

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on November 19, 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. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2013 Special 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 his department attended their first Road Scholar Class. It was a good class attended by 33 people and hosted by Trimble County. The road department has been working on a lot of rippled up roads following the storm Sunday morning. Glenn received a call from MAGO that they would start blacktopping on Happy Ridge and Happy Ridge Spur today. Glenn hopes they will get Carters Road tomorrow or Friday and then all our County road projects will be done. Glenn expects Joe to move the equipment and get started on the Albert Moore Bridge replacement the last of this week or the first of next week. Glenn has salt coming in tomorrow to get prepared for winter.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley reported Jackson Road is finished. Esq. Beasley noted we still have road projects incomplete on Hwy 421, Hwy 561 and part of Hwy 202. Judge Brent hopes for decent weather to get these roads completed. Glenn Baxter noted the State will not lay blacktop unless the temperature is rising at 45 degrees. Esq. Hartlage received a lot of compliments on the work that was done on Hwy 712 near Jericho. Judge Brent reported that Heron Creek Road has been rocked and graded.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor Update

Judge Brent reported that EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, was not present for the meeting as he is on vacation. Judge Brent noted he along with Esq. Bates have been meeting on some EMS issues.

2. Committee Report-Esq. Bates

Esq. Bates noted the Committee did not meet today as there was nothing to discuss. Esq. Bates reported they have been discussing some issues and he feels like they are getting the bumps worked out.

3. Mechanical Lift Cot Maintenance Agreement Discussion

Judge Brent noted we received a \$4,000.00 bill from Stryker Medical for a five year maintenance agreement on the mechanical lift cot that was purchased in July. Judge Brent stated he called the company but they have not called him back and he was not comfortable paying the invoice without bringing it before the Court. Esq. Bates and Esq. Hawkins thought the maintenance was included in the purchase price of the cot. Esq. Hawkins and Esq. Bates were in consensus not to

pay the invoice and give them time to discuss the issue in Committee. They will bring back recommendation at next month's meeting.

RE: P&Z/SOLID WASTE-ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Henry County P&Z/Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported 12 permits were issued in the month of October, four were for residential houses. The second day of November was the annual cleanup day in Henry County. Twenty eight teams were involved in picking up 945 bags of trash. Mr. Rucker felt the cleanup day was very successful. Mr. Rucker reported the Bob Cook litigation will go to a jury trial the first week of January. Mr. Rucker feels like it should be over by the end of January.

RE: PARKS/FAIRGROUNDS-SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Henry County Parks/Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, reported the new shelter is close to being done. His department has been busy winterizing the park and fairgrounds and has waxed the floors in the 4-H building. Travis gave a report to the Court on the usage of the county parks. He reported 250-300 various sports activities that have been held at Harry Hill Park and the new Recreational & Services Park. Esq. Brown thanked Travis for the report. Esq. Bates questioned the number of children who came to the Trail or Treat. Judge Brent noted the Trail or Treat was a huge success with 485 children participating.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Henry County Animal Control Officer, Dan Flinkfelt, was not present to give an update.

2. Committee Update-Esq. Hartlage

Esq. Hartlage reported the Committee did not meet as he was out of town and there wasn't any need to meet. Judge Brent noted he and Judge Powell continue to meet regarding the animal shelter. Judge Brent stated he feels real good about the finances and the number of animals at the shelter. They currently have nine animals and two weeks ago only had five. This is due to the local adoptions and adoptions to Chicago.

3. Hours Discussion

Judge Brent informed the Court that animal control officer, Dan Flinkfelt, came to him regarding the 500 comp hours he had accrued. Judge Brent informed Dan that the County can't pay the comp hours and our Personnel Policy states you can only carry over 240 hours. Dan is not present tonight as he is taking off work until the end of the year to use some of his comp hours. Part time animal control officer, Suzanne Schulte, was gracious enough to agree to work full time for Dan until the end of the year. Judge Brent commented that the problem was caused because of two reasons. Dan is a great employee and will come anytime he is called. The other

reason was six to eight weeks this year Trimble County was without a full time staff and Dan was filling in to help them. Judge Brent has discussed this issue with Judge Powell. Esq. Hartlage noted Dan needs to do a better job of watching his hours. Judge Brent agreed but noted not all these hours were accrued this year. Dan carried 200 hours over from last year.

RE: TREASURER'S POSITION PROPOSAL & PART- TIME RECOMMENDATIONS

Judge Brent informed the Court that Henry County Treasurer, Lori Jones, has gone back to school and would like to work part-time beginning the first of the year. Lori would continue to do the payroll, health insurance and reports to Frankfort. Judge Brent noted Lori does a good job and is already trained and knows what she is doing. Judge Brent proposed that Lori Jones be allowed to work part-time at a rate of \$15.00 an hour. Judge Brent also recommended hiring Donna Satterly to fill in when Lori is not there, noting Donna filled in during summer vacations.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to allow Henry County Treasurer, Lori Jones, to work as a part-time Treasurer at a rate of \$15.00 an hour and to hire Donna Satterly part-time.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COUNTY CLERK'S 2014 BUDGET-1ST READING

Henry County Clerk, Juanita Lashley, presented her 2014 Budget to the Court. She projected \$3,131,150.00 in receipts, \$3,063,300.00 in disbursements, and \$67,850.00 in excess fees. Juanita stated she went along with the Court's wishes and only allowed a nineteen cent raise. Juanita noted the raise is very low and she hopes next year the raises can be better as the employees deserve it.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 1st reading of the County Clerk's 2014 Budget.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: SHERIFF'S 2014 BUDGET-1ST READING

Henry County Sheriff, Danny Cravens, presented his 2014 Budget to the Court. He projected \$602,982.28 in receipts, \$588,669.44 in disbursements, and \$14,312.84 in excess fees. Sheriff Cravens stated he also calculated the raises that Fiscal Court approved.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 1st reading of the Sheriff's 2014 Budget.

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Brent asked the chair of the Budget Committee, Esq. Hawkins, to set up a meeting with County Clerk Lashley and Sheriff Cravens to review their budgets prior to the second reading.

**RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OPENING-
RECOMMENDATION OF TONY WHALEY**

Judge Brent noted Esq. Hartlage and David Morgan are Fiscal Court’s representatives on the Economic Development Council. David Morgan, who is a former Henry County resident, now lives in Louisville. He informed Judge Brent that due to his work schedule and family obligations he would no longer be able to serve on the Council. Judge Brent brought recommendation that Tony Whaley replace David Morgan. He noted Tony has a good business mind and has been involved in several commercial type projects.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to approve Tony Whaley as a member of the Economic Development Council.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$260,865.22
Road & Bridge	120,736.55
Jail Fund	38,595.42
LGEA Fund	3,599.56
Litter Fund	18,064.43
911 EMS/Fund	59.28
Fair Fund	<u>1,045.39</u>
Total Expenditures	\$442,965.85

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. Hartlage questioned why the Court is having a Special Called Meeting tomorrow night when we are having a meeting tonight and one in December. Deputy Judge Bryant explained the second reading for the ordinance could not be held tonight due to the advertising guidelines. Esq. Hartlage felt the issue could have waited until the December meeting but for some reason we are expediting the issue. Judge Brent agreed the meeting could have waited until December but he thought it was important to bring it up and get it behind the Court before the budget meeting. Judge Brent stressed if the Sheriff chooses to do some things, which are in his power, than the Court will need to decide what Fiscal Court should do. Esq. Hartlage noted it is an important issue but to take it from a regular meeting to a special called meeting seems there are ulterior motives to get it passed. Judge Brent replied that the County Judge has the right to call a meeting when he wants to and he called the Special Meeting and it has already been advertised.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Brent introduced Jarrett Haley from KIPDA. Jarrett is in the Public Works Division that works on our water and sewer projects. The CDBG Grants for our Health Department and Senior's Center all came through his division. Judge Brent thanked Jarrett for coming to the meeting.

Judge Brent also thanked Kenny with the Trimble County Road Department for organizing the training in Trimble County.

Henry County road employee, Jamie Tingle, asked the Court if the part-time drivers hired to push snow were going to be paid \$30.00 an hour. He expressed his displeasure with the part-time drivers making more than the full-time employees. Esq. Hawkins noted the Committee felt the rate was appropriate to compensate them for what we are asking them to do. Judge Brent noted the Committee did not think they could get drivers for \$15.00 an hour. Esq. Hawkins noted it is a unique situation to ask somebody to work two or three days out of the year. The full time employees do get insurance, retirement and social security benefits. Jamie asked the Court for a breakdown on what the full time employees make including their benefits. Esq. Hawkins told Jamie that he would get the breakdown for him.

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:

Peggy V. Bryant
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FISCAL COURT CLERK

John L. Brent
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JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Date Approved: December 17, 2013

