

HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 12, 2013

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

The invocation was given by Squire Thompson.

Squire King led the court in the pledge of allegiance.

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

David Dozer, Executive/Director, presented the Helping Hand of Hope update.

Glenn Harrington, Chairman, presented the Hardin County Soil and Water Conservation District 2013/2014 Budget. He presented the court a check from a grant for environmental education in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Department/Office Reports:

Wesley Wright reported on recent activity in the Planning and Development Commission Office.

Vicki Meredith, PE, presented the Engineering Department Report along with Danny Hendren, GIS Coordinator.

Ronnie Goodman, Road Supervisor, presented the Road Department Report.

Written reports were received from Animal Control, Emergency Management and Solid Waste.

Citizens Concerns and/or Comments:

Ben Humphries, Hardin County, wants to change Fiscal Court members minds to change location of county government. He came with a petition objecting to the relocation from downtown. He requested the Court to table the motion to allow for public forums. He does not think the money allocated for the project is enough. He thinks paying the hospital \$135,000 an acre for property the hospital owns is too much. The property has not been appraised. He feels that the county has overpaid for the land. There is no cap on the agreement with ICON Engineering on the cost of the building. The \$750,000 agreement does not include add-ons. The debt service of \$650,000 to \$700,000 does not include anything above \$12 million. The R. R. Thomas building could become an abandoned building. He calculates that we will spend \$3 million before we ever have a building. He asked why the county did not give the community a chance to help the court to stay downtown.

Judy French, Elizabethtown, feels that the taxpayers should have a say in this decision. Meetings should have been conducted on this decision.

Steve Rice, Elizabethtown, has been here 29 years and a member of Elizabethtown Planning and Zoning. He felt the PVA and County Clerk have a lot of work with the Justice Center and could stay downtown while the other offices could move out of the downtown. He wants a compromise.

Bobby Alexander, Elizabethtown, speaks to a lot of people. The people feel that a new building is needed. 106,000 people are represented by this court. He does not think the people were duped. The decision has been made and we need to move on. He considers that if the county moved to a location downtown it might cost more. He agrees with the decision the court made.

Elsie Hall, who was the first woman in Hardin County to run for Fiscal Court, feels that her grandchildren will be paying for a new building and that her taxes will go up. She does not feel the building is needed at this time.

Verna McLaughlin, Elizabethtown, attended the last meeting and went to a meeting at the Pritchard Center a few years ago. When the court ran for election this last time, this issue should have been brought up.

Vince Healy, Elizabethtown, has two close friends on the court and has talked to them. He agrees the buildings need to be replaced. He is concerned about the total cost and convenience. He has talked to only one person that wants to move out of downtown.

Bob Stein, Elizabethtown, tries to avoid the mall area. He does not like the idea of moving out of downtown. He objects to the new location, but not to a new building.

Francis Simpson, Elizabethtown, spoke about being on court for 20 years. He said if you have enough money, you can put it anywhere you want. A lot of people are not aware of the move. He is concerned about the property as to who owns it.

James Keplinger has spoken to the magistrates and they told him there was not enough room to build downtown. He said that the building could be built up along with a parking garage. He likes coming downtown and doing all of his government business. He wants the court to reconsider.

Morgan moved and Williams seconded to approve Resolution No. 2013-035 approving Hardin County Soil and Conservation District's 2013/2014 Budget. Voting: Williams yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes.

King moved and Wiseman seconded to approve Resolution No. 2013-032 approving the County Attorney's 2011/2012 Audit. Voting: Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes.

Morgan moved and King seconded to approve Resolution No. 2013-034 approving transfer of HMH Board Designated Funds to Hardin County Government for Detention Center inmate medical expenses. Voting: Wiseman no, Thompson yes, Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter no, Goodman no, Williams yes.

Morgan moved and Thompson seconded to approve Resolution No. 2013-033 revising Resolution No. 2013-019 relating to road materials bid for salt. Voting: Thompson yes, Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Wiseman yes.

Thompson moved and Easter seconded to approve Resolution No. 2013-037 appointing Gerald Foley as Hardin County Animal Control Director. Voting: Morgan yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes.

Goodman moved and Wiseman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda to include approving payroll 02/01/13 and 02/15/13, approve payroll dated 02/12/13 for commissioners and coroners' expense checks, and election officers' salaries, approve payroll fund liability checks register, liability vouchers register, and employee insurance fund check register for February, approve Claims Batch No. 09-7012, approve Resolution No. 2013-036 relating to financial transfers, approve Treasurer's February report, approve Public Works Committee 03/05/13 minutes, and approve Fiscal Court minutes for 02/26/13. Voting: King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes, Goodman yes, Williams yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Morgan yes.

Squire Wiseman reminded the court the next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be March 20th.

Squire Thompson stated he has always tried to return phone calls and e-mails, and always listens to the citizens.

Squire Morgan thanked the County Attorney for attending the Cecilian Ruritan Club meeting.

Squire King reminded the court the next meeting of the Resources and Community Support Committee will be March 19th.

Squire Easter minded the court the next meeting of the Emergency Services Committee will be March 19th.

Squire Williams reminded everyone of the Innovation Center's Buck for Bright Ideas, up to \$25,000.00 will be granted.

Judge Berry announced the next Fiscal Court meeting will be March 26th at 3:30 P.M.

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


HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST: 
CLERK, HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT