

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 2014**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on July 15, 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
Esquire Scott Bates
Esquire Jerry Beasley
Esquire Mike Fisher
Esquire Roger Hartlage
Esquire Nick Hawkins

Honorable Virginia Harrod – Absent
Esquire David Brown - Absent

RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Executive, John L. Brent, led the Court to 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. He noted Esq. Brown was absent as he was out of town. Judge Brent gave an update on County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, noting she had surgery last week and is doing well. Judge Brent asked the Court members to keep her in their prayers.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: OLD BUSINESS

RE: 2ND READING OF AMENDMENT TO NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of an amendment to Ordinance No. 1000-01-13-1, An Ordinance Related to the Abatements of Nuisances in Henry County, Kentucky.

Yes – Bates, Beasley, Fisher, Hawkins

No - Hartlage

Motion carried

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Supervisor's Report

Henry County Road Supervisor, Glenn Baxter, reported all of the gravel roads have been graded. The road department worked on the ditch on Watkins Lane and Glenn will check it after a heavy rain to see if their work was successful. The road department did a bunch of dig outs on Rose Hill Estates. Glenn reported Rose Hill Estates was blacktopped this past Saturday and turned out good. Glenn noted Mago has left the County but plans to be back the end of August. Glenn expects Ohio Valley to be in the County sometime in September. Glenn reported the cab and chassis came in for the dump truck and the new service truck is here. Glenn got the backhoe back from the shop today. The road department will attend their fifth training class this Friday. The class is on Management and will be held in Trimble County.

2. Committee Update – Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley noted he was glad the road department was getting their training done. He stated Watkins Lane looks good where they cleaned out the ditch. Esq. Beasley noted concrete was put in the ditch on Hudson Lane to help keep it from washing out and they will have to wait and see if it works. Esq. Beasley noted the road Committee did not meet but they will need to drive some more of the roads. Judge Brent noted the Committee recommended Michael Tingle be hired as a full time road employee. Judge Brent noted Michael has gotten his CDL and will start Friday, July 18, 2014. Judge Brent also noted Tommy Smith from Trimble County graded all the roads again.

3. Six Mile Bridge – MOU and Resolution on 80/20 Program

Judge Brent told the Court he has been getting the paper work lined out with Frankfort. They sent back the MOU and Resolution. Judge Brent read the Resolution and asked for a vote to participate in the 80/20 Program.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to adopt the Resolution on the 80/20 Program for the Six Mile Creek Road Bridge.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, was not present to give an update as he was called out of the meeting on an EMS run.

2. Committee Update – Esq. Bates

Esq. Bates noted the Committee met today but there is not much going on. They hope to have the ambulance out of the shop by the end of the week. The EMS had their training and everybody passed. The training did identify some weak areas so they are going to put some classes together to strengthen these areas. Esq. Bates noted the Mayor of Eminence heard the County was renting out the Eminence EMS building and he questioned if the County still had an ambulance there. Esq. Bates assured him the ambulance was still there. Esq. Bates complimented renter Cathy Moore for the improvements she made to the building as she gets it ready for her daycare. He noted she is keeping it mowed and has mulched the front and it looks good.

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

1. Administrator's Update

Henry County P&Z/Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, was absent due to his vacation. Judge Brent reviewed a report from Donnie Tipton with the Solid Waste Department. Donnie reported so far this year trash has been picked up on 92.2 miles of roads with the help of the inmates. Judge Brent told the Court if they have roads they want picked up to call his office and he will make it happen. Judge Brent also noted several violations Donnie has issued.

2. Waste Tire Collection

Judge Brent announced the Waste Tire Collection dates for Henry County residents are October 16-18. Collection of the tires will be at the State Highway Barn located at 368 Port Royal Road. Judge Brent noted this is a program that everyone is for.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS – SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Henry County Parks & Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, reported this has been the busiest year with activities at Harry Hill Park. Travis noted several small projects have been completed at Harry Hill. Travis had a meeting to discuss renovating the backstop at the new softball field so work can be done and Travis can get started on seeding the grass. Travis noted several Coed leagues are currently playing at Harry Hill and the softball leagues will start this

fall. Travis thanked the Henry County Country Club for donating a sand bunker rake to help with prep of the ball fields.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Henry County Animal Control Officer, Dan Flinkfelt, reported the month of June has been busy with the fair and festivals. Dan noted he did not have a great turnout in May to work the Speedway and they are contemplating whether to do it again. Dan reported Suzanne and Russell will be going to training. Judge Brent noted he continues to have monthly meetings with Trimble County Judge Executive Powell to address the personnel issues at the shelter. Judge Brent noted Joan Lacey has been working as a volunteer for the shelter and has transported rescue animals to Chicago. Judge Brent recommended the Court hire Ms. Lacey on an as needed part-time basis. Judge Brent stressed Ms. Lacey needs to be an employee under the County's insurance when driving the County's vehicle.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to hire Joan Lacey as a part-time animal control officer on an as needed basis.

Motion carried unanimously

2. Committee Update – Esq. Hartlage

Esq. Hartlage reported the Committee did meet and discussed the day to day operations of the shelter. He noted the air conditioning has been giving them some trouble but Dan is looking into that. There is some concrete work that needs to be done outside the kennel to help with the outside kennel drain. The Committee talked about the Speedway and thought it might not be such a good idea. Dan is responsible for mowing the grass but they think Trimble County should be helping out. Esq. Hartlage noted they may need to get a bid from a mowing service instead of Dan having to do it and building up his hours.

RE: LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Jessica Powell, head librarian, with the Henry County Library came before the Court to recommend Board appointments of Sharla Clubb and Thomas Minton. Ms. Powell gave a brief update to the Court. She reported the issue to build a new library has been tabled for now, due to a lawsuit with the library funding. Ms. Powell noted their reading program has been huge this summer. They want to expand the library hours in the coming year. Ms. Powell asked to come back at the Court's August meeting to bring a presentation of their annual report.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to accept the recommendations from the Henry County Library Board of Sharla Clubb and Thomas Minton to serve as Henry County Library Board Members.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 2013 SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT

Henry County Sheriff, Danny Cravens, presented the 2013 Sheriff's Settlement. Judge Brent asked if the Court had any questions and then asked for a motion to approve.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2013 Sheriff's Settlement pending audit.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 1ST READING OF 2014/2015 TAX RATES

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins 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. A public hearing for the tax levy will be held on August 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COUNTY FINANCIAL CONDITION

Judge Brent was pleased to report the County's good financial condition. He noted for year ending the General Fund finished with \$80,000, the Road Fund with \$71,000 and the overall budget finished with \$180,000 to the good. Judge Brent stressed it has been a team effort. He thanked the Sheriff and the County Attorney for their cooperation in getting their payroll reimbursements completely up to date. He complimented Henry County EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, in collecting the money owed the County from the insurance companies. Judge Brent thanked all the employees for keeping a close watch on the budget. Judge Brent thanked the Court for the tough decisions they have made and for allowing him to manage the budget and ending in the black this year. The Court members also complimented and thanked Judge Brent. Esq. Bates stressed everybody has worked good together to get the budget in good shape and get the County in the black. He expressed his thanks to the employees. Judge Brent noted Trimble County just put in an insurance tax and he stressed Henry County is the only county in this region who doesn't have an insurance premium or occupational tax.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$345,572.03
Road & Bridge	256,999.40
Jail Fund	36,042.50
LGEA Fund	1,690.00
Litter Fund	881.84
911-EMS	1,440.10
Fair Fund	<u>1,194.61</u>
Total Expenditures	\$643,820.48

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

RE: COURT COMMENT

Esq. Bates noted the EMS is ready to pick up another dialysis patient which will give them a boost in their revenue.

RE: ADJOURN

Upon motion by Esq. Bates 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:

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

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

Date Approved: August 19, 2014

