

HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

CALLED MEETING

APRIL 29, 2014

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 Easter.

Squire Morgan led the court in the pledge of allegiance.

Judge Berry presented the Judge/Executive's Budget Proposal for 2014/2015. The agenda included budget overview, compare 2014/2015 revenue to appropriations, revenue by source, compare 2013/2014 revenue to 2014/2015, compare 2013/2014 appropriations to 2014/2015, department budget review, personnel cost review, items of interest, proposal capital projects, county debt status, and summary.

The 2014/2015 Budget Overview:

\$31.1 million operational budget
1.0% less than current budget
Maintains existing programs and services

2014/2015 Revenue:

Real property tax provides 19.0% of revenue
Motor vehicle tax provides 2.3% of revenue
Personal property tax provides 1.4% of revenue
Real property tax rate remains the lowest in 23 years
Hardin County is one of the lowest taxed county governments in the Commonwealth.

2014/2015 Revenue Challenges

Solid Waste Budget based on 160,000 tons of waste
Emergency Medical Service collections of \$4,650,000
\$2,160,000 in payments from state for "Class D" prisoner housing
\$5,000,100 in total external revenue for the jail

Items of Interest:

\$2,287,930 in State Road Aid
\$404,000 State Supplemental Road/Bridge Fund
\$841,000 for asphalt/concrete for County Roads
\$1,210,650 for funding to supplement the County Sheriff's Office
\$128,900 for funding to supplement the County Clerk's Office
\$161,000 for election expenses
\$322,500 to help fund County Attorney's Office
\$248,500 to fund the Coroner's Office
\$288,000 in direct funds to Volunteer Fire Departments
\$946,700 for Public Library
\$17,000 for Hardin County School's Education and Community Television
\$551,500 for Animal Control
\$179,500 to support the Property Valuation Administration Office
\$50,000 to Circuit and District "Drug Court"
\$50,000 to support "Rocket Docket"
\$280,000 to fund Planning and Development
\$270,000 to support Engineering Services
\$27,500 to continue Emergency Notification System
\$50,000 for "Dead Stock" Removal/Disposal
\$90,000 for Recycling Program
\$88,000 for Litter Abatement Program
\$345,000 to replace Road Department Equipment/Vehicles
\$30,000 to replace Animal Control Vehicle
\$830,000 for Jail Medical Contract
\$540,000 for Jail Foods/Meals Contract
\$108,500 for Contingency Fund

2014/2015 Total County Budget:

Operations \$31.1 million
Capital Projects \$15.2 million
BRAC Projects \$37.5 million
Total Budget \$83.8 million

Squire King asked about the pipeline construction for Pearl Hollow Landfill to Elizabethtown Sewer Plant financing.

Squire Clem commended the Judge/Executive on the amount of time and expertise it takes to do the county's budget.

Squire Thompson commented about Hardin County having the lowest tax rate of any county in Kentucky. He also remarked about the debt service being lower than it was in 2010.

Judge Berry thanked the Finance Department for their hard work on the budget.

Judith French, Elizabethtown, asked the court to change their mind about the new government building. She is concerned about the increased cost and the final cost did not include the furnishings in the building.

Squire Clem recognized Central Hardin High School for the Robotics team being recognized for accomplishments on the international level.

Squire King announced the next meeting of the Resources and Community Support Committee will May 01st. He apologized for missing the last Fiscal Court Meeting to celebrate his 30th wedding anniversary.

Squire Morgan announced the next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be May 6th.

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



HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST: 
CLERK, HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT