

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

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on November 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. Bates and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: OLD BUSINESS

There being no old business the meeting proceeded with new business.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County Road Supervisor, Glenn Baxter, noted all roads have been graded and rocked. Lower Six Mile is open and passable and Glenn hasn't heard of any issues with crossing it. We had our first snow event and Glenn was able to get salt. Glenn questioned the status of purchasing the snow plow for the one ton truck. He noted if the money is the issue, we have enough in-kind service from bolting the culvert together on the Six Mile Project that we won't have to pay our 20 percent. Judge Brent noted the price of the snow plow is \$5200.00. There is \$7700.00 left in the road department's line item for the purchase of equipment, if the committee wants to buy it. Glenn noted he would like to have the one ton truck as drivers are not required to have a CDL to operate it. Esq. Bates stressed the one ton truck will be good to hit the small spots and get in tighter places. Esq. Hawkins thanked Glenn for the work on Jackson Road and Esq. Bates and Esq. Brown complimented the road department on doing a good job.

2. Committee Update – Magistrate Beasley

Esq. Beasley noted the Committee doesn't have any report at this time. Judge Brent asked their opinion of purchasing the snow plow. Esq. Beasley noted the Committee will meet to discuss it.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded Brown, it is ordered by the Court to allow the road committee to decide what direction to take on purchasing the snow plow.

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Brent asked the committee their thoughts on replacing road employee, Doug Jones, who will retire at the end of the year. Judge Brent questioned if the committee wants him to go ahead and advertise for the position or to wait. Judge Brent noted the good news is we have 3 to 4 guys capable to push snow. The committee will meet and then advise Judge Brent on the direction to take.

3. Hwy 389 Update

Judge Brent gave a brief update on the section of Hwy 389, between Lockport and Harpers Ferry Road. Judge Brent was told ten days ago by Phil Crump of Mago that we were next on their list, if the weather faired up. The repaving on Sulphur Road was scheduled this week, but due to the weather that is not going to happen. Esq. Bates commented that he heard Ohio Valley has shut down for the winter.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, noted everything is running pretty good. They finally got all 6 trucks up and running. Josh has the bid package together to bid out the new ambulance. Josh requested the Court's permission to advertise for bids. Judge Brent reminded Josh that the specs should state one half of the payment will be made in June and the balance paid after July 1.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to allow Henry County EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, to advertise bids for a new ambulance.

Motion carried unanimously

Josh brought recommendation to hire Amber Lynn as a part-time paramedic.

Upon motion by Esq. Brown and seconded by Esq. Bates it is ordered by the Court to hire Amber Lynn as a part-time paramedic.

Motion carried unanimously

Josh Jamiel noted the assistant EMS Director's position has been vacant for some time and he recommended the Court fill the position with EMS employee, Paige Lucas.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court that EMS employee Paige Lucas be hired as the Assistant EMS Director, at the same salary as the past assistant director.

Motion carried unanimously

2. Committee Update – Magistrate Bates

Esq. Bates expressed concerns with the bill from Earl Floyd Ford for replacing the ambulance engine. The committee thinks that before paying the bill someone should go and talk with them. Esq. Bates and Judge Brent will go and talk with the service department for clarity, before paying the bill.

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

Henry County P&Z/Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, noted 12 permits were issued last month with 3 being for new houses.

1. Zone change from A1 to A3 on the Richard and Wendy Burk Property

Jody noted the zone change is from A1 to A3, for 17.25 acres located at 1221 Pendleton Road. The property owners want to break this property into three tracts to be sold as residential lots. Jody noted they have the road frontage to do this and the P&Z Commission felt the zone change would be appropriate.

Upon motion by Esq. Hartlage and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to accept the P&Z Commission recommendations regarding a zone change, from A1 to A3 for the Richard and Wendy Burk property, located at 1221 Pendleton Road, Pendleton, KY.

Judge Brent noted he would need to read the findings before voting. Jody apologized and noted he did not have the findings as the P&Z Commission just voted on this last week. Judge Brent told Mr. Burk who was present for the meeting that he felt the zone change would pass, but for his protection it would be best to wait until next month so the findings could be read. Mr. Burk was in agreement to wait. Following discussion, Esq. Hartlage asked to withdraw his motion. Judge Brent noted it will be on next month's agenda.

Judge Brent asked Jody to give a report on the County Wide Cleanup. Jody reported it was very successful with 198.4 miles cleaned by 455 volunteers. They picked up a total of 1091 bags of trash. Rumpke donated a dumpster for the cleanup. Jody was pleased that all went well and there were no injuries.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS – SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Henry County Parks & Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, reported the bathrooms at the park and fairgrounds were winterized last week. Travis bought the paint for the storage shed roof, but due to the weather has not painted it. Travis took out some dead trees at the front of Harry Hill Park, but there are still some dead trees in the back. Travis planted 6 trees at the park. He thanked Starview Greenhouses for the discount prices on the trees and for donating one free tree to the park. Travis picked out the Christmas tree for the Courthouse yard and after Christmas it will be transferred to the park. Esq. Brown questioned if the County had any ash trees on the boundaries of our park property. He has noticed many ash trees are dropping their limbs and he doesn't want to see anyone get hurt. Travis noted most of the trees along the walking trail are not ash and have recently been planted by us.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Judge's Update

Judge Brent reported he met last week with the Committee and Judge Powell. Suzanne Schulte has resigned her position as a part-time animal control officer. They addressed two options. The first is cutting back and having winter hours by closing early on Wednesday. This will help Dan with all his comp time. The second option was to have Skylar Berry who Judge Brent just laid off as a part-time park employee work 2 days a week at the shelter, at least through the winter months. Judge Brent noted that is the plan they came up with and it will give him some time to come up with recommendations.

2. Director's Update

Henry County Animal Control Officer, Dan Flinkfelt, noted October has been a busy month and he was glad to have Skylar. Dan and Russell went to Kansas City for training. Dan noted he had been asked questions regarding the Jellystone Barks Rescue Rangers. He put some information in the Court's packets that included their Mission Statement, their website, and to explain how they do their rescues. Dan noted their main hub is in Chicago and the shelter has been blessed to work with them. One of our County employees goes every six weeks to Chicago. He stressed the state of Illinois is tough on animal laws and inspections. Dan noted Judge Brent asked him to look into training for dog temperament and testing. Dan found a 3 days seminar that will be held on January 23-25 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

3. Committee Update – Esq. Hartlage

Esq. Hartlage noted the Committee did meet. They discussed the issues that have already been discussed.

RE: 1ST READING – COUNTY CLERK'S 2015 BUDGET

Newly elected Henry County Clerk, Shanda Archer, presented her 2015 budget. She projected receipts of \$3,223,318.00, disbursements of \$3,159,065.00, and excess fees of \$64,253.00.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the first reading of the Henry County Clerk's 2015 Budget.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: 1ST READING – SHERIFF'S 2015 BUDGET

Henry County Sheriff, Danny Cravens, presented his 2015 budget. He projected receipts of \$659,225.00, disbursements of \$647,945.59 and excess fees of \$11,279.41.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the first reading of the Henry County Sheriff's 2015 Budget.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLERK'S & SHERIFF'S BUDGET REVIEW DISCUSSION

Judge Brent noted in the past the budget committee met with the Sheriff and the Clerk to review their budgets before the second readings. Judge Brent noted the budget committee can meet or we can have a special called budget meeting. Judge Brent stated it did not make any difference to him, but he wanted direction from the Court. Esq. Bates noted he likes the full Court meeting so everybody would know the full details of what is being discussed. Following discussion the Court was in consensus to call a Special Meeting on November 25, 2014 at the Judge Executive's Office.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Brown, it is ordered by the Court to approve the following claims and transfers, pending approval from Judge Brent and Esq. Bates on payment of the Earl Floyd Ford ambulance bill:

General Fund	\$305,945.71
Road & Bridge	106,499.82
Jail Fund	44,857.43
Litter Fund	21,445.22
911/EMS Fund	2,361.60
Fair Fund	<u>418.43</u>
Total Expenditures	\$481,528.21

Transfers General Fund

From: 0192009990 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$1,000.00
To: 0152055990 (Animal Services, Misc.)	\$1,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Judge Brent informed the Court that Fiscal Court and Planning & Zoning meetings have been using the Circuit Court Clerk’s video equipment to record their meetings. The recorder has been left on a few times and Circuit Court Clerk, Gina Lyle, asked that we not use it. Judge Brent wanted the Court to know we are going to have to spend some money to purchase recording equipment.

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:

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

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

Date Approved: December 16, 2014