

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2015**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on August 18, 2015 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 Mike Fisher
Esquire Nick Hawkins
Esquire Jason Stanley
Esquire Rickey Timberlake

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. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: OLD BUSINESS

RE: 2ND READING OF 2015/2016 TAX RATES

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, 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 2015.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Supervisor's Report

Henry County Road Supervisor, Kenny Tindle, updated the Court on the flood damage. He presented a list of expenditures for the cost of materials to repair the damage to the roads and bridges. The expenditures did not include labor, use of equipment or fuel cost. Kenny stressed he does not have all the bills, but thinks the total cost will be around \$100,000.00. Kenny feels we will get some reimbursement on this. Kenny and DES Deputy Director, Mike Hilliard, will meet with Fema.

Kenny informed the Court that the Jericho Meadows project is going to cost a lot of money. He suggested breaking it down into a two year project. Kenny noted they plan on fixing the base failures first and then applying the blacktop. The base failures are bad on the back half of Graves Drive and will need to settle for a year before blacktopping. They will blacktop all of Jericho Meadows this fall except for the area on Graves Drive. Kenny will put letters on all the doors in the area to explain why they are waiting to blacktop. Esq. Timberlake agreed with the plan and stressed they are making progress. Esq. Timberlake will put Graves Drive in the budget to get blacktop for next year. Judge Brent noted this project is going to cost the County ten thousand dollars more than what we got to take over the roads in Jericho Meadows.

Retired Henry County Road Supervisor, Glenn Baxter, was present for the meeting and the Court thanked him for his service to the County.

Esq. Stanley questioned if they had done the patching on Mill Creek. Kenny noted they haven't done any patching yet. Judge Brent noted Ohio Valley will do Mill Creek in October.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley noted the Committee did meet. They questioned when the State was going to blacktop Hwy 389 and Hwy 573. Judge Brent noted he has not heard from the transportation department since the last time they attended the Court meeting. Esq. Fisher will contract Phil Crump with Mago to see if he knows or Blake Nelson to see if the State has let the bids.

3. Approval of Hire New Employee with CDL's

Judge Brent noted the road department position has been advertised. He asked the Court to grant the road committee the power to hire the new road employee with a CDL.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to grant the road committee the power to hire the new road employee at the current starting salary of \$11.15 an hour.

Motion carried unanimously

4. FEMA Update

Judge Brent complimented and thanked DES Deputy Director, Mike Hilliard, for helping out while DES Director, Jody Rucker, has been out due to his mother's illness and passing. Mike noted the Emergency Declaration was signed by the President declaring Fema funds available to Henry County. Mike noted the damages for Henry County may total \$325,000.00. This includes damages for Shelby Energy, Henry County Water, the parks, the City of Campbellsburg and the City of New Castle. The federal, state, and local governments will all pay a percentage of the cost. Mike hopes to get KY River Fire Department and Campbellsburg Fire some reimbursements as they helped with the rescue in the Sulphur flooding. Mike stressed for private individuals to get assistance the County has to have at least 5 homes with moderate to major damage and we only had 3 homes. This does not include flooded basements. Mike noted they will be meeting with Frankfort in the next 30 days.

5. 6 Year Road Plan Scheduled Projects Update

Judge Brent reported he and Representative Rick Rand met with Chief District Engineer, Matt Bullock, to get an update on the 6 year road projects. Judge Brent stressed he called the meeting as he was concerned with the Hwy 146 project. He had been told they would start buying the right of ways last fall and then informed they would start buying the right of ways in May, but they haven't started the process yet. Judge Brent was assured they would start buying the right of ways in the next couple of weeks.

Judge Brent attended a meeting with the Eminence Mayor and several city council members to get an update on the Eminence Project. The plan is to widen the road from Elm Street to the bad curve near Rose Hill Florist. The money has been appropriated for the design, but it will take 3 to 4 years before the project starts.

Judge Brent reported on the Pleasureville Project for the sidewalks and replacement of culverts. They are being designed now. The right of way purchases will begin next summer and fall with construction in 2017.

Judge Brent noted they are still talking about the bad slips on Hwy 389.

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Report

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, reported everything is going good. They still have the same number of dialysis transports. Josh went and looked at the new ambulance. It is looking good and should be completed and ready for pickup on August 31.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Bates

Esq. Bates noted the EMS Committee did not meet. Esq. Bates brought recommendation to hire Brittany Ramsey as a part-time paramedic. He noted Josh is planning to ride with her a couple of days.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to hire Brittany M. Ramsey as a part-time paramedic.

Motion carried unanimously

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

Henry County P&Z/Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported 11 permits were issued in July with 4 being for new houses. Jody reported 4 requests are on the docket of the Board of Adjustments for Monday night.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Superintendent's Update

Henry County Parks & Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, reported a lot of small projects have been completed. They have completed their part of the work on the horse barn and painted the lines on the basketball court. The guys have been working on getting the new scoreboard up at Harry Hill Park and Greg Hutcherson will run the electricity to it. The park is starting to get busy with all the fall leagues.

2. Committee Update – Esq. Stanley

Esq. Stanley noted his committee did not meet.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Henry County Animal Control Director, Dan Flinkfelt, reported they have been busy the past two months. He went to Chicago to check out the rescue groups and Joan went back to Chicago this past weekend. Dan noted they have not euthanized any dogs and taking the animals to the rescue groups has saved the County money. They have started construction on the dog run area. Dan noted he had an issue with two small dogs running loose on Drennon Street in Pleasureville. Dan complimented ten year old Cameron Whitaker for raising \$1200.00 worth of supplies for the shelter.

2. Committee Update – Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher noted the Committee did not meet.

RE: DIABETES COALITION REQUEST – ESQ. BATES

Esq. Bates reported the members of the budget committee met with Mona Huff concerning funding for the diabetes coalition. Mona's request was for \$3,000.00. The Committee stressed the Court had already set their budget for this fiscal year. Mona noted the need of \$750.00 for advertising, food, etc for the Diabetes Day Education Event. The Committee brought recommendation to help sponsor this one event.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to contribute \$750.00 (seven hundred fifty dollars) to help sponsor the Diabetes Day Education Event.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: TREASURER'S SETTLEMENT – TREASURER KIM BOYER

Henry County Treasurer, Kim Boyer, noted the 2014-2015 Treasurer's Settlement was sent in the Court's packets. She asked if anyone had questions.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2014/2015 Treasurer's Settlement, pending audit.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT –SHERIFF DANNY CRAVENS

Henry County Sheriff, Danny Cravens, passed out and reviewed the Sheriff's Settlement.

Upon motion by Bates and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2014-2015 Sheriff's Settlement, pending audit.

Motion carried unanimously

Sheriff Cravens noted the sheriff deputies would appreciate their training incentive checks separate from their pay checks. County Treasurer Kim Boyer noted that would not be a problem.

RE: MAGISTRATE HAWKINS TO ADDRESS THE COURT

Esq. Hawkins noted he has worked several years as a technician with AT&T and in a leadership role in the local union. He has accepted a position which requires him and his family to move to Georgia, so tonight will be his last meeting. Esq. Hawkins noted it has been a privilege and honor to serve and he felt they had accomplished some good things for the County. He stressed he has had some good times working with the Court and the Court was like his extended family. Esq. Bates stressed Esq. Hawkins helped him when he came on the Court. He has enjoyed working with him and is going to miss him. Esq. Fisher noted he hates to see him go, but wished Esq. Hawkins good luck. Esq. Timberlake noted Esq. Hawkins is good working with the kids in the community and he wished him the best. County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, complimented Esq. Hawkins for not only working for his district, but for the best interest of the entire County. Judge Brent presented Esq. Hawkins a plaque for his years of service to the Court. Judge Brent stressed he appreciated Esq. Hawkins taking his job serious and researching an issue before making a decision. Judge Brent is hoping whoever takes Esq. Hawkins place will do the same.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$307,143.41
Road & Bridge	353,671.85
Jail Fund	46,341.98
LGEA Fund	20,800.00
Litter Fund	1,010.03
911/EMS Fund	420.85
Fair Fund	<u>397.39</u>
Total Expenditures	\$729,785.51

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hugh McBurney thanked Esq. Hawkins for his service and for doing a great job.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. Bates noted he attended the Eminence City Council Meeting. They complimented and commended the Sheriff's department for their support and their help to them.

Judge Brent thanked County Attorney Harrod and Sheriff Cravens for getting their payrolls caught up at the end of our fiscal year. He stressed the Court appreciates it.

RE: ADJOURN

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, 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 15, 2015