

HENDERSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT—MINUTE & ORDER BOOK

Records of Minutes of Regular Meeting 07/11 2023

Court convened for a Regular Meeting at the Courthouse, Henderson, KY, on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 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

Judge/Executive Brad Schneider gave the invocation.

Pledge Of Allegiance

Judge/Executive Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Magistrate Berry	Present
Magistrate Tompkins	Present
Magistrate Starks	Present
Magistrate Puttman	Present
Magistrate Southard	Present

Minutes June 27, 2023

Magistrate Puttman made a motion to approve the June 27, 2023 Fiscal Court minutes as submitted. Magistrate Berry seconded the motion. A voice vote was held. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bid Recommendation – Henderson County Fiber Broadband Construction

Judge Schneider said the bids received from Conexon and Charter (Spectrum) were reviewed. Conexon could meet the requirements set by the specifications to include the time for completion requirements. Charter could not guarantee a completion date and also was requesting a grant of \$5.6 million which was above the \$4.0 million the county was offering. Judge would like to award the contract to Conexon.

Magistrate Puttman made a motion to award the contract to Conexon. Magistrate Tompkins seconded the motion. A voice vote was held with all voting in favor. Motion carried. A contract between the county and Conexon will be developed and brought to fiscal court for approval.

Letter of Support – Kentucky Utilities

Judge Schneider said he was contacted by Muhlenberg County's Judge Executive about sending a letter to Kentucky Utilities to partner with Conexon, as Kenergy has, to provide fiber broadband. Leslie Krampe, a representative of Conexon, said they have been in talks with KU and if they can partner this will make construction in areas served by both utilities much easier.

Magistrate Tompkins made a motion to send a letter of support from the court to Kentucky Utilities. Magistrate Starks seconded the request. A voice vote was held with all voting in favor. Judge will draft a letter of support.

Bid Request – Road Department Bituminous Concrete – County Engineer Nick Stallings

Nick would like to go ahead and get approval to request bids for this year. Before advertising, he wants to develop a list of paving projects planned for this year including specific time frames to have them completed. He believes this will create better bids from contractors since they will know exactly where in the county they have to work and when it would need to be completed.

Magistrate Southard made a motion to allow Nick to advertise for bids. Magistrate Tompkins seconded the motion. A voice vote was held with all voting in favor. The motion carried.

Bid Request – Recycling Center Baler & Conveyor – County Engineer Nick Stallings

Recycling received a \$144,000 grant from the state with a 25% local match to purchase a baler. Nick would like the court's permission to advertise for bids once the specs are developed.

Magistrate Southard made a motion to allow Nick to advertise for bids for a new baler and accessories. Magistrate Berry seconded the motion. A voice vote was held with all voting in favor. The motion carried.

Elevate Presentation – Executive Director Julie Wischer

The Sanderfur Center has been renamed Elevate. Elevate has had 12 acres of land donated to them on Old Madisonville Road and is making plans to create 48 one & two bedroom apartments for individuals who have disabilities and for homeless or displaced individuals. They will be working with Kentucky Housing Corporation for funding. Julie said Kentucky Housing Corporation has the requirement that all local officials including the Judge/Executive, Mayor, State Representative and State Senator are requested to offer comments on the project. The apartments will be paid by vouchers from funds from the American Rescue Plan. There is no financial commitment from the county. The apartments and staff will be funded by grants.

Magistrate Starks made a motion for the Judge to sign the Application for Notification for Housing. Magistrate Berry seconded the motion. A voice vote was held with all voting in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance #23-08 – Electrical Permit Fees (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

The clerk read the ordinance into the record. This will replace the ordinance that set the fees in 2015. Judge Schneider explained this will not change the amount of the fees but will put a cap on the amount that will be paid from a company to the electrical inspector annually. The other change will be that no inspections will be required on electrical production or storage facilities that are approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. Magistrates Southard and Tompkins both said they had concerns that no inspections will be required. County Attorney Steve Gold said this will mirror the state building code and leave it up to the Public Service Commission.

On first reading of the foregoing Ordinance, it was moved by Magistrate Berry, seconded by Magistrate Puttman, that the Ordinance be adopted on its first reading.

A vote was held and upon roll call the vote stood:

Magistrate Berry	<u>AYE</u>
Magistrate Southard	<u>AYE</u>
Magistrate Tompkins	<u>AYE</u>
Magistrate Puttman	<u>AYE</u>
Magistrate Starks	<u>AYE</u>

WHEREUPON, County Judge-Executive Brad Schneider declared the Ordinance adopted on its first reading and ordered that the same be published in summary form and presented for second reading on July 25, 2023 at the regular meeting of Fiscal Court.

Ordinance #23-09 – Reapportionment of Magisterial Districts (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE REAPPORTIONING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO KRS 67.045

The clerk read the ordinance summary into the record. This ordinance is being created based on the recommendations of the Reapportionment Committee were received by the court.

On first reading of the foregoing Ordinance, it was moved by Magistrate Puttman, seconded by Magistrate Berry, that the Ordinance be adopted on its first reading.

A vote was held and upon roll call the vote stood:

Magistrate Berry	<u>AYE</u>
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County Attorney's Report - County Attorney Steve Gold

Steve presented a report of payments dated July 11, 2023 and turned over \$11,426.71 in various checks to the court.

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

Claims – Treasurer Brenda Rider

Treasurer Brenda Rider presented the following claims for payment:

General Fund:	\$1,031.70	First Nat'l Bank of Omaha (Clerk conference & training)
Road Fund:	\$4,596.25	Audubon Sand & Gravel (rock materials)
Jail Fund:	\$768.43	ADS (copier charges)
	\$3,910.88	U. S. Bank (training & office supplies)

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

Fund Transfers – Treasurer Brenda Rider

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

Magistrate Puttman made a motion to approve the transfers. Magistrate Tompkins seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

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Resolution – #23-29 Support for the Ohio River Crossing Grant Funding

RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR THE ORX GRANT FUNDING

Judge Schneider explained Kentucky & Indiana have the opportunity to receive more federal funding of the I-69 project and counties have been asked to write letters of support. The clerk read the resolution into the record.

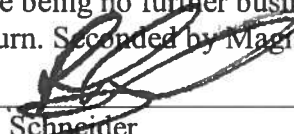
Magistrate Southard made a motion to approve the resolution as read for the Judge's signature. Magistrate Tompkins seconded the motion. A voice vote was held. All present voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Coroner Bruce Farmer explained that the Coroner's Office has not had a chief deputy since Don Farris retired last fall. He would like to promote Shelia Patterson to that position at a pay rate of \$13.57 per hour.

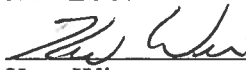
Magistrate Puttman made a motion to promote Shelia Patterson at the rate of pay of \$13.57 per hour. Magistrate Tompkins seconded the motion. A voice vote was held with all voting in favor and the motion carried.

Magistrate Berry would like the court to recognize Phil Rowland. Phil lives in "The Hills" subdivision. Keith went on to say Phil walks 3 miles daily and picks up trash along US 60 & Wathen Lane while he walks. He has been doing this for about 20 years. He has also taken the initiative to paint the curb at the entrance to the subdivision and remove dead limbs and shrubs at the entrance. Phil said keeping the area looking clean is personal to him. Phil was presented a safety vest to wear while walking and a reach tool to assist in picking up the litter. All members of the court thanked Phil for his civic-mindedness. Magistrate Starks said he remembers at one time the area had an organization called Operation Community Pride. Perhaps this should be revitalized to help beautify our community.

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


 Brad Schneider
 County Judge Executive

ATTEST:


 Kurt Wiesen
 Fiscal Court Clerk