

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on December 15, 2015 at the Henry County Courthouse in New Castle, Kentucky with the following in attendance:

John L. Brent, Judge Executive  
Peggy V. Bryant, Deputy Judge Executive  
Virginia Harrod, County Attorney  
Esquire Scott Bates  
Esquire Jerry Beasley  
Esquire Mike Fisher  
Esquire Tony Moffett  
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 Brent called the meeting to order and noted everyone was present.

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the Minutes from the November 17, 2015 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 Report**

Henry County Road Supervisor, Kenny Tindle, reviewed the list of county roads giving an assessment on their condition. He used a grading system of one through five with one being good and five being bad. The list noted what work if any that may be needed. Judge Brent reminded the Court that the list was requested by the road committee when Kenny started as road supervisor. Kenny also noted the road department will soon be starting on some little projects.

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

Esq. Beasley noted the road committee did not meet. They are still waiting before making a decision on the Jericho Meadows project. Judge Brent thanked Kenny, Esq. Timberlake and the road department for their hard work with the Surplus Auction. Judge Brent gave a special thanks to Denise Coombs and Erica King for donating their services as clerks for the auction.

**RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS**

**1. Supervisor's Report**

Judge Brent noted EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, was not present for the meeting. Josh was in training with the new billing company.

**2. Committee Report – Esq. Bates**

Esq. Bates noted everything is going well with the new billing company. County Attorney Harrod had suggested some changes in the new contract and she requested to review it. Esq. Bates stated he will check on the contract for County Attorney Harrod.

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

**1. Administrator's Report**

Henry County P&Z/Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported 6 permits were issued in November but none for new houses. Jody reported the Board of Adjustments approved Meadow Brook Estates as a Wedding Venue.

## **2. Clark Property on Hwy 421 (Equipment Sales) – A1 to B3**

Jody reviewed the Planning Commission findings and recommendations regarding the Danny Clark Property located on Hwy 421, to approve a Zone Change from A1 to B3.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to approve a Zone Change from A1 to B3, for the Danny Clark property located at 5320 Castle Highway, Pleasureville, KY 40057.

Motion carried unanimously

## **3. Gift Property on Hwy 153 (Sandblasting) A1 to B2**

Jody reviewed the Planning Commission findings and recommendations regarding the Thomas W. Gift, Sr. Property located on Hwy 153, to approve a Zone Change from A1 to B2.

Upon motion by Esq. Timberlake and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to approve a Zone Change from A1 to B2, for the Thomas W. Gift, Sr. property located at 1244 Pendleton Road, Pendleton, KY 40055.

Motion carried unanimously

## **4. Dorothy Taylor Property on Hwy 146 – A1 to B2**

Jody reviewed the Planning Commission findings and recommendations regarding the Dorothy Taylor Property located on Hwy 146, to approve the Zone Change from A1 to B2.

Upon motion by Esq. Timberlake and seconded by Esq. Moffett, it is ordered by the Court to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to approve a Zone Change from A1 to B2, for the Dorothy R. Taylor Property, located at 82 Lake Jericho Road, Smithfield, KY 40068.

Motion carried unanimously

## **5. Proposed Reappointments to Board of Adjustments- Yvonne Moore, Richard Riedel, and Matt Jackson**

Jody brought recommendation to reappoint Yvonne Moore, Richard Riedel and Matt Jackson to serve on the Board of Adjustments.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to reappoint Yvonne Moore, Richard Riedel and Matt Jackson to serve on the Board of Adjustments.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: PARKS/FAIRGROUNDS**

### **1. Superintendent's Report**

Henry County Parks & Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchannan, reported the Trail and Treat continues to grow and was a huge success. We had 900 to 1000 kids this year. Travis noted we also doubled the number of stations that handed out candy and treats. Travis reported they have one more day left to finish the trim work on the concession at Harry Hill Park. Soon they will start working on their equipment for winter. Travis also noted parks employee Bobby Robinson will be retiring at the end of December.

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

Esq. Stanley noted the Parks/Fairgrounds Committee did not meet.

## **RE: ANIMAL SERVICES**

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

Henry County Animal Control Officer, Dan Flinkfelt, reported everything is going good. Dan noted he has been off due to a death in his family. Dan reported 6 dogs are currently in the shelter. Dan informed the Court that the truck is in the shop again. Dan is working with a rescue group to buy dog food at a reduced cost.

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

Esq. Fisher noted the Animal Services Committee did meet. They discussed some issues that he will bring to the Court at a later date.

## **RE: UPDATE ON COUNTY FINANCIAL POSITION**

Judge Brent gave an update on the County's financial position. Judge Brent began by reviewing a graph showing the end of the year bank balance for the Road Fund. Judge Brent reported even though the gas tax has been cut by the State, the Road Fund has been in the black the last 3 years. Judge Brent reviewed the graph showing the end of the year bank balance for the General Fund. He noted a downward trend since 2010. Four of the last 5 years have been in the red and Judge Brent feels this trend will not change. The last several years we have been using our savings to make up the budget deficit. Judge Brent noted one year we did finish in the black. We didn't have to buy an ambulance and only had one election. That saved \$100,000.00. He stressed it will take all supervisors and elected officials to look for ways to save a dollar or make a dollar whenever possible. Judge Brent used the example of the parks department saving \$3,000 by installing the siding on the concession instead of hiring a contractor to do the work. He complimented County Clerk, Shanda Archer, for coming to him to discuss the issue of moving the voting machines. Instead of renting a U-Haul to move the machines, the County saved \$1,500 over the course of 3 elections by using the trailer that transports dogs from the shelter to rescue.

Judge Brent stressed communication among the departments will help to find money saving ideas. Judge Brent asked Sheriff Cravens if he was aware that the 5 humvees the Sheriff's department got from the State are each costing the County \$500 a year to insure. Sheriff Cravens said that he had not been aware of that, but was going to do something with a couple of them.

**RE: BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATE – ESQ. BATES**

Esq. Bates noted the Budget Committee met with the Clerk and the Sheriff. They reviewed their budgets and tried to cut where they could. Esq. Bates noted Fiscal Court contributes \$107,000 to the County Clerk's office and \$180,000 to the Sheriff's office. This is for their social security, health insurance, retirement, and Medicare. Esq. Bates noted the Budget Committee did not cut the Sheriff's budget, but left the Sheriff's budget the same amount as last year.

**RE: HENRY COUNTY CLERK'S BUDGET – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

Henry County Clerk, Shanda Archer, presented her budget and asked for comments and questions from the Court.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Henry County Clerk's 2016 Budget, including the salary cap of \$197,900.00.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: HENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S BUDGET – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

Henry County Sheriff, Danny Cravens, presented his budget to the Court. Sheriff Cravens told the Court he understands he couldn't function without Fiscal Court. He stressed he appreciates what the Court contributes towards the cost of their retirement, social security, etc. Sheriff Cravens stressed the total number of calls have increased. He passed out graphs showing the number of calls made this year by his office and the Kentucky State Police. Sheriff Cravens stressed providing law enforcement is his biggest concern.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Henry County Sheriff's 2016 Budget, including the salary cap of \$325,566.40.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT- ESQ. MOFFETT**

Esq. Moffett reported the Insurance Committee met today with Sue Porter, our representative from KACO. He felt it was a productive meeting. The Committee was told if they separate the equipment from the vehicles they can get the equipment insured at a much cheaper rate. He stressed the County is doing everything possible to take a closer look and keep everything afloat. He noted the Insurance Committee will meet again to review and finalize the insurance values.

**RE: CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS**

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

General Fund	\$253,018.91
Road & Bridge	42,120.36
Jail Fund	55,609.53
LGEA Fund	16,155.00
Litter Fund	1,312.02
911/EMS Fund	1,731.05
Fair Fund	<u>903.31</u>
Total Expenditures	\$370,850.18

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Wayne Gunnell complimented the Court by noting Henry County is in better shape and well maintained than most Kentucky Counties. Mr. Gunnell stressed that public safety is his main concern. He thanked both the Sheriff and Fiscal Court and hopes they can work together for public safety.

Debbie Melton noted a drainage problem from the Clark Property that was approved for the zone change. Ms. Melton expressed concerns that the drainage issue has not been corrected. Jody Rucker assured her that restrictions set forth by the Planning & Zoning Commission noted Mr. Clark must resolve drainage issues that are impacting the adjoining property owners.

Hugh McBurney thanked the Court and the road department for the work on Flat Rock Road Bridge.

**RE: COURT COMMENTS**

Esq. Bates noted questions have been raised as to when the Fire Departments are required to have an audit. Esq. Bates stressed it is late in the year to request an audit. Lorry Hansen with the New Castle Fire Department noted the Department of Local Government is requiring an audit every 4 years.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court that the Fire Department will have audit every 4 years beginning with the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Esq. Bates 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 regular 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: January 19, 2016