

**HENRY COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

The Henry County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on February 20, 2018, 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 at 6 p.m. and noted all magistrates were present.

**RE: APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR & JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> SPECIAL MEETINGS MINUTES**

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from January 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to approve the minutes from January 31<sup>st</sup> Special Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Judge Brent stated there was no unfinished business from the previous meeting.

## **RE: NEW BUSINESS**

### **RE: ROADS**

#### **1. Supervisor's Report**

Henry County Road Supervisor, Kenny Tindle, reported that his department is focused on graveling and repairing potholes. They are preparing to work on culverts. Kenny Cheek was introduced as the engineer who will be advising the Fiscal Court on the Wolfpen Bridge project.

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

Esq. Beasley stated that the committee had a meeting with Mr. Cheek. The contractor did not attend.

#### **3. Wolfpen Bridge Update**

Contractor Jeff Roederer updated the Court with the news that they been unable to complete any work due to the weather. They plan to remobilize next week based on forecasts. He stated that one-quarter inch of rain brings water above the pier footers.

Esq. Timberlake inquired about the time frame for bridge completion. Mr. Roederer stated that he would work on a time schedule. They are shooting for the end of April, but he could not promise that based on the weather. The cold temperatures should be past, but now they have wet conditions.

Mr. Cheek reported that he had a question regarding the rebar. Mr. Roederer stated that he has contacted the engineer who designed and stamped the bridge and is responsible for its structural integrity. It was decided that the Road Committee would meet with Mr. Roederer and Mr. Cheek to discuss the issue.

#### **4. 2018 Flex Funds Discussion**

Henry County has received notice that we are eligible for \$91,304 in Flex Funds for the year. Judge Brent shared that he has received verbal notice that we will receive funding for the 561 project. When road plans are finalized, the paperwork can be submitted to the State for the work.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Bates, it is ordered by the Court to accept \$91,304 in Flex Funds for the County.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: EMS/PARAMEDICS**

### **1. Supervisor's Update**

Henry County EMS Supervisor, Paige Lucas, reported that EMS services are running well with all trucks currently in service. The run numbers are up and should increase funding.

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

Esq. Bates reported that the EMS Committee met and EMS is operating smoothly.

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

Henry County P & Z / Solid Waste Administrator, Jody Rucker, reported that 5 building and 2 electrical permits have been issued for the month. The Planning and Zoning Commission has a cell phone tower approval for Bullitt Hill in Franklinton and an A-1 to B-1 change for a massage therapy business to be located outside of Smithfield. The Fiscal Court will not hear these unless there are concerns raised. The Board of Adjustments has 2 conditional use applications to review in February for cell phone towers on Carter Road and near Port Royal.

## **RE: PARKS & FAIRGROUNDS**

Henry County Parks & Fairgrounds Superintendent, Travis Buchanan, reported that they have stripped, waxed, and painted the 4-H Building. They have built partitions for the Shelter 3 restrooms. He will be hosting the 4-H Small Engine Class at their shop beginning March 1 for 12 students. Mr. Buchanan has prepared and distributed newsletters to students for sign-ups for t-ball, baseball, softball, and soccer with varied dates. They will begin to de-winterize park restrooms soon.

## **RE: ANIMAL SERVICES**

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

Director of Animal Services, Dan Flinkfelt, stated that Animal Services has been dealing with vehicles requiring repair for various issues. For the month, they had 54 animals taken into the shelter from the following sources: 16 surrenders, 21 strays, 6 seized, and 2 returns. They were able to place 78 animals from these and others who were previously at the shelter: 60 transfers, 12 adoptions, 6 returned to owners, and 3 euthanized due to biting incidents. Mr. Flinkfelt will be making a trip to Chicago this weekend since the last scheduled one was postponed due to weather.

Judge Brent reminded the Court that Mr. Flinkfelt is out in the County on Mondays and Tuesdays watching for stray animals. If any member has a request from a particular town or area for patrol, they should let Mr. Flinkfelt know.

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

Esq. Fisher reported that the committee did not meet.

### **RE: WENDELL HAWKINS REAPPOINTMENT TO HENRY COUNTY WATER BOARD**

Judge Brent notified the Court that Wendell Hawkins has served on the Henry County Water District Board. He recommends that Mr. Hawkins be reappointed to the position.

Upon motion by Esq. Stanley and second by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered to reappoint Wendell Hawkins to the Henry County Water District Board.

Motion carried unanimously

### **RE: 2018 ADF APPROPRIATION & TURN-OUT GEAR PURCHASE POLICY**

Judge Brent reported that Area Development Funds (ADF) previously were approximately \$10,000 annually, are now about \$6,000, and the Governor's budget is proposing that they be defunded. Fiscal Court voted several years ago that ADF be used for purchasing turn-out gear for our local fire departments. Eminence, Pleasureville, and Kentucky River have been supplied which leaves Lake Jericho, New Castle, and Campbellsburg. Judge Brent recommended that Fiscal Court continue to purchase this gear for each department.

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to use Area Development Funds to purchase turn-out gear for Lake Jericho this year and commit in the future to funding the remaining 2 departments even if the ADF grant is no longer received.

Motion carried unanimously

### **RE: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Fiscal Court members have been to Frankfort for the past 2 weeks discussing concerns with legislators. Judge Brent cited the proposed 6-Year Road Plan which removed North Main in Eminence, the Pleasureville sidewalk project, and HWY 389. In addition it pushes the HWY 146 Phase I for 4 years and removes Phase II entirely from the plan. In addition to roads, there is significant apprehension about pensions and the loss of 3 pots of money for counties with closed jails. Inmates currently cost around \$620,000 per year for housing and transportation with only \$130,000 in offsetting revenues. The plan would cut an additional \$80,000 to \$100,000. Judge Brent stated that anyone who is concerned can contact legislators at 564-8100. He feels they heard some optimism about the HWY 146 project and a possible phase-in of pension increases in 4 to 5 years, but no promises were made about the jail dollars. Esq. Bates expressed his feeling that they had sympathetic ears, but is frustrated by the comments to cut expenditures when so much of the budget is mandated and cannot be reduced.

## **RE: HENRY COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION**

Judge Brent presented the Youth Leadership Henry Team composed of 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Henry County Middle School. Through work with the Chamber of Commerce, they have been researching a project and are recommending the posting of 4 “Welcome” signs visible when entering the county with the slogan proclaiming “Farms, Friends & Families.” They are investigating options for funding the signs.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Timberlake, it is ordered by the Court to adopt the slogan “Farms, Friends & Families” and to affirm the Henry County Youth Leadership plan to post the welcome signs.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: CLERK’S EXCESS FEES PRESENTATION**

Judge Brent stated that the County Clerk’s and Sheriff’s Offices return excess fees to the Fiscal Court each year. These returned funds are extremely important since the County funds benefits including health insurance, retirement match, and taxes for both offices. This year those amounts are over \$124,000 for the County Clerk’s Office and over \$219,000 for the Sheriff’s Office.

County Clerk Shanda Archer announced that she was able to return to the Fiscal Court more than she had budgeted. She had hoped it would be larger, but due to a retirement payout, the purchase of shelving, and extra payroll required at the end of the year the \$67,429.98 was still slightly higher than last year.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Fisher, it is ordered by the Court to accept the excess fees from the Henry County Clerk’s Office in the amount of \$67,429.98.

Motion carried unanimously

## **RE: SHERIFF’S MONTHLY REPORT**

Sheriff Cravens presented reports for both December and January.

During December the office provided the following services: 248 KSP dispatch calls, 90 Sheriff’s office calls, 34 citations/criminal summons, 10 criminal arrests, 22 warrant arrests, 178 court papers served, 1 fugitive transport, 1 juvenile transports, 45 vehicle inspections, 25 carry conceal licenses, 1 DUI arrest, and 5 drug arrests.

During January the office provided the following services: : 316 KSP dispatch calls, 90 Sheriff’s office calls, 39 citations/criminal summons, 6 criminal arrests, 20 warrant arrests, 173 court papers served, 8 juvenile transports, 50 vehicle inspections, 30 carry conceal licenses, 1 DUI arrest, and 1 drug arrest.

**RE: SHERIFF’S EXCESS FEES PRESENTATION**

Sheriff Cravens stated that the Sheriff’s Office excess fees had been budgeted at \$4,487.82 and the actual amount was up slightly to \$4,908.63.

Upon motion by Esq. Bates and second by Esq. Stanley, it is ordered by the Court to accept the excess fees from the Henry County Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$4,908.63.

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: DEAD ANIMAL REMOVAL PARTNERSHIP**

Allan Bryant of the Henry County Soil Conservation District updated the Court on the Dead Animal Removal Service which is a partnership between Fiscal Court, Kentucky Farm Bureau, and the Soil Conservation District and has been operating since 2009. During FY 2017, there were 523 dead animals removed and 219 farmers participated in the program. He stated this is the only viable disposal option considering alternatives and the economic and conservation benefits. Mr. Bryant encouraged the Court’s continuation of the program.

**RE: CLAIMS & TRANSFERS**

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

General Fund	\$356,062.60
Road & Bridge Fund	71,024.85
Jail Fund	37,043.62
LGEA Fund	600.00
911 Fund	208.22
Fair Fund	<u>3,413.73</u>

Total Expenditures \$468,353.02

**From:** 0192009990 \$3,000.00

**To:** 0152121790

Motion carried unanimously

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judge Brent opened the floor for public comments.

Jim Edds from 159 Manor Drive stated that he has issues with road work which was done on his property in an effort to clean ditches for drainage. Esq. Timberlake stated that he had responded twice, and the Road Committee will schedule a time to meet with Mr. Edds to resolve the issue.

In response to an inquiry about the Courthouse Renovation Project, Judge Brent explained that the Administrative Office of the Courts wants exclusive use of the building and will allow only those offices associated with the courts to be housed in the Courthouse. The County will maintain the Annex and the other currently used facilities.

Paige Lucas-Jamiel responded to a citizen's question about the cost of administering Narcan explaining that each run varies. One dose is \$50, but up to 5 can be required. The entire run with all services would be approximately \$1,200 to \$1,500. There have been no runs in the last 2 weeks and numbers appear to be down significantly. Judge Brent noted that at this point last year there were already about 20 runs to date.

### **RE: COURT COMMENTS**

There were no additional comments from the Court.

### **RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Esq. Beasley and second 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/Denise Perry  
**DENISE PERRY**  
**FISCAL COURT CLERK**

S/John L. Brent  
**JOHN L. BRENT**  
**JUDGE EXECUTIVE**

Date Approved: **March 20, 2018**