

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2013**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on October 15, 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. Hartlage and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2013 Regular Meeting with the correction; Dan complimented Linda with the Cardinal Nursery for planting shrubs to beautify the shelter.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2013 Special Road Department Meeting with the correction: Esq. Hartlage recommended all major roads need to get pushed first, even after hours, or as soon as the roads get slick.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: OLD BUSINESS**

**RE: 2<sup>nd</sup> READING – AMENDMENT OF THE FIRE DEPT DEED FEES ORDINANCE**

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of an Amendment of the Fire Departments Deed Fees Ordinance #310-10-12-07, to include an annual budget, an annual settlement, and an audit every three years.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: NEW BUSINESS**

**RE: ROADS**

**1. Supervisor Report**

Henry County Road Supervisor, Glenn Baxter, reported half of the gravel roads had been graded when we got five inches of rain. They had to start over, but have gotten all of the gravel roads in decent shape again. Glenn stated this has been the hardest year to get blacktop. The Brownsboro Plant has been running at night and Carrollton and Mago have not been running at all. He noted they did a couple of roads yesterday and today. They plan to do some patching and also a road in Esq. Beasley's district. Glenn was notified today that work will start on Long Branch tomorrow. Judge Brent and Esq. Brown will check on Long Branch. Esq. Bates noted they started work on Jackson Road. They dug out one side, but didn't finish it. Judge Brent noted he was informed by the State if they dug out an area it has to settle for seven days before they can blacktop. Mago is supposed to do Carter Road, Happy Ridge and Happy Ridge Spur. Glenn thinks the Albert Moore Bridge Project will start in three weeks.

**2. Road Committee Report-Esq. Beasley**

Esq. Beasley reported there was a Special Road Department meeting with the employees and the road committee. Esq. Beasley requested the end of Byers Lane get re-blacktopped. Glenn stated it is on the plan to be done.

**RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS**

**1. Supervisor Report**

Judge Brent gave a brief report in the absence of EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel. Judge Brent reported they continue to have six transports and possibly one more. Josh told Judge Brent seven transports would be capacity. Judge Brent also noted to his knowledge the EMS service has not had many breakdowns.

**2. Committee Report-Esq. Bates**

Esq. Bates noted the committee did not have a meeting as Josh was gone. Esq. Bates noted Josh sent him applications to hire two part time EMT's but Josh doesn't have the background checks as yet. Josh will fax the background checks to Esq. Bates when they come in.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to hire Laura Jane McDole and Michael Brandon Sparkman as part time EMT's pending background checks.  
Motion carried unanimously

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

P&Z/Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported nine permits were issued in September with three being for houses. The Annual County Wide Cleanup Day will be November 2. Last year the teams picked up 180 miles of roads. The County's Litter Grant pays \$100.00 per mile and provides the vest, gloves and bags for each team. Jody asked for someone from the road department to run the backhoe for part of the day. Jody asked the Magistrates to let him know if they have roads they want picked up. Judge Brent noted we may have some carry over grant money for next year allowing us to increase the number of miles.

## **RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS –SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Henry County Parks/Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, reported they have been busy mowing as the grass is still growing. They laid sod around the basketball court and have started on the new shelter. They power seeded the front soccer field and soccer will continue until November 2. A youth soccer tournament is scheduled for November 9. Travis reminded the Court of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trail or Treat, on October 25 from 5:00-7:00. He invited everyone to attend. Esq. Brown asked Travis to put together a report showing the number of games played at the park this summer and also the number of folks utilizing the park.

## **RE: ANIMAL SERVICES**

### **1. Director's Report**

Henry County Animal Control Officer, Dan Flinkfelt, reported September has been a fair month. Animals have been going out as fast as they are coming in. The shelter staff will be participating in the Trail and Treat at the park and the Trick or Treat at the Eminence Renaissance Faire. Dan will be transporting animals to Chicago on November 9. Dan reported some staff changes with Trimble County. They are short a part-time staff employee and are in the process of doing interviews. Dan is training Russell, Trimble County's full time officer, to help him with the rescues, computer work and paperwork. Dan was pleased that the animal shelter only euthanized two animals in the month of September (both by request), and zero animals so far in October. Dan suggested the Local do a story on the shelter from where they started to where they are today.

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

Esq. Hartlage noted the committee did meet and reminded everyone their meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month, at 6:00 p.m., at the shelter. He noted the shelter is looking great and has great landscaping. Esq. Hartlage noted Dan bought a cash register and the committee would like to see it being utilized. Esq. Bates expressed his appreciation to Dan and the shelter. He had a dog show up at his home with 8 puppies. Esq. Bates gave one pup away and the shelter took the others. They gave them their shots and sent them to homes in Chicago.

**RE: LEASE OF ROW CROPS AT COMMERCE PARK**

Judge Brent noted at last month's meeting Esq. Brown brought up that he had been asked by several folks about the County advertising for the lease of the row crops at the Commerce Park. Judge Brent noted he felt it was the right thing to do and if the Court did not have any objections he would entertain a motion to advertise for the coming year. Esq. Hawkins suggested the lease should state what happens if we sell the property. Esq. Bates stated he talked with Paul Hornback about that. Mr. Hornback said the way they usually do that is if they put lime on the property they would be paid for that. His contract is for a year to year lease and he uses a contract from soil conversation. County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, noted the contract would be at their risk. Judge Brent noted and if the property is sold the money for the lease would be returned.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to advertise to lease the row crops at the Commerce Park.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: JIMMY SIMPSON-HENRY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

Jimmy Simpson with the Henry County Water District came before the Court. He gave a brief history of the Henry County Water District noting it serves Henry County and four other counties. He noted in 2006 he asked the Court about increasing the commissioners per diem from \$225.00 per month to \$300.00. He stated all five counties have to agree and in 2006 four did and one did not. Jimmy noted the commissioners last increase was in 1998. Jimmy also noted the commissioners must attend the monthly meeting to receive their pay. Currently Oldham and Trimble Counties are paying their commissioners a per diem of \$500.00

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the per diem of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) per month for the commissioners.

Yes-Bates, Beasley, Brown, Fisher, Hawkins

No- Hartlage

Motion carried

**RE: SHERIFF DANNY CRAVENS TO ADDRESS THE COURT**

Henry County Sheriff, Danny Cravens, withdrew his request to address the Court, pending a budget committee meeting.

**RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS**

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

General Fund	\$295,173.57
Road & Bridge	101,022.97
Jail Fund	27,156.77
LGEA Fund	9,484.56
Litter Fund	517.37
911 EMS/Fund	1,153.86
Fair Fund	<u>936.35</u>
Total Expenditures	\$435,445.45

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: COURT COMMENTS**

Judge Brent reported in reviewing the quarterly report he noticed the County Attorney’s office is two months behind in reimbursing the County for payroll. Judge Brent noted they may get one month behind but two months is around \$30,000.00. Judge Brent questioned if the State was giving County Attorney Harrod a problem. County Attorney Harrod noted she gets her payroll through State and Federal Grant monies. She was not aware she was two payrolls behind. She noted she is at their mercy and all she can do is call and complain. She stressed the Federal shutdown has made things even worse. County Attorney Harrod expressed her appreciation to the County for running her payroll. Judge Brent stressed he brought it to her attention as he doesn’t want the County’s books off at the end of the year. Judge Brent noted Safety Kleen is also outstanding in paying the County this year. Judge Brent feels sure it is an oversight and is looking into it.

Judge Brent recognized Joe Durbin and commended him on opening up the food bank at the Methodist Church in Eminence. Mr. Durbin told the Court he was retired from the Navy. He works as a farrier and has lived in the County for 13 years. He thanked Judge Brent for getting him in touch with Dare to Care. They came out and have approved his program and will assist in providing the needed materials to get things set up and running. Dare to Care will also provide needed food. Joe also plans on collecting food and toiletries. He noted statistics show Henry County has 4500 to 5000 folks on poverty income level. These households can come once a month to the Help Center to get assistance. He noted several ministers and other community folks are offering to help. Mr. Durbin thanked the Henry County Local for doing an article on the new Help Center. He also expressed his appreciation for the support offered from the New Castle Methodist Church, the Immaculate Conception Church in LaGrange, and many businesses in the community. Joe hopes to offer other types of assistance programs in the future.

Judge Brent announced an all day Diabetic Coalition Meeting on Saturday, November 2, at the Henry County Middle School. He encouraged and invited everyone to attend.

Esq. Hartlage questioned the status on the Russell Loudon house. Judge Brent noted the closing will be this Friday afternoon.

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**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:**

**Peggy V. Bryant**  
**PEGGY V. BRYANT**  
**FISCAL COURT CLERK**

**John L. Brent**  
**JOHN L. BRENT**  
**JUDGE EXECUTIVE**

Date Approved: November 19, 2013