

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 2014**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on August 19, 2014 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.

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: OLD BUSINESS**

**RE: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF 2014/2015 TAX RATES**

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley 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 2014.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: NEW BUSINESS**

**RE: ROADS**

**1. Supervisor's Report**

Henry County Road Supervisor, Glenn Baxter, reported his department has been busy cutting limbs. MAGO and Ohio Valley have been in the county blacktopping and have completed all county roads except for Lower Six Mile and Sunny Meadows. Esq. Brown complimented the good job patching Old Carmen Road. Glenn reported the low bid for the big box culvert on lower Six Mile Creek Road was Site Supply, Inc. Glenn is saving the County several thousand dollars by having another company bolt it together. Glenn noted it will be bolted on site and then put in the hole. Glenn reported the backhoe is back following repairs and is doing fine. The new service truck is here and Glenn expects to have the new dump truck in two or three weeks. Glenn noted everyone is finished taking their five classes but one road employee and he has his scheduled. Esq. Brown thanked the road department for putting in the culvert on Turkey Run.

**2. Committee Report – Esq. Beasley**

Esq. Beasley reported the Road Committee met to discuss the road slide on Denner Lane. Esq. Fisher got the needed easement to cut the road back. There was discussion among the Court on how to correct the problem. Glenn will get estimates on digging the bank back with a track hoe and on pouring the wall.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to allow the road committee to make the final decision on handling the road slide on Denner Lane.

Motion carried unanimously

**3. County Road Aid Coop Resolution for 2014/2015**

Judge Brent read the County Road Aid Coop Resolution and asked a motion for approval from the Court.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to approve the County Road Aid Coop Resolution for 2014/2015.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS**

**1. Supervisor's Report**

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, reported his department has been busy. They currently have seven dialysis patients. Josh noted the need to hire additional part-time EMT's and part-time paramedics to help with the transports.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to hire Bartholomew Cowan, Chadwin O. Cook, and Christopher T. Stone as part-time paramedics and Tiffany A. Glassburn, Welsey T. McDonald, Greg T. Taylor and James A. Vogt as part-time EMTS.

Motion carried unanimously

Josh also noted full time EMT, Ed Whitaker, is testing Friday to become a paramedic. Josh recommended the Court change Ed's status from a full time EMT to a full time paramedic, following his completion of the class.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court that Ed Whitaker's status be changed from full time EMT to full time paramedic contingent upon his passing the test.

Motion carried unanimously

Josh noted his department is ready to start putting on trainings. They will have at least six individuals signed up before they will start a class. Josh talked with County Treasurer, Lori Jones, to decide how to pay the instructors. They decided the best way is to set up a new line item in the budget. Josh will be paid with an incentive pay. Judge Brent noted the County would be out the expense to amend the budget this year. He questioned if they could wait until after July 1, 2015 to get paid. Josh stated that would not be a problem.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to make a separate line item in next year's budget to pay the instructors for training.

Motion carried unanimously

## **2. Committee Report – Esq. Bates**

Esq. Bates reported the ambulance with the new engine is down, but the new engine is not the problem. They think the issue is an electrical problem. The ambulance is still at Earl Floyd Ford and they hope to have it fixed before long.

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

### **1. Administrator's Report**

Henry County P&Z/Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported 18 permits were issued in July with two being for new houses. Jody noted the attorney for planning and zoning had drawn up a letter to be sent when there is a violation of the Abatements of Nuisances Ordinance. Jody noted they have two letters to go out at the end of the week. Esq. Brown noted he was not at last month's meeting but he commended the Court on passing the Nuisance Ordinance as he felt it was the right thing to do.

## **2. Zone Change Recommendation from I-1 to A-1**

Judge Brent noted this is an unusual zone change as it is going from a heavier to a lighter zone. Judge Brent read the findings to the Court and asked for questions or comments from the Court.

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to accept the Planning Commission recommendations to approve the Zone Change from I-1 to A-1 at Lot 6 and Lot A, at 2075 Lake Jericho Road, Smithfield, KY.

Motion carried unanimously

Tim Silvers who owns the property at 2075 Lake Jericho Road was present at the meeting. He noted the property has been vacant since 2008 and he requested the zone change to protect his adjoining property and do something positive for the County.

## **RE: PARKS/FAIRGROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Henry County Parks/Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, reported the coed and church leagues are wrapping up at the Harry Hill Park. Youth football will be starting at the new park. The girl's youth softball plan on starting a fall league. They have started work on the ball field at Harry Hill Park and Travis hopes to get it seeded before long. Esq. Bates and the Court expressed appreciation to Danny Clark for donating his equipment to work on the ball field.

## **RE: ANIMAL SERVICES**

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

Henry County Animal Control Officer, Dan Flinkfelt, noted the shelter has been busy. During the month of July Suzanne and Russell went to school and Suzanne took her vacation. Dan will go to school in October. Dan noted the shelter has surpassed the number of dogs that have been surrendered compared to this time last year. Dan complimented shelter volunteers Pat and Debbie for purchasing office furniture so the shelter will look more professional. Dan noted these ladies are unbelievable.

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

Esq. Hartlage noted he spoke with Dan but there was no Committee meeting this month. Judge Brent noted he continues to meet each month with Judge Powell to discuss shelter issues.

## **RE: HENRY COUNTY LIBRARY TAX RATES – JESSICA POWELL TO PRESENT**

Jessica Powell, head librarian, with the Henry County Library came before the Court. She introduced Henry County Library Board Members Nancye Chilton, Barbara Harrod, and Thomas Minton. Ms. Powell informed the Court that the Board is taking the compensating tax rate this

year. She reviewed the numerous programs and services offered at the Library. Ms. Powell reviewed their annual report noting 69,183 visits were made to the Library, 40,032 books were circulated last year, 31,911 free DVD's were checked out with \$90,000 saved in DVD rental fees. Judge Brent commended Ms. Powell's efforts and for her presence in the community. Esq. Brown noted he was impressed by the report Ms. Powell presented.

**RE: 2013/2014 TREASURER'S SETTLEMENT**

Henry County Treasurer, Lori Jones, presented the 2013/2014 Treasurer's Settlement. She asked for questions and comments from the Court.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2013/2014 Treasurer's Settlement, pending audit.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS**

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

General Fund	\$381,598.18
Road & Bridge	406,511.15
Jail Fund	40,044.90
Litter Fund	1,509.41
911-EMS	2,130.90
Fair Fund	<u>2,798.04</u>
Total Expenditures	\$834,592.58

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments from the public.

**RE: COURT COMMENTS**

Henry County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, thanked the Court for the beautiful flowers and all the prayers. Ms. Harrod announced she had great news as she is cancer free.

**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:**

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

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

Date Approved: September 16, 2014