

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

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in a Regular Session on September 15, 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 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.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the August 18, 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 Update

Henry County Road Supervisor, Kenny Tindall, reported everything is going good. They have been putting in a lot of pipes and doing quite a bit of cold mix. They plan to start work in Jericho Meadows and then begin doing some in house patching.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley reported work has started on Hwy 389. The Road Committee met and discussed hiring Tim Abbott. Tim has his CDL, is a welder, has mechanic experience and can operate heavy equipment. The Committee felt he would be a good fit. Judge Brent noted Billy Popp started with the road department this week. Billy replaces the guy we lost last year. Tim will replace Harold Aldridge who recently resigned. Esq. Fisher and Esq. Beasley complimented the road department on doing a good job putting the culverts in.

3. Hiring Recommendation – Tim Abbott

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to hire Tim Abbott at the starting salary for a road department worker.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor's Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Josh Jamiel, reported the new ambulance is in. It will be inspected on Thursday. Josh reported a small leak in the back window that will be fixed on Thursday. Josh noted it turned out really well. Josh asked the Court to approve hiring Derrick Miskell as a part-time EMT.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Bates

Esq. Bates reported the ipads the Court approved to purchase are in. Esq. Bates encouraged everyone to go out and see the new ambulance. Esq. Bates brought recommendation to hire Derrick Allen Miskell as a part-time EMT.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to hire Derrick Allen Miskell as a part-time EMT.

Motion carried unanimously

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

Henry County P&Z/Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported 10 permits were issued in August, with one being for a new house. The Board of Adjustments approved a conditional use to Chris McBurney for sale of livestock equipment on property located at 1326 Campbellsburg Rd., New Castle, granted a variance regarding a front yard setback for Allen Gross for placement of an automotive repair shop located at 1353 Pendleton Rd., Pendleton, and approved a conditional use for Linda Goodman for operation of a secretarial business on property located at 649 Mulberry Pike, Eminence.

Judge Brent noted Donnie Tipton and Steve Heffley are working inmates one day a week. Judge Brent encouraged the Court to let him know if they have a road that needs to be picked up.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Superintendent’s Update

Henry County Parks & Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, noted the park runs the concession stand in the spring. This year the concession stand showed a profit of \$834.96. The profit money has been used in the past to buy the candy for the Trail & Treat. The Trail & Treat will be held October 23 from 5:00 – 7:00 at the new park. Last year we had 500 plus kids attend. Judge Brent noted we could use Court members to help park cars. Travis noted the park is busy with youth football, youth softball and youth soccer. He plans to grade, seed and straw the damaged areas at the fairgrounds before winter. Travis plans to rent a walk behind power seeder to seed the new ball field at Harry Hill Park.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Stanley

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

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director’s Update

Judge Brent noted Animal Control Officer, Dan Flinkfelt, was not present due to his vacation.

2. Committee Report – Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher noted the Animal Services Committee did not meet but he talked with Dan by phone. Esq. Fisher went to the shelter and checked out the new dog run area. He noted it was finished and looked good. Esq. Fisher estimated 12 dogs in the shelter. One pit bull was in quarantine as it was involved in a biting.

RE: HENRY COUNTY LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Henry County Library Director, Jessica Powell, came before the Court. She introduced Library Boards Members, Diane Brammell and Rev. Thomas Minton. Ms. Powell briefly reviewed the programs and services offered by the Library. Ms. Powell presented the 2015 tax rate noting a 4% increase. She stressed the increase is necessary in preparation for building a new library facility. Esq. Fisher questioned where the new library would be built. Ms. Powell noted they already own the property on East Broadway in Eminence.

RE: UPDATE ON COUNTY BURIALS

Judge Brent informed the Court that in the past the County has paid for 2 or 3 indigent funerals each year. Last year we went over budget. This year we budgeted \$4,000.00. We are in the third month of this fiscal year and have already exceeded our budget. The County pays \$800.00 that includes a 2 hour visitation and cremation for a very simple funeral. Prewitt Funeral Home and Ransdell Funeral Home are the two funeral homes providing the service. Judge Brent spoke to Guy Prewitt and he felt they could offer a cremation only with no visitation for an indigent burial for \$550.00. If a family wants more they will need to find the resources and make other arrangements. Deputy Judge Bryant noted from July 1 to the present date the County has paid out \$5,600.00 for indigent funerals. Judge Brent asked for direction from the Court.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to pay \$550.00 for the cremation for an indigent funeral.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: OPTION EXTENSION ON 8 ACRE TRACT AT COMMERCE PARK

Judge Brent noted the Option Agreement with Chad Wakeland-Rosen to purchase 8 acres at Commerce Park in Campbellsburg has expired. Judge Brent stressed Chad is living in New Castle and trying to raise the money for the purchase. He has a partnership with Hemp Foods Australia to repackaging their products of flour, seed, etc. Judge Brent recommended the Court give Mr. Rosen and extension on the 8 acre tract.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to extend the Option Agreement to Chad Wakeland-Rosen, for the purchase of 8 acres at Commerce Park in Campbellsburg, for \$500.00 with the deadline of January 1, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: FEMA RESOLUTION

Judge Brent complimented Jody Rucker, Mike Hilliard and Kenny Tindle on their work with Fema. Judge Brent read the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution appointing Mike Hilliard as Henry County's Agent.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	\$332,356.47
Road & Bridge	191,410.91
Jail Fund	52,932.40
LGEA Fund	3,200.00
Litter Fund	1,219.44
911/EMS Fund	150.00
Fair Fund	<u>853.18</u>
Total Expenditures	\$582,122.40

Transfers

General Fund

From: 0192009990 (Reserve for Transfers)	\$23,000.00
To: 0151405670 (EMS, Refunds)	\$23,000.00

From: 0191005660 (Insurance Reimbursement)	\$1,000.00
To: 0191005210 (Insurance Expense)	\$1,000.00

LGEA Fund

From: 0452323150 (Dead Animal Removal)	\$4,000.00
To: 0453015150 (Indigent Care)	\$4,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hugh McBurney questioned when the Trackside Butcher Shop will open. Judge Brent stated he was told they plan on opening in October. Mr. McBurney asked when the Court would get a replacement for Magistrate Hawkins. County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, noted the Henry County Democratic Executive Committee was going to meet, but she has not heard anything yet. She noted Jimmy Pollard is the Chairman of the Committee. Judge Brent noted he was told they should have an appointment by the October Court meeting.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Henry County Road Department worker, Jamie Tingle, questioned when the policy went into effect of who can and cannot ride in a County truck. Judge Brent noted the policy went into effect 10 years ago. County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, stressed this is the first she has heard

about the issue. She noted it should not be a policy issue but a common sense issue. You are paid to do a job, working under County insurance, on County time and burning County gas. She stressed having family in the vehicle is a huge liability issue.

Mr. Tingle also questioned when the new road department employees would receive a raise. Judge Brent noted when they complete their training hours they get an automatic raise. All other raises are considered by the personnel/salary committee when preparing the annual budget.

Hugh McBurney questioned if the dog warden has the authority to use lights and sirens. Judge Brent noted he has an old jailer car which has lights and sirens on it. County Attorney Harrod noted he does have the authority to use them. There was an issue recently of a pit bull biting a child that he could have been responding to.

RE: ADJOURN

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley 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: October 20, 2015