

**HENDERSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT—MINUTE & ORDER BOOK***Regular*

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Court convened for a Regular Meeting at the Courthouse, Henderson, KY, on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., County Judge/Executive Brad Schneider presiding.

**Call To Order**

County Judge/Executive Brad Schneider called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

The invocation was given by Judge Brad Schneider

**Pledge Of Allegiance**

Judge/Executive Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Magistrate Berry	Present
Magistrate McCollom	Present
Magistrate Moran	Present
Magistrate Puttman	Present
Magistrate Southard	Present

**Minutes September 13, 2022 Fiscal Court Meeting**

Magistrate Puttman made a motion to approve the September 13, 2022 fiscal court minutes as submitted. Magistrate McCollom seconded the motion. A voice vote was held. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Judge's Scholars – - A. B Chandler Elementary School**

A proclamation was read and presented to Grace Duncan who was named the A. B. Chandler Elementary School Judge's Scholar.

**Tourist Commission Update & Aquatic Center Feasibility – Abby Dixon – Tourist Commission Executive Director & Meredith Schmitt – HAVE President**

Abby introduced George Deines from Council-Hunsaker who oversaw the feasibility study. Mr. Deines presented the study's findings which show there is a need in Henderson for this facility. 3 possible options were presented including one that would join the facility with the YMCA. The next step will be for the study to be formally presented to HAVE (Henderson Aquatic Vision for Everyone) and it will be up to that group to proceed.

Abby gave an update on the economic impact tourism is having in Henderson. Visitor spending in 2021 was up 2.5 % over the pre-pandemic amount of 2019. Visitors spent over \$81 million here in Henderson County in 2021. The Tourist Commission has changed the way they visitor guides are distributed. Requests are received by email and a personal response is tailored towards that individuals interest areas. She believes we are the only tourism commission in the state doing this. They have contact over 4800 potential visitors in the last FY. Finally she gave some comparison information on the riverboat cruise lines. The American Cruise line will be now docking in Evansville instead of Henderson (only 6 visits scheduled this year). They will still bring their passengers to visit Audubon State Park. American Queen Steamboat Company (20 visits scheduled this year) will continue to stop in Henderson. The loss of American Cruise line should be of minimal economic impact to the community. Magistrate Southard asked if they were working with Fish & Wildlife in the sloughs. Abby said they have not yet but it is in the future plans.

**Kentucky Housing Corporation Homeowners Assistance Fund (HOAF) – County Attorney Steve Gold**

Steve said this program will help eligible homeowners to cover mortgage payments, liens, homeowner's association fees, property taxes, insurance and past due utilities. The homeowner must have suffered a COVID hardship. By the county signing up it will allow the HOAF to pay delinquent taxes for eligible homeowners. A motion was made by Magistrate Southard to complete the enrollment form, seconded my Magistrate Berry. A voice vote was held with all voting in favor.

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## **Resolution 22-25 - Solid Waste Five Year Plan – Nancy Watkins**

The public hearing was advertised as required and per the advertisement, since no one had contacted the Judge's office to comment on the plan, a public hearing today was not needed. Nancy Watkins presented the five year plan to the court. Judge Schneider asked the court members if they had any questions regarding the five year plan.

The clerk read the Resolution Adopting the Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan 2023-2027 Update into the record. Magistrate Moran made a motion to accept the five year solid waste plan. Magistrate McCollom seconded the motion. A voice vote was held with all voting in favor.

## **Resolution 22-26 Kentucky Deferred Comp. Joinder Agreement – Judge Schneider**

The current joinder agreement with the state was updated and this will replace it allowing the county to continue to offer Kentucky Deferred Comp plans 401 (k) and 457 to its employees.

The clerk read the resolution authorizing the Judge Executive to execute the Joinder Agreement into the record. A motion was made by Magistrate McCollom, seconded by Magistrate Moran to authorize the execution by the Judge Executive. A voice vote was held with all voting in favor.

## **Animal Control Reports – Kendra Gallagher Strawn – Humane Society President**

A representative was unable to attend but the monthly figures and reports were distributed to all court members.

## **Detention Center Report: - Jailer Eddie Vaught**

Interim Jailer Vaught said the Real ID office has now moved into the former CSC building and the training building is being prepared to return as a training building for the Detention Center. The Detention Center is currently COVID free. As far as staffing they are still short. To give an example how the labor market is; since July 1<sup>st</sup> there have been 156 applicants. 41 were scheduled interviews, 19 failed to show up for the interview and 22 were actually interviewed. Out of the 22, several turned down the offer, others had negative background information or did not meet the education standards; 9 were actually hired. Since then 2 have quit and 1 was terminated. He thanked everyone for their support of him in his new role.

## **County Clerk's Report: - Renesa Abner**

Renesa presented the monthly report to the court and turned over a check to the county for \$123,872.90 in excess fees and a total of \$339,335.18 turned over to the county this month.

Magistrate McCollom made a motion to accept the County Clerk's monthly report into the record. Magistrate Puttman seconded the motion. A voice vote was held. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Renesa said the sample election ballot has been received and will be on their Facebook page by tomorrow.

## **County Attorney Report: - Steve Gold**

County Attorney Steve Gold presented a report of payments dated September 27, 2022 and turned over \$6,948.94 in various checks to the court.

Magistrate McCollom made a motion to accept the County Attorney's payments into the record. Magistrate Puttman seconded the motion. A voice vote was held. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

## **Budget Amendment - Ord #22-05 Amendment #2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Treasurer Brenda Rider**

This will amend in monies received from an insurance claim into the current year budget.

Magistrate McCollom made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Magistrate Moran seconded the motion. A voice vote was held. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

## **Fund Transfers – Brenda Rider –**

Treasurer Brenda Rider reported the transfer is to redistribute appropriations within the budget for this fiscal year.

Magistrate McCollom made a motion to approve the transfers. Seconded by Magistrate Puttman and all voted in favor when the voice vote was held.

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## Claims – Brenda Rider

Treasurer Brenda Rider presented the monthly claims and the bank balances after the claims are paid. She also presented that following additional claims for payment.

General Fund:   \$880.96 Randy Tasa (Training reimbursement)  
                      \$4,080.12 Datamark (Printing of tax bills)

Magistrate McCollom made a motion to pay the claims. Magistrate Southard seconded the motion. A voice vote was held. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

## Good of the County

Judge Schneider – received word that AOC wanted to sublease a space in the Judicial Center to the Master Commissioner’s Office. As a technicality he needs to make sure the Fiscal Court approves. There is nothing for the county to sign just a verbal approval. Magistrate McCollom made a motion to allow the sublease. Magistrate Moran seconded the motion. A voice vote was held and all voted in favor.

EMA Director Kenny Garrett – A discussion was held last week between city & county officials and Hopkins County Judge Executive Jack Whitfield & their EMA Director to get their perspectives on planning for response after a disaster like they had last year. From the information received, Kenny will be a table top exercise set up in October for planning and preparation.

Nick Stallings – County Engineer – they will be done rocking the roads for the fall by this week and paving is projected to start the second week of October.

Nancy Watkins – Solid Waste Coordinator – reminded the court of Hazardous Household Waste Day on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Magistrate McCollom – The docking station located at Marina Pointe now being used by the riverboats is shown on maps to be in Henderson County Kentucky. He would like to make a motion that the County Attorney draft a letter to the Attorney General for them to investigate and make a determination and also a letter to the Revenue Cabinet on whether any sales of material made at this station have Kentucky or Indiana sales tax collected. This motion was seconded by Magistrate Puttman. All voted in favor.

There being no further business to come before the court, Magistrate Puttman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Magistrate McCollom.

Judge Schneider – It was announced this morning that Greenfield Grain will be building a facility at the Riverport. This will create another alternative for local farmers to sell their grain and is another boost to Henderson’s economy.



Brad Schneider  
County Judge Executive

ATTEST:



Kurt Wiesen  
Fiscal Court Clerk