

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 21st, 2017**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on February 21st, 2017 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 Terri Cummings
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 JANUARY 17TH MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the January 17th Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: OLD BUSINESS

Judge Brent reported there was no old business to discuss.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: ROADS

1. Supervisor Report

Henry County Road Supervisor, Kenny Tindle, reported the Road Department has been working on grading gravel roads and have worked on some culverts. He is awaiting an estimate for the Sweeney Lane Culvert.

2. Road Committee Report- Esq. Beasley

Esq. Beasley noted he was sick and did not attend the meeting, but the main conversation was the Six Mile Bridge.

3. Deerfield Bridge Update

Judge Executive, John L. Brent asked the court for their input as to how to proceed with the Bridge. Six Mile Bridge was next to receive the 80/20 Bridge fund money but was pushed back because of the Deerfield Bridge. Brent informed the court that the county should be getting close to acquiring both pieces of land on the right side of the existing bridge. That option is estimated to cost \$50,000 more than the left side, but is a straighter path. Also, acquiring the land on the left side will require going to court and an unknown timeline. If the Deerfield Bridge was postponed, a lot of paperwork would have to be done to allocate the money for the Six Mile Bridge.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to proceed with building the bridge on the right side of the existing bridge.

Motion carried unanimously

4. Six Mile Bridge

Funding for the Six Mile Bridge will be allocated in the 2017/18 budget.

5. 80/20 Bridge Request Plan of Action

Upon motion by Esq. Fisher and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to allocate the 80/20 funds for 2017-18 fiscal year to the Six Mile Bridge.

Motion carried unanimously

6. McMannis Road (Non County Maintained)-Request to Improve

Judge Executive, John L. Brent was asked by two citizens for permission to improve a creek crossing on McMannis Road. County Attorney, Virginia Harrod noted as long as they were making improvements it would be ok. Esq. Beasley made sure to clear up that the county would not be doing the work.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to allow the citizens to improve the creek crossing.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS

1. Supervisor Update

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Paige Lucas, reported everything is going good. Their vehicle passed the state inspection. They have had a couple mechanical issues on vehicles, but they were covered under warranty.

2. EMS Committee Report- Esq. Bates

Esq. Bates noted the committee met and would like to recommend hiring Chase Storm, Harrison Black, Jessica Limpp, and Logan Brothers as part time EMT's.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to approve the hiring of these four part time EMT's.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: P & Z/ SOLID WASTE

1. Administrator's Update

Henry County P & Z / Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported 8 permits for out buildings and 8 electrical permits have been issued. Jody noted he is working on a solid waste grant.

RE: ABC ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

1. Administrator's Report

Judge Executive, John L. Brent noted that Peggy Bryant has been working as the Assistant ABC Administrator for about a month. She has been working on getting all forms up to date and finding what businesses were behind in payment.

ABC Administrator, David McGuire thanked the court for hiring Mrs. Bryant and went over reports. He informed the court that they have visited or spoke with on the phone to every business in the county that sells alcohol. Everyone has their STAR training in. They have brought in approximately \$59,000 year to date, from regulatory and license fees. McGuire noted that there was a change in the ordinance that the license fee can't be deducted where it could in the past moist ordinance.

RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS

1. Superintendent's Update

Henry County Parks & Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, reported they have been working on the 4H building and trying to get some things outside done with the warm winter weather. Travis put a newsletter together to pass out to all elementary and middle school students with signup information for spring sports as well as things going on at the parks.

2. Committee Report- Esq. Stanley

Esq. Stanley noted the Committee met and had discussed switching from purchasing a field rake to purchasing a John Deere Gator. The Gator would be approximately \$5,800. There is roughly \$13,000 in the account that was going to be used for the purchase of a field rake.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and seconded by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to approve the purchase of the John Deere Gator.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Director's Update

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, had to leave before his report to respond to a call. Judge Executive, John L. Brent noted Dan had been busy with working a major horse case in Trimble County. Judge Executive, John L. Brent commended Dan for being ok with taking the old jailer car when his broke down as it was going to cost more than the car was worth to fix.

2. Committee Report- Esq. Fisher

Esq. Fisher noted the Committee did not meet.

3. Judge's Update

The County Judge Executives will meet next week with Animal shelter staff to review the shelter.

RE: APPOINTMENT OF STEVIE LUCAS TO CORONER'S DEPUTY

Judge Executive, John L. Brent, noted that Coroner Jimmy Pollard wanted to hire Stevie Lucas as a part time Deputy Coroner to help assist when the Coroner and current Deputy Coroner are unavailable to respond to a call. Brent said this doesn't happen often and he thinks it would be around \$1,000 a year in labor.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Beasley, it is ordered by the Court to approve the part time hire of Stevie Lucas.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLERK'S EXCESS FEES-COUNTY CLERK SHANDA ARCHER

Shanda Archer, County Clerk thanked the Sheriff for allowing her to store the voting machines in his building. She noted the Historical Society would be selling their building which houses important historical documents. She is open for suggestions as to where to store the

documents once the building sells. Shanda thanked her staff for their hard work and thriftiness this year allowing them to present the county with a check for \$106,239.44 in excess fees.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to accept the excess fee check.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: SHERIFF EXCESS FEES-SHERIFF DANNY CRAVENS

Danny Cravens, Henry County Sheriff, presented the county with a check for \$31,747.25 in excess fees.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to accept the excess fee check.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: SHERIFF'S UPDATE

Danny Cravens, Henry County Sheriff, reported in January 2017 the Sheriff's Department had 98 calls, inspected 70 vehicles, and issued 25 concealed carry licenses.

RE: SHERIFF/DRUG COMMITTEE REPORT

Esq. Cummings noted the committee met with the Sheriff and decided to give the Sheriff \$5,000 with an additional \$5,000 before the end of this fiscal year, to use for drug buys associated with drug enforcement. The Sheriff would be responsible to provide reports so the county can see the success of this money. If deemed successful they would propose additional funds for the next fiscal year.

Esq. Cummings also noted there would ABC money to pay for overtime and expenses associated with alcohol enforcement. That grant allocation would be for \$5,000 and also required reports from the Sheriff. It was noted that overtime was for full time deputies only.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Cummings, it is ordered by the Court to approve \$10,000, in two payments, for drug enforcement and \$5,000 for alcohol enforcement to the Sheriff Department.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: RATIFICATION OF 2016/17 ADF FUNDS

Judge Executive, John L. Brent, noted that the 2016/17 ADF funds are allocated for fire equipment for the Pleasureville Fire Department.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to allocate the 2016/17 ADF funds for the Pleasureville Fire Department.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: OFFICE STAFF/PAYROLL

Judge Executive, John L. Brent thanked Travis for taking the minutes and working on updating employee timesheets. He noted Amanda Ricketts is doing parts of three jobs in the office, Mary Scriber is working three days a week as County Treasurer and Peggy Bryant is working one and a half days as Assistant ABC Administrator. Brent said he wanted the county's blessing to pursue either a full time position or a part time position as he feels fit. The idea of outsourcing payroll was brought up if going with part time help. Esq. Bates and Esq. Beasley both expressed their leaning toward hiring a full time employee.

RE: COMMUNICATIONS GRANT RESOLUTION

DES Director, Mike Hilliard presented the court with information about the new HOT Alerts program. Mike has been spreading the word about the new emergency alert system in schools, the Henry County Help Center, and the Senior Center. The new system launched February 1st. Mike also informed the court that he has applied for a Communications Grant in the amount of \$645,245.67 to be used for updating radios for fire, EMS, and police forces in Henry County as well as county repeaters. If the money is granted, Mike informed the court they would need to pay for the equipment and then would be reimbursed when the grant money was received. Judge Executive, John L. Brent informed the court that depending on the timing they may need to borrow the money because of the size of the grant.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to accept the Communications Grant if approved.

Motion carried unanimously

RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS

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

General Fund	-----\$ 318,541.94
Road & Bridge Fund	-----\$ 49,106.11
Jail Fund	-----\$ 42,457.71
LGEA Fund	-----\$ 5,215.74
Litter Fund	-----\$ 1,273.50
Fair Fund	-----\$ 1,218.26
Total Expenditures	-----\$ 417,813.26

Motion carried unanimously

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris and Nancy Flowers live on a private drive and requested signage due to the State Police and Sheriff Office coming to their house looking for a different address. Judge Executive, John L. Brent informed them because it was a private drive the county legally can't put a sign up, but the Flowers could pay for one and put it up. He also told them that the county could put a no outlet sign at the end of the county maintained road, which they were happy with.

Jody Rucker thanked Kenny and his staff for helping clean up 86 tires that had been dumped.

RE: COURT COMMENTS

Esq. Stanley thanked Kenny for all the compliments he receives about the road department.

Judge Executive, John L. Brent read an article about the Trimble County Jail expenses over the past thirty years and the over 3000% their expenses have increased to give perspective of the drug problem, and that it isn't just Henry County experiencing these issues.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

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 regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

S/TRAVIS BUCHANAN

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INTERIM FISCAL COURT CLERK

S/ JOHN L. BRENT

JOHN L. BRENT

JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Date Approved: March 21, 2017