

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Special Session on November 20, 2013 at the Judge Executive's Office 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 Mike Fisher
Esquire Nick Hawkins

Esquire David Brown-Absent
Esquire Roger Hartlage-Absent

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Judge Executive, John L. Brent, called the meeting to order.

RE: SUSPEND WITH THE NOVEMBER 19, 2013 MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to suspend with the minutes from the November 19, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 2ND READING-AMENDMENT TO ETHICS POLICY

Judge Brent noted the Special Called Meeting is to hold the second reading of an amendment to Section IV-Nepotism in Ordinance #150.0-99-1. Judge Brent reviewed the amendment noting an immediate relative of a County Officer may not be employed or appointed to any paid full time position in county government. Judge Brent asked for comments and discussion from the Court. Esq. Bates stated this amendment is not personal against Sheriff Cravens. Esq. Bates noted we don't need to hire kinfolks as this doesn't look good. Esq. Bates stressed this Ordinance is not for bigger government, but to govern us. Esq. Beasley stated he talked with Sheriff Cravens but he believes in passing the Ordinance. Esq. Beasley noted Fiscal Court contributes to the Sheriff's office and has rules for the elected officials. Esq. Beasley questioned if the Sheriff's Association pays anything to the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Cravens replied that his office pays dues to be a member of the Sheriff's Association and they advise his office on what he can do but he does not receive any money from them. Sheriff Cravens stated the Sheriff's offices in Shelby, Carroll and Trimble Counties (in the past) have family members employed full time. Sheriff Cravens noted this is allowed except when the Merit Board System is in place. Esq. Hawkins noted there are various opinions on this.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the second reading and adoption of an Ordinance amending Ordinance #150.0-99-1, Section IV is amended as follows: A spouse, child, stepchild, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, or in-law (father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, or son-in-law) of a county officer **may not** be employed or appointed to any paid **full time** position in any governmental office or agency in the same county in which the officer serves.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: ADJOURN

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher 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:

Peggy V. Bryant
PEGGY V. BRYANT
FISCAL COURT CLERK

John L. Brent
JOHN L. BRENT
JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Date Approved: December 17, 2013