

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2015**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on January 20, 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. Judge Brent welcomed newly elected Magistrates Jason Stanley and Rickey Timberlake.

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: OLD BUSINESS**

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

**RE: NEW BUSINESS**

**RE: ROADS**

**1. Supervisor's Update**

Henry County Road Supervisor, Glenn Baxter, reported his department has been doing odd and end jobs. Today they worked on Hill Street and helped Travis with a sign at the new park. Glenn noted his department is one guy short as Doug Jones retired at the end of December. Esq. Fisher questioned if the road department had looked at Ransdell Road today. Glenn noted they hadn't as he was out today with his sick son, but he will look at it tomorrow. Esq. Fisher noted he looked at Ransdell Sunday and it had several drop off areas. Esq. Fisher asked if they had started to put out gravel. Glenn noted they haven't started as they have been doing other jobs. Esq. Timberlake informed Glenn of a culvert in Garden Circle that is in bad shape. Glenn noted he got a call about it and they will get it tomorrow. Esq. Hawkins asked if they should advertise to replace Doug Jones and Esq. Beasley questioned if they needed to replace him at this time. Glenn noted it may take 2 to 3 months to find a replacement. The road committee will meet to discuss and decide on replacing Doug Jones.

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

Esq. Beasley noted the road committee did not meet but he thanked the road department for ditching and cleaning off Byers Lane.

**3. State Road Update – Judge Brent**

Judge Brent informed the Court that he went to Frankfort to meet with Rick Rand and 5<sup>th</sup> District Transportation Engineer, Matt Bullock. They discussed the four projects Henry County has in the six year road plan. Judge Brent was told the Hwy 146 design is final, right-a-way review is underway, letters have been sent to the utility companies and the residents will be contacted this summer. They plan on starting construction sometime in 2016. The Pleasureville Sidewalk Project is moving forward. The money has been approved by the Cabinet in Frankfort and the project has been sent to 5<sup>th</sup> District in Louisville. The design must be done and then the right-a-way. The project is still 2 years away. The North Main Street Eminence Project has not been sent from Frankfort to 5<sup>th</sup> District in Louisville. Money has not been allocated for this project or the Hwy 389 project. Judge Brent encouraged the Magistrates in these districts to continue checking with Frankfort about the projects.

**RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS**

**1. Supervisor's Report**

Judge Brent noted EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, was absent as he was on the scene of a accident.

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

Judge Brent noted there was no EMS Committee report as Esq. Bates is a Committee of one until he assigns new committee members. Esq. Bates did note that Josh had found a place on line to sell government vehicles. They will get the details and get with County Attorney Harrod before moving forward with selling the ambulance.

## **3. Budget Update**

Judge Brent informed the Court that we have already spent the \$85,000.00 allocated in the EMS line item for fuel and maintenance. These are expenses that are out of our control and Deputy Judge Bryant is requesting to move money out of Reserve for Transfers. Judge Brent noted the good news is the cost of fuel is down and billing receipts are up for non-emergency transports.

## **RE: P&Z/SOLID WASTE – ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Henry County P&Z/Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported eight permits were issued last month with one for a new house. Jody noted he and Donnie Tipton have been following the Rumpke truck to determine who is not getting their trash picked up. The Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of Adjustments did not meet in December. Judge Brent noted the County needs to find a replacement for Adam West and Esq. Bates needs to find a replacement from his district for Darrell Dees to serve on the Board of Adjustments. Judge Brent asked the Court members to let him know if they know of any good candidates. Jody noted he is doing a trial run tonight to get the system set up to record the Fiscal Court and P&Z/Solid Waste meetings.

## **RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS**

### **1. Superintendent’s Report**

Henry County Parks and Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, noted there is not a lot to report. They have been getting their small jobs done. They have been working to get the donated archway up at the Friends for Michael Playground.

### **2. 4-H Building Issues – Violation of Contract/Alcohol Policy**

Judge Brent noted a problem with folks renting the 4H Building and disregarding the no alcohol policy. Judge Brent requested Travis take pictures to document when people leave alcohol containers following rental of the building. Judge Brent noted the rental contract states in bold letters **“Alcoholic beverages cannot be brought onto or consumed on the premises. The renter may be held liable”**. This is called to the renter’s attention when they sign the contract, but some renters disregard it. Travis noted at times the smell from alcohol is so bad they have to use air fresheners before renting the building the next day. Travis noted one time before a wedding reception he went in to check on the furnace and the beer kegs were already there. Judge Brent asked the Court for their input and County Attorney Harrod’s guidance. Esq. Fisher noted the alcohol policy is underlined in the policy and whoever rents should be held

accountable. County Attorney Harrod agreed, but raised questions of how and noted we may need to put a penalty clause in the contract. Judge Brent noted he could not enforce that unless we had someone with law enforcement at the party. Judge Brent asked Sheriff Cravens if any of his off duty guys would be interested in contracting to go out there. Sheriff Cravens questioned if the County wanted an officer for every event noting you can't police one event and not the other. Sheriff Cravens raised the issue if folks would want to rent the 4-H building knowing they would have a police officer present. He stated they would have to check everything coming in and going out. Esq. Fisher noted the suggestion to double or triple the rental fee would be penalizing the responsible ones that rent the building. Judge Brent agreed but suggested we may want to raise the rental fees for parties or wedding receptions on Friday and Saturday nights, as that is when most alcohol problems occur. Esq. Hawkins noted he does not have the solution as this has been an on-going problem for years. Esq. Hawkins suggested the issue be deferred to the Parks/Fairgrounds Committee. Sheriff Cravens will check with his guys to see if anyone would be interested and Sheriff Cravens agreed to meet with the Committee. The issue will be on next month's agenda.

## **RE: ANIMAL SERVICES**

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

Henry County Animal Control Officer, Dan Flinkfelt, reported December was a busy month. They took in 43 animals and did not have to euthanize any as they are doing adoptions all over the Country. The last three months they took 100 animals to rescue groups in Chicago. Dan noted his part-time staff is working out well and all vehicles are running good. January 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> will be our turn to drive the animals to Chicago. The rescue groups pay for the fuel to transport the animals.

## **RE: APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to reappoint, Peggy V. Bryant – Deputy/Judge Executive, Glenn Baxter – County Road Supervisor, Josh Jamiel – EMS/Paramedic's Supervisor, Travis Buchanan – Parks Director, Jody Rucker – DES Coordinator, Denny Washburn & Mike Hilliard – Deputy Coordinators, Jody Rucker & Diana Berry – P&Z Office, EMT's, Road Workers, and all other part and full time employees under the authority of Fiscal Court.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: FISCAL COURT STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Judge Brent appointed the following committees.

Road Committee – Jerry Beasley – Chair, Mike Fisher, Nick Hawkins  
Emergency Services Committee – Scott Bates – Chair, Rickey Timberlake, Mike Fisher  
Courthouse Facilities – Nick Hawkins – Chair, Jerry Beasley, Judge Brent  
Planning & Zoning/Solid Waste – Rickey Timberlake – Chair, Nick Hawkins, Mike Fisher

Budget Committee for Sheriff, Clerk, Jailer – Scott Bates – Chair, Nick Hawkins, Jerry Beasley  
Animal Services Committee – Mike Fisher – Chair, Jason Stanley, Nick Hawkins  
Parks/Fairgrounds Committee – Jason Stanley – Chair, Nick Hawkins, Mike Fisher  
Ec. Development/Commerce Park Committee – Judge Brent – Chair, Scott Bates, Jason Stanley  
Economic Development Council – Scott Bates, as Board Appointment  
Personnel/Salaries/Ins. Committee – Nick Hawkins – Chair, Scott Bates, Rickey Timberlake

Judge Brent noted some committees will meet each month and other committees will meet as needed.

**RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD – APPOINTMENT FROM FISCAL COURT**

Judge Brent asked if any Court member would like to volunteer to serve as the Fiscal Court's representative on the Health Department Board. He noted they would meet twice a year unless something special came up. Esq. Stanley volunteered to serve.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to appoint Esq. Stanley to represent Henry County Fiscal Court on the Health Department Board.  
Motion carried unanimously

**RE: LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT – RECOMMENDATION OF ELLIE BRAMMELL**

Judge Brent brought recommendation to re-appoint Ellie Brammell to the Henry County Library Board.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to re-appoint Ellie Brammell to serve as a member of the Henry County Library Board.  
Motion carried unanimously

**RE: 2015 FIRE DEPARTMENT PROJECT SELECTION**

Judge Brent thanked the four fire departments that submitted applications for the 2015 Fire Department Grant. Judge Brent noted two of the four applications were for turnout gear. Judge Brent stated last year Lorry Hansen suggested all the fire departments could use turnout gear. It is expensive, costing between \$2500 to \$2800 for the boots, pants and jacket. Taking Lorry's suggestion, Judge Brent plans to ask the Court to put enough money in next year's budget for four sets of turnout gear. He explained there are two line items in the budget for the fire departments. One line item of \$8,000 will be divided in cash amounts between the fire departments, two out of every three years. The year the fire departments have their audits they will not receive any cash money, as it will be used to pay for the audits. The ADF Grant and additional funds will be rotated among the fire departments for the turnout gear. The fire department receiving the least amount of revenue in deed fee taxes will receive the grant first. Judge Brent recommended the 2015 Grant go to the Eminence Fire Department whose

application was for turnout gear. Judge Brent noted Eminence would have been the first to receive the gear anyway, since they receive the lowest amount of deed fee tax revenue. Esq. Bates noted they are not buying just anything, but buying something for the safety of the fire fighters and he supported that. Judge Brent liked the idea of the turnout gear as it is tangible, basic equipment.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court that the Eminence Fire Department gets this year's grant for turnout gear.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS**

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

General Fund	\$337,877.49
Road & Bridge	75,451.77
Jail Fund	52,127.67
LGEA Fund	21,500.00
Litter Fund	737.39
911/EMS Fund	165.00
Fair Fund	<u>1,284.72</u>
Total Expenditures	\$489,144.04

### Transfers

#### General Fund

From: 0192009990 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$31,000.00
To: 0151404290 (EMS, Gas, Maintenance)	25,000.00
To: 0151407410 (Ambulance-Supplies)	5,000.00
To: 0191005990 (Miscellaneous)	1,000.00

#### Road Fund

From: 0292009990 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$20,000.00
To: 0261054470 (Materials)	20,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to go into a closed session to discuss litigation.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to go out of closed session.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to go back into regular session.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Louis Genter questioned why the Court entered into a closed session and County Attorney Harrod noted it was to discuss litigation.

**RE: COURT COMMENTS**

Judge Brent complimented Moe Raisor on the job he does as custodian of the Courthouse. He especially noted the job done on the courthouse steps.

**RE: ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Esq. Bates 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: February 17, 2015

