal control to a new level. He noted he would like to see a low end building for a spay and neuter hospital. Esq. Hartlage noted the Henry/Trimble Animal Shelter will be one of the best in the State. Esq. Bates thanked Esq. Hartlage for donating the fence for the shelter.

## **2. Director's Report**

Henry County Animal Services Director, Dan Flinkfelt, reported the shelter took in 923 animals this year. He was pleased to note we have one of the lowest euthanasia rates in the State. Dan has applied for several grants. He also reported Trimble County has not purchased a vehicle or hired a part-time animal control officer at this time.

## **RE: COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE**

### **1. Committee Report-Esq. Hawkins**

Esq. Hawkins reported the Courthouse Superintendent/Janitor has resigned. He noted since AOC (Administrative Office of the Courts) has taken over the Courthouse, they will reimburse the County 100% for this position. The new hire will be a county employee that works 100% at the Courthouse and reports to the Circuit Clerk. Esq. Hawkins brought the following recommendations from the Courthouse/Facilities Committee:

- (a) Replace superintendent/janitor/ employee at a salary of \$36,390.00. The employee is dedicated solely to the Courthouse and their salary is reimbursed 100 % by AOC.
- (b) The Parks Director will be given a raise of \$1500.00 to see to the grounds only at Courthouse and Annex.
- (c) Hire part-time employees as needed for mowing, windows, and general maintenance at a cost of \$2,000.00. Have Bobby clean the bathrooms and take out the trash on daily basis.
- (d) Hire a cleaning service to clean annex once a week at a cost of \$7,800.00 (\$150.00 a week estimate).

The committee estimated the cost to the Fiscal Court is \$11,300.00.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the recommendations of the committee for the Courthouse Superintendent/Janitor and cleaning service for the annex.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the Courthouse Committee to interview for the position of Courthouse Superintendent/Janitor and the approval to hire, following interviews.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF 2012/2013 TAX RATES**

Judge Brent reviewed the tax rates with the Court. He noted Henry County PVA, Jason Scriber, reported a loss of 5 million dollars in property valuations this year.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, 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 motor vehicles and watercraft for 2012. A public hearing for the tax levy will be held on August 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS**

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

General Fund	\$376,239.41
Road & Bridge	159,583.33
Jail Fund	55,528.58
LGEA Fund	4,432.06
Federal Grant Fund	13,444.50
Litter Grant	177.89
911-EMS	393.00
Fair Fund	<u>5,871.56</u>
Total Expenditures	\$615,670.33

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Katherine Vegh expressed concerns about the State's design of the motor vehicle tax/registration notice for farm vehicles. She stated one side of the card has an additional \$10.00 voluntary fee added in. The fee goes to the KY Department of Agriculture and then returned to the Local Ag Chapters. Deputy Judge Bryant noted the County Clerk's office always asks her if she wants to pay the fee. Mrs. Vegh noted citizens that mail in their cards may not realize they have the option not to pay the fee. Mrs. Vegh stated she contacted the State and also the County Clerk to complain.

## **RE: ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Esq. Brown 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: August 21, 2012

