

HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 17, 2024  
11:00 A.M.

The Henry County Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman David Money and Commissioners Benton Beasley, John Ralph Saunders, Jason Hudspeth, Henry Grimsley and Gregory Reynolds.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation was given by Jason Hudspeth.

Chairman Money stated that all commissioners are present, we do have a quorum.

Public Comment from Citizens.

None.

Comment from other Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Chairman Money recognized Rhonda Harrison, Lt. Behringer, Ashley Eiland and Susie Horn.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Money requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024, regular commission meeting. Benton Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024, regular commission meeting seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2024, emergency called commission meeting. John Ralph Saunders moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2024, emergency called commission meeting seconded by Gregory Reynolds. Vote was unanimous.

Scheduled Public Hearing

None.

New Business

Chairman Money requested action on the official holidays to be observed by the Henry County Commission thru September 30, 2025. Gregory Reynolds moved to approve the official holidays to be observed by the Henry County Commission thru September 30, 2025 seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested permission on 2025 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday February 21-23, 2025. Benton Beasley moved to not participate in the 2025 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday February 21-23, 2025 seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to reappoint Chief Mark Jones to the E-911 Board. Jason Hudspeth moved to reappoint Chief Mark Jones to the E-911 Board seconded by Gregory Reynolds. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to reappoint Chief Marlos Walker to the E-911 Board. Henry Grimsley moved to reappoint Chief Marlos Walker to the E-911 Board seconded by Gregory Reynolds. Vote was unanimous.

#### Old Business

None.

#### Reports from Staff

Chairman Money – See attached report.

Dawn Shirley, County Administrator – none.

Chris Champion, Engineer – See attached report submitted by Chad Granberry.

Spence Danzey, County Attorney – none.

Rhonda Harrison, Economic Development Director – See attached report.

EMA/Maintenance – none.

Safety Director/Sanitation -See attached report.

Sheriff – See attached report submitted by Lt. Behringer.

#### Awards and Presentations

Judge Money recognized Gregory Reynolds for 16 years of loyal and distinguished service to the citizens of Henry County from 2008-2024.

Judge Money recognized Benton Beasley for 12 years of loyal and distinguished service to the citizens of Henry County from 2012-2024.

#### Discussion items by Commissioners

Benton Beasley – It's been a pleasure and an honor to serve the citizens of Henry County. I appreciate you all making this a special day. Judge Money and Chad thank you for the kind words. Most of the time we agree on everything for the few times we haven't we still leave as friends. Joe you are coming into a good situation – everyone works together. My wife Jan is the most important person to me. She's the best thing that has ever happened to me. I've been so blessed in many ways.

John Ralph Saunders – It's bittersweet. Mr. Benton and I have served 12 years together and Greg was here when I got here. We served 14 years together. I've enjoyed working with you two and I wish you the best in your future endeavors. Congratulations! Good to see all the support here today!

Jason Hudspeth – In the 3 years I've been here Benton and Gregory have been welcoming and helpful with anything I needed. It's been a pleasure working with y'all. Thank you for the friendship that we've made also.

Henry Grimsley – In 2010 Mr. Reynolds was here. I didn't know anything after coming from working with UPS. Greg told me all I didn't know. Then Benton came along. For 16 years we have got the job done. I've always asked Judge, "what will these things do for Henry County?" If you have any problems with retirement let me know. Take care of the honey do list. I have truly enjoyed working with you two. It has been a pleasure, no headache! We get the job done.

Gregory Reynolds – I want to thank everyone for coming today. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve 16 years. I'm thankful for health and His strength. Without God and my family I wouldn't have made it. To my family please stand and introduce yourselves. Thank everyone for coming. Thank you to the other Commissioners and Judge. I've enjoyed working with you all. Chad, Chris, Department Heads thank you for a great job. I'll miss you all. Do not knock it in neutral, keep moving forward! Mrs. Money thank you for all the desserts! Good luck to all the candidates. To all God's children thank you.

On a motion by Henry Grimsley seconded by Gregory Reynolds and a unanimous vote, the commission adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.