

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on February 18, 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 and noted everyone was present.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: OLD BUSINESS

RE: 2ND READING OF THE AMENDED DOG LICENSE AND DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE

Judge Brent reviewed the proposed changes to the Ordinance and asked for a motion to approve.

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the second reading and adoption of an amendment to Dog Ordinance No. 94-8-1, An Ordinance Establishing A Dog Licensing Fee and Procedure and Requirements for Dog Control and Treatment.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County Road Supervisor, Glenn Baxter, reported his department has been busy following all the snow. He noted his department is short three drivers, two are on sick leave and the other driver quit. Glenn has two part-time drivers helping with snow removal. Glenn expressed his appreciation and thanks to Esq. Bates for driving a couple of days to help remove snow. Glenn noted road employee, Doug Jones, had shoulder surgery. Doug is doing good, but will be off for at least six weeks. Glenn rented a chipper and they plan to ride every road to cut and chip up limbs. Glenn stressed when the weather breaks they will have lots of gravel to haul. The work continues on the Albert Moore Bridge. They hoped to get the first footer poured tomorrow, but have been delayed due to flooding caused by the melting snow.

2. Committee Update - Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley complimented the road department for coming in on Saturdays and doing a good job getting the roads cleared. He stressed the agreement was after three days we would get the gravel roads cleared. Esq. Beasley acknowledged we have had a lot of snow but the folks living on the gravel roads have been fighting the ice too long. Esq. Beasley noted there are eight residences on Dixie Hwy and it is so slick you need to have a four wheel drive to get up the hills. Esq. Beasley talked with Glenn twice and each time the road department went to Dixie. Esq. Beasley noted it has been three weeks and he recommended putting down salt or cinders when it gets that long a period. He noted he doesn't like to use the salt on the gravel roads as it will damage the road. Esq. Beasley stressed UPS and the mail carrier will not go back Dixie as it is too slick. Glenn stated he thought there was an agreement with Franklin County to take care of that end of Dixie. Esq. Beasley noted Franklin County has only been clearing their roads. Esq. Hartlage questioned how the supply of cinders was holding up. Glenn noted he has plenty of cinders and some salt left. At present he can't get anymore cinders but thinks he will be able to replace them this summer. Esq. Hartlage raised some concerns on Tatum Road and Valley View Drive. Judge Brent noted these two roads have been treated every time it snows. Esq. Brown noted Heron Creek Road needed more cinders on the hill. Esq. Hartlage noted there is a problem in all districts on clearing the gravel roads. He felt the issue needed to be addressed before next year. Judge Brent suggested the road committee meet and let them decide if after three days the Magistrates have a choice of what they want done to clear their gravel roads.

Esq. Beasley reported he and Esq. Hawkins looked at the dead tree on Radcliff Road. Esq. Beasley noted the tree is in the ditch and on the land owner. Esq. Beasley also noted there is a light wire running through the tree and if the County tears down the wire or the property owner's fence we will be responsible to replace it. Esq. Beasley stressed if the limb from the tree falls in the road than the County will clean it up. Esq. Hartlage expressed his appreciation to Esq. Beasley and Esq. Hawkins for looking at the tree. Esq. Brown expressed concerns of a huge tree on Heron Creek Road. Glenn noted if the tree falls they will get it cleaned up or have someone clean it up. Esq. Brown also noted he got a request for rock around a mailbox on Marion Lane. Glenn noted he is aware of the needed rock on Marion and will take care of it as soon as the weather permits.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, reported we still have four dialysis patients. He and Judge Brent felt by this time of the year we should be a little further ahead financially. Josh got a call back today from Software Development Inc (SDI), our billing company. They told Josh the issue has been Humana's billing Medicare. Josh noted we are owed significant amounts from Medicare and SDI's attorneys are writing letters on our behalf.

2. Committee Update – Esq. Bates

Esq. Bates noted the EMS Committee did not meet as they are having a Special Called Meeting.

3. Special Called Meeting Relating to EMS

Esq. Bates announced a Special Called EMS Meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the EMS Building.

RE: P&Z/SOLID WASTE

1. Administrator's Update

Henry County P&Z/Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported five permits were issued in January. Jody is currently working on the Litter Abatement Grant that is due at the end of the month.

2. Committee Update – Esq. Hawkins

Esq. Hawkins reported the Committee of Esq. Hawkins, Esq. Bates and Esq. Brown met last week for a couple of hours to discuss specific Solid Waste complaints. They went through the County's Solid Waste Ordinance. He noted our Solid Waste Ordinance was passed in 1991, is outdated, and has no language to address the solid waste complaints. The County does have an updated Abatement of Nuisances Ordinance. The Committee went through a copy of Trimble

County's Solid Waste Ordinance to help with drafting one for Henry County. The Committee will continue to meet and draft an Ordinance for next month's meeting.

3. Zone Change Recommendation – Put off until March Meeting

Judge Brent noted tonight the Court was supposed to have a Zone Change Recommendation from B-2 to I-2 for the Henry County Commerce Park. He stressed they will need to put off the issue until the March meeting. The lot numbers on the plat need to be corrected to make it right. He noted the project is going well. Tomorrow he and the individuals investing in the project will meet with Ag Commissioner James Comer to seek some state dollars.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS – SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Judge Brent noted Henry County Parks & Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, was not present for the meeting tonight. Travis was attending a softball meeting in hopes of getting a softball league started in the County. Judge Brent reported the youth football and soccer is going well, but baseball and softball numbers have been down. Judge Brent noted Travis and his department has been busy shoveling snow and cleaning parking lots.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Henry County Animal Control Officer, Dan Flinkfelt, reported it has been a good month. Many animals have been sent to rescue. There are three dogs at present time in the shelter. Dan noted a better line of communication with the employees. Dan informed the Court that he is holding an animal shelter meeting the second Tuesday of every month. The meetings will be open to the public and will be held at the 4-H Building. Dan is inviting guest speakers to the meetings. Dan has an offer from a carpenter to add on to the shelter at no charge, if someone would donate the materials. Dan felt they could add a much needed spay and neuter area. Dan noted they did euthanize eight dogs last month. Some dogs were injured from being hit by cars and others were aggressive and surrendered by their owners.

2. Committee Update – Esq. Hartlage

Esq. Hartlage complimented Dan on advancing the shelter to the next level. He reported the Committee did meet. They discussed the euthanizing form, the camera system and Dan's comp hours, which are under control. Esq. Hartlage felt it was a good meeting and he looks forward to the next meeting.

RE: COUNTY CLERK'S EXCESS FEES PRESENTATION

Henry County Clerk, Juanita Lashley, came before the Court to present her excess fees. Juanita presented an excess fee check in the amount of \$96,846.14. Judge Brent and the Court thanked Juanita.

RE: SHERIFF’S OFFICE EXCESS FEES PRESENTATION

Henry County Sheriff, Danny Cravens, noted his check for excess fees was more than projected. He presented to the Court an excess fee check in the amount of \$44,370.55. Judge Brent and the Court expressed appreciation to Sheriff Cravens.

Sheriff Cravens stated he is trying to be conservative and work with Fiscal Court. He questioned if the Court was going to continue to carry his payroll or did he need to borrow money from another entity. Esq. Bates felt the County needs to keep making the Sheriff’s payroll as long as the County gets the money back. Sheriff Cravens questioned an article in the paper that said his office was behind \$100,000.00. Esq. Hawkins noted Fiscal Court has always worked together with the Sheriff’s office and had success. He stressed there was cause for concern in 2012 when the Sheriff was \$100,000.00 behind in reimbursing the County for his payroll. Judge Brent noted the County could carry the Sheriff’s payroll later in the year if he could be paid up by June 30, which is the end of the County’s Fiscal Year. After some back and forth discussion it was left that the Budget Committee will continue to meet and review the Sheriff’s budget quarterly and take action if needed.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

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| General Fund | \$298,980.84 |
| Road & Bridge | 53,356.36 |
| Jail Fund | 38,315.28 |
| LGEA Fund | 1,784.56 |
| Litter Fund | 987.38 |
| 911/EMS Fund | 1,899.94 |
| Fair Fund | <u>1,612.32</u> |
| Total Expenditures | \$396,936.68 |

Transfers

General Fund

From: 0192009990 (Reserve for Transfers) \$2,000.00

To: 0151404110 (EMS, Custodial) \$2,000.00

Road Fund

From: 0292009990 (Reserve for Transfers) \$9,000.00

To: 0261053980 (Contracted Labor) \$4,000.00

To: 0261055690 (Training) \$5,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. Brown felt it had been a good meeting. Glenn Baxter commented that the road department employees have attended their second class in the Road Scholar Program. Judge Brent thanked Congressman Massie's Field Representative, Stacie Rockaway, for coming to the meeting. Ms. Rockaway brought Greetings from the Congressman and said to let her office know if they can be of assistance.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

RE: ADJOURN

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Beasley, 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: March 18, 2014

