

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 16, 2013**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on July 16, 2013 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 June 18, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: OLD BUSINESS

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

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County Road Supervisor, Glenn Baxter, reported the box culvert on Jackson Road is in, but it needs blacktop put over it. Glenn is confident that the new culvert will carry the water. The road department has been doing odd and end jobs to get ready to start blacktopping. Esq. Hawkins noted he appreciates all the work done on Jackson Road. Esq. Fisher noted he talked with Glenn several weeks ago concerning an area on Old Hwy 22 in Bethlehem. Esq. Fisher noted the problem is in the winter with the water running over the area of the road and if it freezes, you can't get up the hill. Esq. Fisher requested the road department check the area in the winter and if there is a problem the issue will be addressed at that time.

2. Committee Update-Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley reported the State has part of the blacktopping done on Hwy 561, and he questioned if there is other funding available to finish it. Esq. Beasley noted they still lack a small part of Jackson Road. Judge Brent reported Blake Nelson told him that all road projects should have got in the August letting and if they did, they should have a November completion date. Judge Brent hopes Hwy 561 will be completed by the end of this year. Esq. Hartlage noted he has talked with eighty percent of the residents on Dawkins Lane. They expressed concerns with people driving too fast and the need for more speed limit signs. They felt the brush needs to be cut back to increase the visibility, and there were complaints about snow removal in the winter on the hill. They would like the road widened, but they understand it costs a lot of money. Esq. Hartlage and Esq. Hawkins identified two pull off areas. Esq. Beasley stressed the need for getting easements on Dawkins Lane. Esq. Hartlage noted he will determine what we can do and he will get easements where needed. Glenn Baxter felt one area marked as a pull off will not hold rock, as it is on the hillside and just drops off. Esq. Hartlage felt the problem was poor visibility from the trees beginning at Hwy 146 to the top of the hill on Dawkins Lane. Glenn noted the property owner told him he was going to clean out the fence row. Esq. Hawkins suggested the road department take the bushwhacker out there and trim the trees back. Esq. Hawkins and Esq. Hartlage recommended the Court to go ahead with this project. The Court discussed the cost involved with the project. Esq. Beasley stressed Esq. Hartlage will need to take the cost for the work done on Dawkins Lane out of his designated road fund money.

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to install two pull offs in the designated areas, gravel one foot on both sides of Dawkins Lane from Hwy 146 to the top of the hill, and immediately cut the brush back going up the hill.

Yes- Bates, Brown, Hartlage, Hawkins

No- Beasley, Fisher

Motion carried

Esq. Hartlage stated he has received several complaints from residents in Stonehurst, asking that the speed limit be lowered to 15 mph. He noted there are a lot of children playing in Stonehurst.

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to reduce the speed limit to 15 mph on all roads in Stonehurst.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, reported things are running pretty good. They still have four dialysis transports. Josh noted he has a truck in the shop and he thinks it will cost approximately \$4000.00 for repairs. Josh reported he asked the Judge and Esq. Bates to go ahead and approve the three part-time EMT's sent out in the Court's packets, as he needed the help to prevent running into over-time. Josh also asked permission from the Court to spend \$500.00 to allow the EMS to become an educational institution, where they could put on trainings. People from the outside could come in for the training. This would help the community and also make money to be put back in the budget.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to allow Josh Jamiel to spend \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) for the EMS to become an educational institution.

Motion carried unanimously

2. Committee Update-Esq. Bates

Esq. Bates noted he was contacted by Eminence Speaker regarding leasing the Eminence EMS Building. They are interested in using one side and we would still keep the ambulance in the other. He asked the Court to give the EMS Committee authority to negotiate a price.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to grant authority to the EMS Committee to negotiate a lease agreement with Eminence Speaker for the Eminence EMS Building.

Motion carried unanimously

Esq. Bates stated Josh sent him the information regarding the three part-time EMT's and he approved them to prevent the over-time. Judge Brent suggested the Court needed to make their hiring official.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to hire Rachael Byrd, Daniel Benjamin Maddox and James Allen Riddle III, as part-time EMT's.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: P&Z, SOLID WASTE, DES

1. Administrator's Update

Henry County P&Z/ Solid Waste/Des Administrator, Jody Rucker, gave his reports to the Court. He reported 17 permits were issued in June with 4 being for houses. Jody has been doing on-line training for the DES position. He reported LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) met last month and they are purchasing a new computer and printer out of Grant funding.

2. Recommendation of Darrell Dees to the P&Z Commission

Judge Brent noted Esq. Bates found someone willing to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Esq. Bates brought recommendation of Darrell Dees.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to accept the recommendation for Darrell Dees to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PARKS/FAIRGROUNDS-SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Henry County Parks Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, reported his department has been busy mowing. They put in a lot of time getting the fairgrounds ready for the fair. The coed and church league softball has about a month left to play. There will be a Youth Soccer Camp at the new park next week. Travis is trying to get the new basketball court wrapped up.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Henry County Animal Control Officer, Dan Flinkfelt, reported the new building has been open for a year, with no major problems. The new security system was purchased with the money from working the racetrack. Dan hopes to have it installed this weekend. Adoptions are up and ten to twenty animals are leaving the shelter every other week for rescue. Dan complimented Suzanne Schulte for graduating from the National Animal Control Association Cabinet.

2. Committee Update-Esq. Hartlage

Esq. Hartlage reported the Committee felt like Animal Control was running smoothly, so there was no need to meet.

RE: GUN NOISE ISSUE-KATHY JACOBS TO ADDRESS THE COURT

Esq. Hartlage noted at last month's meeting he gave out information showing valid arguments as why gun fire doesn't need to be happening in residential settings. Esq. Hartlage asked Kathy Jacobs to come and address her concerns with the Court. Mrs. Jacobs stated she and her husband

live on Wooded Ridge Road. She stated this is not about banning guns, but this is a safety and noise issue. Mrs. Jacobs noted that one of her neighbors has target practice at all hours of the day and night. Several have spoken with the neighbor, but he is not willing to change. The other neighbors are in agreement that there shouldn't be target practice in their subdivision. Mrs. Jacobs stressed they are fearful for the children and also the pets in the area. She questioned if the Court could pass a County Ordinance to help with the issue. Henry County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, asked if the subdivision had restrictions. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Jody Rucker, stated he thought there was a nuisance covenant in the subdivision restrictions. Ms. Harrod will look at Mrs. Jacobs subdivision restrictions and the issue will be on the agenda next month.

RE: 1ST READING OF 2013-2014 TAX RATES

Upon motion by Esq. Brown 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 2013. A public hearing for the tax levy will be held on August 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$378,400.09
Road & Bridge	227,359.89
Jail Fund	40,937.90
LGEA Fund	10,784.56
Litter Fund	471.90
911/EMS Fund	262.50
Fair Fund	<u>873.58</u>
Total Expenditures	\$659,090.42

Transfers (Nunc Pro Tunc) for 2012-2013 Budget/June 30, 2013

General Fund

From: 0192009990 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$6,159.00
To: 0150201010 (Coroner, Salary)	145.00
To: 0150701250 (Secretary P&Z Salary)	241.00
To: 0150801070 (Courthouse Superintendent)	563.00
To: 0150803290 (Custodial Contracted)	127.00
To: 0151401790 (EMS, Tech. Part-Time)	3,910.00
To: 0152051790 (Animal Control, Part-Time)	142.00
To: 0152121790 (Solid Waste, Part-Time)	135.00
To: 0154011770 (Parks, Salary)	896.00

Road Fund

From: 0292009990 (Reserve for Transfers) \$4.00
To: 0261031020 (Road Supervisor Salary) 4.00

Jail Fund

From: 0392009990 (Reserve for Transfers) \$311.00
To: 0351011030 (Deputy Jailer's Salaries) 311.00

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Judge Brent reported the County finished the overall budget in the black. The General Fund was in the red just a little. This was in part due to the County not receiving all payments of salary reimbursement from the County Attorney and Sheriff. Judge Brent complimented Sheriff Cravens for catching up all but two payrolls for the year. Judge Brent thanked everyone on the Court for a good year on the budget. He complimented EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, for increasing the revenue with transports for his department. He also complimented Animal Control Officer, Dan Flinkfelt, for finishing \$1,000.00 under budget for the animal shelter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jessie B. Woods addressed the Court. He feels Joe's Branch need more attention and he asked the Court members to come see the road for their selves.

RE: ADJOURN

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, 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 20, 2013

