

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from the December 20<sup>th</sup> 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 first batch of snow went smooth. Kenny noted gravel roads and culverts are washed out because of all the rain we have received. He stated once the weather dries up they will continue ditching and filling up the culverts.

#### **2. Road Committee Report- Esq. Beasley**

Esq. Beasley noted the Committee did not meet.

#### **3. Dump Truck Bid Results- KY Truck Sales \$110,873**

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the bid and include the drop chains.

Motion carried unanimously

#### **4. Rural Secondary State Road Flex Funds- \$90,000 (approximately)**

Judge Brent reported the Transportation Cabinet sent him a letter asking if the County will be keeping the flex funds or sending them back to the State. Judge Brent noted there is a possibility that the State will have two rounds of black top this year in their rural secondary program.

Esq. Beasley noted he hasn't seen any results in 2-3 years by giving the flex funds back to the State.

Esq. Cummings questioned what the difference was between keeping the flex fund money and giving it back.

Esq. Bates explained to Cummings that if we send the money back to the State it goes to the Rural Secondary roads such as Sunny Side Rd, etc. Esq. Bates noted for the past few years the County has given the flex funds back to the State but haven't seen much results.

Judge Brent explained the pros and cons of keeping the money for the County or sending it back to the State.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and seconded by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to keep the Flex Funds.

Motion carried unanimously

## **5. Wolf Pen Bridge Report**

Judge Brent reported they closed on the Smith property at the end of December. Judge Brent noted Mel Milbourn is currently working on the Right-of-Way for the Horner's and the Coleman's. Judge Brent also reported the Henry County Water District Supervisor, Barry Woods, will be marking the water line. Judge Brent suggested to Fiscal Court that they rebid the bridge and see what we need to do, as far as deciding which approach the new bridge should take.

### **RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS**

#### **1. Supervisor Update**

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Paige Lucas, reported she will be interviewing two part time people tomorrow. One is John Steverson and the other is Levi Shouse. Everything is running smooth. Paige noted Collection money is coming in.

#### **2. EMS Committee Report- Esq. Bates**

Esq. Bates noted John Steverson and Levi Shouse will be interviewed and will need a clean background check before being hired.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to approve the two part time EMT's as long as they have clean background checks and good interviews.

Motion carried unanimously

Esq. Bates noted the EMS need more help on staff. Now that Paige has found more dialysis patients there will need to be more staff to help transport them.

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

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

Henry County P & Z/ Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported 2 permits and 6 electrical permits have been issued. Jody noted the Board of Adjustments meet Next Monday with 4 applications to review. A zone change was approved for property located on Lake Jericho Road. Jody stated there will not be a Planning and Zoning meeting in February.

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

Esq. Timberlake noted the Committee did not meet.

## **3. Grice Property on Bates Lane- A1-A2**

Upon motion by Esq. Timberlake and seconded by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to change the zoning from A1-A2.

Motion carried unanimously

## **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 stay busy with winter maintenance. Judge Brent noted he had Travis and Toby sort out every key we had in the office and get rid of the old ones that don't work. Judge Brent complimented Travis and Toby for the new key set board.

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

Esq. Stanley noted the Committee did not meet.

## **RE: ANIMAL SERVICES**

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

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, reported everything is going good. The Chicago trips are going good as well. Dan noted there are 7 dogs at the shelter as of right now. Dan reported they have been working with a new rescue group. The rescue group has been pulling animals every week for the animal shelter so that's helped out a lot. Dan noted the truck has been repaired as well.

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

Judge Brent noted there will be a meeting with Jerry Powell next week.

## **RE: SHERIFF'S UPDATE**

Danny Cravens, Henry County Sheriff, reported in 2016 the Sheriff's Department inspected 918 vehicles, issued 455 concealed carry licenses, and had 931 law enforcement calls. He noted they have had 3,142 dispatch calls from the Kentucky State Police. There have been 328 arrests which have been cases the deputies investigated. Danny reported January 2017 has started off very busy. Most arrests have been from drug cases.

Danny gave an explanation of the excess fee the Sheriff's Department owes Fiscal Court. In 2015 the Sheriff's Department purchased a vehicle but paid for it out of the 2016 Budget. He then had to reimburse Fiscal Court for the excess fees of \$23,842.00. Danny asked Henry County Fiscal Court to take a stand with the Sheriff's Department regarding the drug issue in our County. He said people who are going to rehab can't get away from the dealers. The dealers hunt them down and will not stay away. Danny suggested using the excess fee money to go after the drug pushers. He noted this money would go in the Drug Operations Account. That account currently has \$1,000 in it.

Esq. Stanley questioned what the money would go towards.

Danny Cravens explained that the money would go towards buying the drugs. The drugs in the county are 50 times stronger than Heroin. He stated China is producing other drugs such as Fentanyl. This drug will kill you instantly. These drugs are very expensive.

Esq. Beasley suggested Fiscal Court give the Sheriff's Department half of the amount but not the full amount.

Esq. Cummings suggested Fiscal Court explore the options before making a decision.

Judge Brent noted there needed to be a Committee to discuss the options.

Esq. Bates, Esq. Stanley, and Esq. Cummings volunteered to be on the Committee.

Judge Brent noted they will have an answer in 30 days and it will be on the agenda next month at Fiscal Court.

**RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS**

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

<b>General Fund</b> -----	<b>\$ 305,550.87</b>
<b>Road &amp; Bridge Fund</b> -----	<b>\$ 58,754.24</b>
<b>Jail Fund</b> -----	<b>\$ 42,992.79</b>
<b>LGEA Fund</b> -----	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>Litter Fund</b> -----	<b>\$ 868.25</b>
<b>911/EMS Fund</b> -----	<b>\$ 2,779.30</b>
<b>Fair Fund</b> -----	<b>\$ 1,358.71</b>

**Total Expenditures**-----**\$412,304.16**

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: COURT COMMENTS**

Kenny Tindle thanked Danny Cravens for speaking about the drug issue in our County.

Danny Holcomb noted he really liked what Judge Brent said about Fiscal Court and the Sheriff's Department putting their differences behind one another. He noted Danny Cravens was very accurate with what's going on in our County. Danny stated it takes a lot of money for this drug issue.

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments made.

**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**

Date Approved: February 21, 2017