

## HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

### REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 14, 2012

Judge/Executive Harry L. Berry called the Hardin County Fiscal Court Meeting to order and requested a roll call vote. Voting: Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes.

The invocation was given by Squire Goodman.

Squire King led the court in the pledge of allegiance.

Brad Richardson, Executive/Director, presented the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce update.

James Jeffries, General Manager, Hardin County Water District No. 2, presented the mid-year 2012 Project Update.

#### Department/Office Reports:

Gerald Foley, Director, presented the Animal Control July Report.

David Underwood, EMS Director, presented the Emergency Management July Report.

Bob Hall, Solid Waste Coordinator, presented the Solid Waste July Report.

Written reports were received from Planning and Development, Engineering Department and the Road Department.

#### Public Comments Pertaining To Unified Government:

Charles Zoeller, Mulberry Street, West Point, says he has seen no benefits in Jefferson County as a result of unification. Taxes and expenses will increase.

Elsie Hall, Vine Grove, is opposed to unification, causes more taxes.

Laura LaRue approves the commission to study the issue.

Gloria Alexander, Elizabethtown, represents the Tea Party and opposes unification.

George Gervich, Radcliff, is opposed to big government wants small government.

Dave Coffey, Longview Estates, is opposed to unification. He feels it will cause higher taxes.

Brad Richardson, Elizabethtown, representing the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce supports the study that a Unification Review Commission will provide. The Chamber is looking at this as an economic development impact.

Marlane Youngblood, Elizabethtown, noted that Department of Defense has done a study to see what streamlined government will provide. Reminded that the committee would provide a great plan.

Judge Ken Howard, Elizabethtown, wants to respect everyone's view point. He has had the idea for over 10 years to have unified government. He reminded that only the people through their vote can change government. It requires a study before the people vote.

From the study, a plan will be presented. Each city would have to approve the unification and everyone outside the cities would have to approve it.

Elsie Hall asked about Agenda 21. Is afraid of the United Nations taking over.

George Gervich asked about the cost to do this.

Verna McClokin, Elizabethtown, is puzzled what is happening. She is opposed. She is concerned about the 20-40 people that will make up the commission.

Polly Smith, Elizabethtown, is concerned about meeting 18-20 minutes and then meeting again.

Dave Coffey equates it to ObamaCare. He wants to remain in the county. He considers it a waste of taxpayers' dollars.

Charles Zoeller says citizens' liberties are being attacked. He asked that taxpayers' money not be spent to promote this.

Bob Hack, Elizabethtown, mentioned that this would be the third largest city. What would the city be called?

Judge Berry moved and Williams seconded to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 286, Series 2012 creating a County Unification Review Commission.

Discussion:

Squire Goodman pointed out that Radcliff will have a forum soon on unification.

Squire Morgan commented that he had a lot of opportunity to study.

Squire Thompson encouraged the citizens to stay informed. One benefit is to reduce duplication of services. Too many questions and opposition to this.

Squire Williams reminded the court that the vote is to get a commission established and not to have unification today.

Squire Clem indicated that this issue had taken more time than any other thing he had encountered. The citizens have let him know how they feel. The more he studied the issue the more he feels that the public should have voted first. He thinks government can be streamlined without unification.

Judge Berry reminded the court that today's vote would establish a commission that will study the issue and could take up to two years. He felt the time is now to establish a commission and that 50 to 1 the voters that have contacted him want the right to vote the issue.

Squire Wiseman has given a lot of thought and study and is ready to vote today.

Squire King had not seen the response Judge Berry had received. Most of his phone calls had been negative. Having talked to many people, he is having a hard time finding support.

Voting on original motion: Thompson no, Morgan no, King no, Judge Berry yes, Easter no, Goodman no, Williams yes, Clem no, Wiseman no. **Motion failed.**

Easter moved and King seconded to approve Resolution No. 2012-129 approving the 2013 Anti-Litter Control Program grant funding request and agreement with the Commonwealth. Voting: Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes.

Morgan moved and Goodman seconded to approve Resolution No. 2012-126 approving a bid for repairs on the Wimp Lane and Laurel Ridge bridges. Voting: King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Morgan yes.

Thompson moved and Easter seconded to approve Resolution No. 2012-128 accepting a bid for the Detention Center's Substance Abuse Treatment program. Voting: Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Morgan yes, King yes.

Morgan moved and Easter seconded to approve the Consent Agenda to include approving payroll dated 07/06/12 and 07/20/12, approve payroll dated 07/10/12 for magistrates and coroners' expense checks, and election officers' salaries, approve payroll fund liability checks register, liability vouchers register, and employee insurance fund check register for July 2012, approve Claims Batch Nos. 01-7016, 01-7099, 02-7014, approve Resolution No. 2012-127 regarding financial transfers, consider and approve Resolution No. 2012-122 amending the Glendale Transportation Enhancement 2007 contract, approve Resolution No. 2012-123 regarding EMS personnel (Joshua M. Frye and Jason S. Thompson), approve Resolution No. 2012-124 regarding Road personnel (Scott Johnson and Jonathan Colson), approve Resolution No. 2012-125 regarding Chief Deputy Coroner (Kenneth Spangenberg), approve Treasurer's July 2012 report, approve Public Works Committee minutes dated 08/07/12, approve Emergency Services Committee minutes dated 08/09/12 and approve Fiscal Court Minutes dated 07/24/12. Voting: Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes.

Squire Clem reminded the court the next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be August 22, 2012.

Squire Williams reported on a coffee table book to raise funds for PAWS.

Squire Easter reminded the court the next meeting of the Emergency Services Committee will be August 23, 2012 and Hardin County Water District No. 1 Water Festival is August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Squire King reminded to the court the next meeting of the Resource and Community Support Committee will be August 21, 2012.

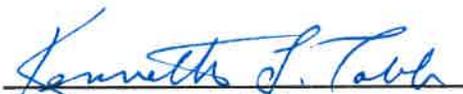
Squire Morgan thanked everyone for their support for Cecilia Days.

Squire Thompson announced the Valley Creek Fire Department was having a Pig Roast.

Judge Berry announced a Special Called Meeting for a Public Hearing on August 24, 2012 at 10:00 am to be followed by a Fiscal Court Meeting.

Court was adjourned, without objection, Judge/Executive Harry L. Berry presiding.

  
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:   
CLERK, HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT