

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Henry County Courthouse in New Castle, Kentucky with the following in attendance:

John L. Brent, 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 all magistrates were present.

**RE: APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the September 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: OLD BUSINESS SECOND-READING OF PLANNING & ZONING ORDINANCE  
TEXT AMENDMENTS**

**1. Amendments to Sections 240, 250, 260, 270, 710, 680, 810, 1290, 1580,  
640, and building permit/zoning permit language**

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the Amendments to Sections 240, 250, 260, 270, 710, 680, 810, 1290, 1580, 640, and building permit/zoning permit language.

Yes- Bates, Moffett, Stanley, Timberlake  
No- Beasley, Fisher

**2. Section 780**

Judge Brent noted the changes made to Section 780 in the previous meeting.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and seconded by Esq. Moffett, it is ordered by the Court to approve Section 780 with the changes made.

Yes- Moffett, Stanley, Timberlake, Brent  
No- Bates, Beasley, Fisher

**RE: NEW BUSINESS**

**RE: ROADS**

**1. Supervisor Report**

Henry County Road Supervisor, Kenny Tindle, reported a few months ago he developed a grading system for all of the county roads. Kenny handed out a copy of the new grading system and the old grading system. He noted the system shows what changes have been made to certain roads. Some roads have been either marked down a grade or bumped up a grade. Kenny stated the road grader is being repaired. He noted they are finishing up with bush whacking within the next few weeks and then they will go back to ditching. Kenny stated ash trees are falling over in the road and they are trying to keep them cleaned up. He states if anyone sees trees leaning over or if trees look dead in their district, contact him so they can get it taken care of before they fall in the road.

## **2. Committee Update- Esq. Beasley**

Esq. Beasley noted the committee met regarding the bridge on Happy Ridge Rd for the concrete work. Road Supervisor, Kenny Tindle, noted the concrete was poured and completed. He stated next year Happy Ridge will need in house patching done to it. Esq. Beasley asked Kenny if Tyler Singleton and Nacona Jeffries passed their CDL license test. Kenny reported they both passed their CDL test. Kenny asked the court if he could hire Tyler and Nacona as full time employees starting Monday. Kenny stated that will give the road department 7 full time employees and 1 part-time employee.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve Tyler Singleton and Nacona Jeffries as full time employees for the road department.

Motion carried unanimously

Esq. Moffett, Esq. Timberlake and Esq. Fisher complimented Kenny on his hard work and for always getting the job done when asked.

## **3. Wolf Pen Bridge Update**

Judge Brent reported Aaron Bruce, along with the road department worked on the bridge. State contractors came out and re-inspected the bridge and gave us notification that it could be raised back up to 13 tons. Judge Brent noted we will proceed with the new bridge. Judge Brent stated Mel Milbourn, engineer/ surveyor, sent a notice out to the property owners. It is mandatory to give a notice of 12 days before you can enter on their property. In the meantime, Mr. Milbourn had a surgery. He hopes to be surveying soon. Judge Brent noted they have located the owners of the property on the right side of the road.

## **RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS**

### **1. Supervisor Update**

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Paige Lucas, reported everything is going good. Paige noted she interviewed Laura Beth Monroe-Lott, who is eager to learn and work hard. Paige also noted she added two more people in the packet to get approved. Both of them use to work for the county part time and left on good terms.

## **2. Committee Update- Esq. Bates**

Esq. Bates reported he met with Paige and Judge Brent. Esq. Bates stated he looked over all the paperwork for the request for hires and everything looked good. Esq. Bates recommended hiring all 3 pending good background checks.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve all three requests, pending good background checks.

Motion carried unanimously

## **3. Billing Policy Recommendations on Non-Transports & Non-Payers**

Esq. Bates reported the committee has talked about the billing for a couple of years now. Esq. Bates noted the EMS has many times when the ambulance goes out to pick someone up and they refuse to go. The EMS may find the patient's blood sugar is low and they treat it. This can become quite expensive. Esq. Bates stated they have looked up refusals for a few surrounding counties and they charge \$500. Esq. Bates noted we don't want to charge that much but we need to cover the cost. Esq. Bates reported the committee discussed the matter and decided the refusal fee should be \$100 if there are no treatments involved. If the patient is treated, the fee to cover the expenses would be \$200. Esq. Bates reported we need to collect money from the non-payers even if we get a small percentage. Esq. Bates noted he and Paige came up with a total amount of \$185,000 lost in one year from non-payers.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the refusal fee at \$100 without treatment and \$200 with treatment and to pursue collection on those without insurance who are refusing to pay.

Motion carried unanimously

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

### **1. Administrator's Update**

Henry County P & Z/ Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported that 20 permits were issued, 2 of which were housing permits and 13 electrical permits. Jody states the Board of Adjustments met last month and had 4 variances, and one conditional use for the new distillery. Jody reported the new distillery will have 15 employees and 25% of the land has to be maintained land agriculturally.

## **2. Committee Update- Esq. Timberlake**

Esq. Timberlake noted the P & Z committee did not meet.

### **RE: ABC ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

Judge Brent reported David McGuire has been spending a lot of time on the sign issues. He feels the issue has been resolved and taken care of. Judge Brent reported issues with special events.

### **RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS**

#### **1. Superintendent's Update**

Henry County Parks & Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, reported football will be over this weekend and youth soccer will be ending at the beginning of November. Travis stated they are working on a few projects while the grass is slowing down. Travis noted they have been working on a winter list for this winter in the shop. Travis stated they have been getting the Trail or Treat stations together. This year 12 new groups were added to the list, which totals up to be 48 stations.

#### **2. Trail or Treat- October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Travis thanked Amanda Ricketts and Katie Mathis in the office for all of their help with Trail or Treat this year.

#### **3. Committee Report- Esq. Stanley**

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

## **RE: ANIMAL SERVICES**

### **1. Director's Update**

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, reported today was his first full day back from surgery. Dan stated they are getting things ready for the winter, and stocking up on all of the supplies needed. Dan noted they have made contact with a new rescue group in Cincinnati this week. Dan stated he spoke with Rita Davis and Jerry Powell from Trimble County today regarding switching from AT&T to Verizon Wireless. He noted the bill will be a lot cheaper and they will be keeping the same phone number as well. Dan complimented Skylar and Joan's hard work while he was away recovering from surgery.

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

Esq. Fisher reported the committee met this month. Esq. Fisher noted the vehicles may need new tires and the oil changed to prepare for the winter. Esq. Beasley questions if there is a leash law or not. Dan stated there is not a leash law but there is a yard law. Dan spoke with a concerned citizen yesterday who walks daily and he is going to check out the problem one day this week.

**RE: CLOSED SESSION- PERSONNEL**

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Moffett, it is ordered by the Court to go into closed session.

Motion carried unanimously

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

Motion carried unanimously

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

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Moffett and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve Mary Scriber as part time Treasurer. The position will have part-time hours.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to approve Paige Lucas as the EMS Director full time, as of November 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

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 & transfers:

<b>General Fund</b> -----	<b>\$245,327.37</b>
<b>Road &amp; Bridge Fund</b> -----	<b>\$ 52,950.86</b>
<b>Jail Fund</b> -----	<b>\$ 50,346.13</b>
<b>LGEA Fund</b> -----	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>Litter Fund</b> -----	<b>\$ 1,187.68</b>
<b>911/EMS Fund</b> -----	<b>\$ 1,335.63</b>

**Total Expenditures**-----**\$354,147.67**

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: COURT COMMENTS**

No comments made.

## **RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judge Brent welcomed Tri-County Community Action Agency to Fiscal Court. He explained that Tri-County has been working on the drug addiction problem for the three counties. Brenda Fox, Director, reported Oldham County, Henry County, and Trimble County are the counties they serve. Brenda explained the benefit from information and assistance locating support groups, counseling, detox, outpatient or inpatient services for you or loved ones. Brenda stated substance abuse has risen to the top, jail budgets are going through the roof, and people are dying.

Joan Miles, Substance Abuse Resource Coordinator, reported a few activities that they have taken on since the project started. Joan explained the name given to the program; COMPASS means it's a tool to use to find direction. It is something that helps a person to make choices about what is right, effective, etc. She noted they've made a list of resources for people to reach out to.

Stephanie Sharp Cravens, Community Services Coordinator, reported drug addiction has touched her life and she's very passionate about her job. Stephanie noted they have gathered volunteers who have been trained to go tour places that their clients will be attending. She stressed that they want to make sure their clients aren't thrown in a place that would be a culture shock for them. Stephanie stated a way to help the community would be by giving their information out to people who are in need of their resources.

Judge Brent asked how many addicts have been reached since they have started. Joan Miles noted they have worked directly with two clients. Joan stated one was a 25 year old male who is in a long term treatment in Summerset and a woman who has done a lifestyle change by going to celebrate of recovery and AA. County Attorney, Virginia Harrod, agreed on what Stephanie said about clients being stressed or uncomfortable with going to a large city. Jennie stated most clients probably don't have vehicles either so transportation is a problem as well. Judge Brent thanked Tri-County Community Action Agency for all that they do and for coming to speak.

Michael Pate introduced himself and announced he was running for Family Court Judge.

Steve Emery introduced himself and announced he was running for Family Court Judge.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

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/Katie R. Mathis**

**KATIE R. MATHIS**

**FISCAL COURT CLERK**

**S/John L. Brent**

**JOHN L. BRENT**

**JUDGE EXECUTIVE**

