BE IT REMEMBERED THE HENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, met in regular session in the Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, in the City of New Castle, Indiana on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 3:30 P.M., with the following members present: Nate LaMar, Richard Bouslog, Harold Griffin, Robin Reno-Fleming, Steve Dugger, Clay Morgan, Patricia A. French, Auditor, and Joel Harvey, County Attorney.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Morgan leading the invocation, followed with the Pledge to the Flag led by Mrs. Fleming.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to approve the minutes from the previous meeting held February 28, 2018. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. LaMar announced that Henry County Community Health had won the Business of the Year and Maurie Goodwin had won the Citizen of the Year.

Penny York, representing EDC, announced their annual meeting, to be held April 17, 2018 from 5 to 7:30 P.M.

Tina Henderson along with Allan Birch and Mike Lykens presented a request from the Blountsville/Stoney Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department for Public Safety LIT funds from the County, for their proposed new fire station building. Ms. Henderson explained the funds were needed due to bids for the project coming in above what was projected. What they wanted the County to consider was allotting $59,510 or $83,910 from the County Lit Public Safety fund. Mr. Bouslog asked about the timeline for a decision, saying he had not had time to research the project or the LOIT monies that could be available. Ms. Henderson stated they could hold off until the Council met in April. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to table the request until their April meeting. Motion carried 5-0. A committee consisting of Mr. LaMar, Mr. Bouslog and Mrs. Fleming will research the request and report back in April.

A motion was made by Mr. Bouslog and seconded by Mr. Griffin to ratify the decision of the Commissioners’ to appoint Jon Madison to the EDC Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Liane Nickey informed the Council about the Henry County Early Learning Coalition program, stating they had been awarded a grant in the amount of $300,000 and outlined goals for the program.

Mr. Griffin reported on the Job Classification meeting which was held earlier in the afternoon. There was a request from the Health Department to combine the full-time public Health Nurse position with the Public Health Coordinator, due to budget cuts for 2018. To have this job share occur, and be in accordance with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant, the duties of the Public Coordinator is to be listed in the Public Health Nurse job description, along with the number of hours allotted to each role as defined. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Fleming to approve the request as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

The Highway Administrator, Joe Wiley, presented an updated job description for the full-time position of Dispatcher/Data Technician, reviewed by Waggoner, Irwin & Scheele. In the past this position was filled by part time, but Mr. Wiley is requesting to hire a full time employee for this position. A motion was made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to approve the request for the Highway, hiring a full time employee at the current rate of $29,529. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Bouslog and Mr. Griffin issued statements at the end of the meeting concerning recent events during past Council meetings.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

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Nate LaMar, President                                                                    Robin Reno-Fleming, Vice President

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Richard Bouslog                                                                                Harold Griffin

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Steve Dugger                                                                                     Clay Morgan

ATTESTED BY:  _________________________________________________
Patricia A. French, Henry County Auditor