

HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

**March 4, 2003
WORK SESSION**

Judge/Executive Berry called to order the Hardin County Fiscal Court Meeting and requested a roll call vote. Voting: Brandenburg yes, Jagers yes, Hay yes, Wiseman yes, King yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Crady yes, Judge Berry yes.

Squire Easter led the court in the opening prayer.

Squire Brandenburg led the court in the pledge to the flag.

David Gray and Elmer Cummings, Hardin Memorial Hospital, appeared before the court to explain the Hardin Memorial Hospital Foundation. He pointed out that Judge Berry was the President, David Gray, Vice-President, and Elmer Cummings, Secretary/Treasurer. He informed the court that periodic meetings had to be held and today's appearance would meet the required meeting rule. The current balance in the foundation is \$196,538.30. Hearing no objections, Judge Berry declared the minutes of the meeting to stand as presented.

Bob Jenkins, Hardin Billing, presented the court a sample of the bill for mandatory garbage collection to reflect the .40 cents increase for the new Kentucky tax.

Ken Young, Scott Waste Service, presented the court with data on tonnage and compared this January with last January .

Chris Hunsinger, Hardin Planning and Development, gave a power point presentation to the court on private roadways and subdivisions. The pros and cons were presented. He recommended to the court that private roadway subdivisions not be allowed.

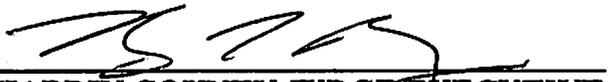
Judge John Simcoe, Hardin County Drug Court, along with Judge Kimberly Winkenhofner Shumate, provided the court with information about Drug Court. Drug Court is a federal grant program that was out in June. They felt that Hardin County should continue funding this important program. It was pointed out that several hundred thousands of dollars could be saved if drug offenders go through Drug Court rather than jail. Judge Simcoe requested that the court provide \$60,000.00. in the next budget to continue Drug Court.

Mike Skaggs, Lincoln Trail Area Development District, explained what a Metropolitan Planning Organization is to the court. Any urbanized area must have a transportation plan of long range (20 years) in effect. The document must be updated every two years. The funding requires 15% from local government. Hardin County's portion would be \$10,339.00. for 2003/2004 budget.

Chris Shaw, Commonwealth Attorney, presented a power point presentation to the court members on providing prosecutor's assistance in the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. One of the problems that Hardin County faces is the amount of time prisoners remain in jail before becoming a state prisoner or released. He explained a typical felony case progression. He advocated the hiring of an additional Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and a secretary to implement a "Rocket Docket" to cut down on the days from preliminary hearing to the final disposition of the case. It could cut down the days from 275 to 7. He requested that the Fiscal Court provide a part-time prosecutor at \$21,530.00 and a full-time secretary at \$23,593.00 for total funding of \$45,123.00.

Mickey Brangers, Hardin County Recreation Parks Inc., advocated the building of a regional sports complex in west Hardin County. The facility would include such things as baseball and softball fields, soccer, football fields, tennis courts, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, playground and walking trails. The organization has located two tracts of land in the Cecilia area. He requested the court to provide the money to purchase the land and build the facility. He also requested that the court hire a full-time recreation director.

Court was adjourned by Harry L. Berry, Judge/Executive presiding.


HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE