

HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING at 2:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 26, 2013

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

The invocation was given by Squire Clem.

Squire Morgan led the court in the pledge of allegiance.

Department/Office Reports:

Dr. Bill Lee, Hardin County Coroner, presented the Coroners' Report.
Squire Goodman entered the meeting during Dr. Lee's presentation.
Sheriff Charlie Williams was not available to report and sent a written report.
Kenny Tabb, Hardin County Clerk, presented the Hardin County Clerk's January report.

Written reports were submitted by EMS, E-911 Dispatch Center, Detention Center and Planning and Development.

Concerned Citizens Comments:

Judith French, 153 Fowler Lane, Elizabethtown, came before the court concerned the county was moving government out of the downtown. She felt that the citizens should have a say in the matter and it should have been placed before the voters.

Verna McLaughlin, Montgomery Avenue, Elizabethtown, felt the same way as Ms. French. She indicated that the people should have input. She indicated that she had little word about this happening. She wanted the city and county to work together.

Heath Seymour, College Street, Elizabethtown, representing the Heritage Council, said he had little knowledge of this other than Facebook. The new building could be utilized downtown and more discussion was needed.

Discussion on new government facility:

Judge Berry presented a slide show on the new government facility. He indicated that the county was not abandoning downtown. The county attorney would remain downtown in the H. B. Fife Courthouse Building.

The court had approved a design earlier for a 59,065 square foot building with 279 car parking lot.

The new facility will include Fiscal Court Chambers, Judge/Executive Offices, County Clerk Offices, County Sheriff Offices, Property Valuation Administrator Offices, E-911 Center, Planning and Development Offices, County Engineering Department, Finance/Personnel Department, and Solid Waste and Code Enforcement Department; but not the County Attorney Offices.

The new facility will be located within the City Limits of Elizabethtown near the intersection of Rineyville Road and Ring Road.

The cost of the new facility will be \$12,000,000 with \$2,000,000 coming from E-911 Reserves and Trust Fund Reserves, the new facility will include the E-911 Center.

Financing will be based on \$10,000,000 over 25 years at 3.5% interest rate. There will be a \$600,000 annual debt service for the facility. The county current debit is 2.6 million. The debt service will decrease between years 2016 and 2020.

Funding for the new debt will come from E-911 \$120,000 annual lease payment and \$480,000 from the general fund. The first few years' money will have to be taken from reserves. After a few years the debt service would not exceed the current 2.6 million debt level service.

There will be no new taxes and still will keep some of the county government downtown. The R. R. Thomas Building will be sold.

The next steps would be:

1. Approve Resolution No. 2013-029
2. Execute Contract with ICON Engineering
3. Select Construction Manager
4. Bid Construction Packages
5. Bond for Funding Construction
6. Build Facility

Squire Wiseman promised the voters to stay downtown and advocated a building 1.5 blocks from the square that will be for sale for the Sheriff's Office.

Squire Morgan visited the facilities and found them bad. He felt it was the right thing to do to consolidate all of the offices in one building.

Squire Thompson had stated that he would like to see it south of Elizabethtown, but the connection of Ring Road and Western Kentucky Parkway would lend well with new location.

Squire Clem has an emotional attachment to downtown. The buildings are bad. He hardly ever comes downtown, no attraction. He feels that county government is a determinant to the development of downtown.

Squire Williams commended the Heritage Council on attracting new business to downtown. She was in hopes that new businesses would occupy the R. R. Thomas Building. She stated that we need shops and galleries downtown.

Squire King opposed this five years ago. He did not think we could afford to build at that time. We can now afford to build a new building. Unfortunately we have to place the building and he can now support it.

Judge Berry said it has been discussed for five years. All the court members have heard all of the arguments. Opinions have been expressed on both sides of the issue.

Easter moved and Goodman seconded to approve Resolution No. 2013-030 approving a contract for inmate housing between the County Detention Center and the U. S. Mint Police, Fort

Knox. Voting: Clem yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes.

Clem moved and Williams seconded to approve Resolution No. 2013-026 approving the 2014 Kentucky Pride Fund Grant application for the Household Hazardous Waste Program. Voting: Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes.

King moved and Morgan seconded to approve Resolution No. 2013-027 approving an agreement for spay/neuter grant funding between the County and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Voting: Thompson yes, Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes, Wiseman yes.

Clem moved and Morgan seconded to approve Resolution No. 2013-031 approving the 2013 Tire Amnesty grant funding. Voting: Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes.

Easter moved and Morgan seconded to approve Resolution No. 2013-028 approving ICON Engineering & Inspection Services PLLC to perform architectural/engineering services for a new government facility. Voting: King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes, Wiseman no, Thompson yes, Morgan yes.

Thompson moved and Easter seconded to approve Resolution No. 2013-029 approving ICON Engineering & Inspection Services PLLC to perform architectural/engineering services for a new EMS facility for the southeast side of Elizabethtown. Voting: Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Morgan yes, King yes.

Wiseman moved and King seconded to approve the Consent Agenda to include approving Claims Batch No. 08-7026, approve Resolution No. 2013-025 relating to financial transfers, approve Resolution No. 2013-024 relating to E-911 Dispatch personnel (Craig Dunn), approve Detention Center's January report, approve Resource and Community Support Committee 02/19/13 minutes, approve Solid Waste Committee 02/20/13 minutes, approve Emergency Services Committee 02/21/13 minutes and approve Fiscal Court minutes dated 02/12/13. Voting: Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes.

Squire Easter announced the next meeting of the Emergency Services Committee will be March 21st. He noted that all fire departments are in compliance at this time.

Squire Williams stated the Innovation Center is giving grants for new ideas and inventions.

Squire Clem announced the next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be March 20th.

Squire Wiseman stated that the Elizabethtown Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday.

Squire Thompson thanked the folks who came out for the Glendale Lion's Club Bean Soup Supper. He also congratulated Southern Pharmacy on their opening.

Squire Morgan announced the next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be March 5th. He spoke about the passing of Chris Hunsinger and the way he handled himself in a difficult job.

Squire King talked about the late Chris Hunsinger and how he knew him and how he was always prepared for each planning hearing.

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


HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST: 
CLERK, HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT