

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 2015**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on July 21, 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. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2015 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, was absent from the meeting. Judge Brent reported the County has had five major rain events during his time in office. Two out of the five events occurred this past week. Several areas that had been fixed washed out again. Judge Brent asked the Court to check their roads and if they are really bad to let him know. Judge Brent complimented the new Henry County Road Supervisor, Kenny Tindle. Kenny was to start working for the County on Monday, but after the heavy rain Friday night Kenny came in on Saturday to run the back hoe. Judge Brent expressed his appreciation to Kenny.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley noted he had no road committee report.

3. Storm Damage Update and Patching Request

Judge Brent noted we may need an extra ten thousand dollars or more to do blacktop patching following the heavy rains. Judge Brent stated we may have to do a budget amendment to move the needed funding. Long Branch Road has the worst damage and Glenn estimates it will take \$5,000.00 to repair it. Mill Creek Road has two or three large spots where the asphalt needs repairs. Judge Brent stressed these roads cannot wait until next year to be repaired. Esq. Beasley noted two bridges where the culverts need to be fixed. Esq. Fisher noted it took an area of blacktop off the new box culvert on Six Mile Road. Esq. Fisher stressed all the roads are bad.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to allow Judge Brent to spend up to an additional \$20,000.00 (twenty thousand dollars) for patching.

Motion carried unanimously

4. County Road Aid Coop Resolution

Judge Brent explained the County Road Aid Coop Agreement and Resolution. He asked for a motion to approve.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to enter into the County Road Aid Cooperative Program Agreement and to adopt the Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, reported things are going good. He received pictures of the new ambulance and thinks they are ready to start building the cabinetry. Josh noted they can go up in a week to look at it. Josh stressed all three of the new hire applications came highly recommended. Josh requested permission to purchase ipads with hard shell cases. They will be for the 6 ambulances at a total cost of \$4,900.00.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Bates

Esq. Bates noted the background checks were good for the new hire applications and he brought recommendation to hire them.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Hawkins, it is ordered by the Court to hire Aaron Lee Chism as a part-time paramedic, Austin Daniel Pfeifer and Andrew Paxton Fiegel as part-time EMT's.

Motion carried unanimously

Esq. Bates noted the Committee met and agreed with the purchase of the ipads. He noted an annual large purchase for equipment was included in the budget.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to purchase ipads for the ambulance service at a total cost of \$4,900.00 (four thousand nine hundred dollars).

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Brent reminded the Court that they had discussed auctioning the old ambulance. The Henry County Help Center requested the ambulance to use for transporting perishable goods.

Henry County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, noted KRS Chapter 45A, deals with the sale of surplus property. Surplus property can be given to another governmental agency, but the Henry County Help Center is a 501C3, not a government agency. If the ambulance is sold it would need to go through a public auction or take sealed bids. Ms. Harrod suggested the County lease the ambulance to the Help Center for a nominal fee, very low and affordable. If you lease it you still own it.

Upon motion by Esq. Hawkins and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to lease the 2006 E450 ambulance cutaway to the Henry County Help Center for a term of 5 years, at a \$1.00 per year . The County will carry the insurance and the Henry County Help Center will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance.

Motion carried unanimously

County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, will draw up the lease agreement.

RE: P&Z/SOLID WASTE - DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Judge Brent informed the Court that P&Z/Solid Waste Director, Jody Rucker, is absent due to his mother's illness. Judge Brent asked the Court to remember Jody and his family in their prayers. Judge Brent noted Jody has been busy with his DES position. Jody has been to Sulphur several times following the flooding. Mike Hillard and Martin Washburn, Deputy DES Directors, have also been helping. Mike was informed by Fema that at least 5 homes must have significant damage before Fema will come in. The County has to have a threshold of \$54,000.00 before Fema will offer the County assistance. Glenn thinks we may be close and is taking pictures to document the County's road and bridge damage. Judge Brent noted we have to be careful because folks with a flooded basement will think they are entitled when Fema doesn't consider that significant damage. Judge Brent ordered a dumpster from Rumpke to help the Sulphur residents with their clean up. Rumpke will split the cost of the dumpster with the County.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS – SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Henry County Parks & Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchannan, reported his department has been busy mowing the grass. The new mower is working well. A youth league soccer camp is being held this week at the new park. The Henry County Extension Office is paying for the materials and work is being done at the Henry County Fairgrounds. They are working on the horse stalls and putting sand in the show ring. Esq. Bates questioned the shape of the fairgrounds for the Harvest Showcase. Travis noted the fairgrounds are in rough shape with lots of ruts. This was caused by the heavy rains during fair week. Travis noted this fall they will have to grade, seed and straw all the rough areas.

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Henry County ACO, Dan Flinkfelt, reported they have been busy evacuating animals following the rains and flood. Several animals were taken from Hardy Creek and Sulphur. They were housed at the shelter until the owners could take them back. Dan complimented all his guys on doing a good job. Dan will be going to Chicago next week to meet with a rescue group. Dan spoke with Judge Powell about resealing the shelter building. They found the needed product and Dan thinks they can do it in house for \$250.00.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher noted he did not have a committee report.

RE: 1st READING OF 2015/2016 TAX RATES

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher 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. A public hearing for the tax levy will be held on August 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: BUDGET COMMITTEE ON MONA HUFF REQUEST– ESQ. BATES

Esq. Bates reported the Budget Committee tried to meet with Mona Huff to discuss her request for her diabetic coalition. The time was not convenient as she was going to be out of town. The Committee will try to find another time when they can get together with Mona.

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$480,925.08
Road & Bridge	137,555.21
Jail Fund	59,329.71
LGEA Fund	8,530.00
Litter Fund	1,888.11
911/EMS Fund	400.00
Fair Fund	<u>6,934.20</u>
Total Expenditures	\$695,562.31

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hugh McBurney expressed his concerns with the culverts on Flat Rock Road. He noted water is cutting underneath the culvert. Hugh also noted the County is losing a lot of gravel on their gravel roads as they have no ditches. He suggested the County train someone to run a grader and learn to ditch the roads preventing the gravel from washing off. Esq. Hawkins noted the culvert past Mr. McBurney’s driveway needs to be replaced as the one there has caved in.

County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, noted she received a call from Molly Loudon. Molly has health problems and is concerned an ambulance can’t get in her driveway. Ms. Harrod told Ms. Loudon the County cannot work on her driveway as it is private property.

Jesse B. Woods questioned why more work has not been done on Six Mile Creek Road. He stressed he has used his own equipment and fuel to get the road open. He noted his wife is ill and on dialysis and he is concerned an ambulance could not get in to get her. EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, noted if she needs medical attention or an ambulance they will get her out. Esq. Beasley noted Mr. Woods needs to call and let someone know if there is a problem.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Judge Brent thanked County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, and Sheriff, Danny Cravens, for getting their payroll caught up before the end of our fiscal year.

County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, introduced intern Cassidy Dees to the Court. Ms. Dees is a second year law student and is working for Ms. Harrod and Bill Ivers. Ms. Harrod thanked the Court for their card and prayers and was happy to announce she is cancer free.

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: August 18, 2015