

HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION  
MAY 16, 2024  
11:00 A.M.

The Henry County Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman David Money and Commissioners Benton Beasley, John Ralph Saunders, Jason Hudspeth and Henry Grimsley.

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

Chairman Money stated that all commissioners are present, we do have a quorum. Gregory Reynolds is at a family graduation.

Public Comment from Citizens.

None.

Comment from other Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Chairman Money recognized Chad Sowell, Matt Hatcher, Lieutenant Behringer and Sheriff Blankenship.

Awards and Presentations.

None.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Money requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024, regular commission meeting. Benton Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024, regular commission meeting seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Scheduled Public Hearing

Chairman Money requested a motion leave the Commission meeting to go into the public hearing. Jason Hudspeth moved to leave the Commission meeting to go into the public hearing seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous. Chairman Money asked Chris Champion to give information regarding County Road 180. Chairman Money asked if there were any comments or questions on the abandonment of Henry County Road 180. There were none. Chairman Money asked Chris Champion to give information regarding portion of County Road 257 lying west of County Road 99. Chairman Money asked if there were any comments or question on the abandonment of a portion of County Road 257 lying west of County Road 99. There were none. Chairman Money requested a motion to leave the public hearing to go back into the Commission meeting. Benton Beasley moved to leave the public hearing to go back into the Commission meeting seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

New Business

Chairman Money requested action on abandonment of Henry County Road 180. Jason Hudspeth moved to approve the abandonment of Henry County Road 180 seconded by Benton Beasley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action on abandonment of a portion of County Road 257 lying west of County Road 99. John Ralph Saunders moved to approve the abandonment on a portion of County Road 257 lying west of County Road 99 seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to proclaim May as Children's Mental Health Awareness Month. Henry Grimsley moved to proclaim May as Children's Mental Health Awareness Month seconded by Benton Beasley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month. John Ralph Saunders moved to proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to execute an amendment on Matt Hatcher's contract. Benton Beasley moved to execute an amendment on Matt Hatcher's contract seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to enter into an agreement with AVENU to collect Tobacco Tax. John Ralph Saunders moved to enter into an agreement with AVENU to collect Tobacco Tax seconded by Benton Beasley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to set date for Budget Work Session. John Ralph Saunders moved to set Budget Work Session date for August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action on applying for The Alabama State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. Henry Grimsley moved to approve applying for The Alabama State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to partner with SpectraCare Health Systems in the 'Stepping Up Initiative' in Henry County. Jason Hudspeth moved to approve partnering with SpectraCare Health Systems in the 'Stepping Up Initiative' in Henry County seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested permission to take bids on the Triple Surface Resurfacing of Co Rd 53 from AL Highway 134 north to Co Rd 26. John Ralph Saunders moved to take bids on the Triple Surface Resurfacing of Co Rd 53 from AL Highway 134 north to Co Rd 26 seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested permission to take bids on gulley and slide repair on Co Rd 65. Jason Hudspeth moved to take bids on gulley and slide repair on Co Rd 65 seconded by Benton Beasley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action on Henry County Cooling Stations Grant Project. Jason Hudspeth moved to approve purchase of 2 fans for \$850 (county supplement) thru the Henry County Cooling Stations Grant Project seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to approve Outdoor Event Permit Application process and fee to be set at \$100. Henry Grimsley moved to approve Outdoor Event Permit Application process and fee to be set at \$100 seconded by Benton Beasley. Vote was unanimous.

#### Old Business

None.

#### Reports from Staff

Chairman Money – See attached report.

Dawn Shirley, County Administrator – Auditors are in the process of finishing FY22 audit.

Chris Champion, Engineer – See attached report.

Spence Danzey, County Attorney – none.

Rhonda Harrison, Economic Development Director – See attached report.

EMA – none

Safety Director -See attached report.

Sanitation- See attached report.

Sheriff – See attached report.

#### Discussion items by Commissioners

Benton Beasley –Glad to be here. All the mental health people thank you for what you do. Thank y'all so much.

John Ralph Saunders – Thank everyone for coming. Good to see you Dr. Bostick glad we were able to take care of that for you. The mental health and the educators that y'all again. Thank you to the media.

Jason Hudspeth –Just echo what Commissioners 1 and 2 said. Thank everybody for coming. Thank y'all for what you do for mental health.

Henry Grimsley –Ladies keep up the good work! Glad to see each and everyone of y'all. Be safe on Memorial Holiday.

On a motion by Henry Grimsley seconded by John Ralph Saunders and a unanimous vote, the commission adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.