

HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

REGULAR MEETING

August 23, 2022

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

Squire Doug Goodman gave the Invocation.

Squire King led the court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing:

- a. **2022 County Property Tax Rates** – Conducted by Jenny Oldham, County Attorney (absent), Peyton Griffie, Assistant County Attorney conducted the hearing. The purpose of today's hearing is to hear public comment on the proposed property tax rates for Hardin County 2022-2023. Notice of today's hearing was published twice in The News-Enterprise, August 6, 2022 and August 13, 2022. Presenters:

Sarah Jo Best- Public Health Director for Lincoln Trail Health District Health Department and Secretary of the Board of Health– The Hardin County Board of Health met on June 8, 2022 and voted to retain the current tax rates; Real Property-2.2000; Tangible Property – 2.2000; Motor Vehicles, Watercraft & Aircraft – 2.2000

Steve Wooden- Chairman of the Hardin County Extension District Board- The board agreed to the compensation tax rates; Real Property- 1.8000; Tangible Personal Property – 2.6000; Motor Vehicles, Watercraft & Aircraft- 1.4600

Vincent Thompson – We retained our rates as we have for the past numerous years since I have been on the board; Real Property – 0.1500

No one else came forward; therefore, the hearing was closed.

- b. **Road Closing** – Cherry Hill Estates
Conducted by Jenny Oldham, County Attorney (absent) Peyton Griffie. Assistant County Attorney conducted the hearing. A request has been made by property owner Robert Moore to close a 40 foot undeveloped right-of-way known as Cherry Hill Drive in Elizabethtown. Notice of today's hearing was published in The News-Enterprise August 14, 2022 and on August 9, 2022 Fiscal Court appointed viewers to make a written report to the court as any inconvenience that would result from the discontinuance of the road. This report is included

in your materials. The law requires the Planning Commission to review discontinuance of the road in accordance with the County's comprehensive plan. Mr. Adam King will present and make a report to the court with background and answer any questions.

Presentation and Written Reports- Adam King; As stated, this is a road closing request made by Robert Moore to close an undeveloped 40 ft. right-of-way known as Cherry Hill Drive that's in Cherry Hill Estates. The exhibit we will enter into the record are the meeting notification requirements, KRS 100.3244, the vicinity & zoning map of the City of Elizabethtown, aerial photographs, the Plat of Cherry Hill Estates from 1978, a proposed amendment Plat & photographs of the proposed site. We have the viewers report & Fiscal Court Resolution. Signs have been posted on the site since Friday, July 22, 2022, newspaper ad in The News-Enterprise since August 13-14 edition & then nine letters were sent to adjoining owners. Cherry Hill Subdivision has six lots and a single road. Cherry Hill Drive was never constructed. This is near the corner of Patriot Parkway and Hutcherson Lane. It is surrounded on three or four sides by the City Limits of Elizabethtown. This is surrounded by commercial and some residential property. Mr. Moore proposes to close the right-of-way and merge the right-of-way and the six lots together into a single lot. Mr. Moore has a 3700-foot house out there that was built in 1978. This has been an in-home daycare for many years. He also has a 6900 square foot pole barn built about 2000. Various signs have been posted. State law requires us to post three signs on the site. You have my staff review and recommendations of the Planning Commission and also to the Fiscal Court. The Planning Commission Resolution No. 2022-018 sending a favorable recommendation to Fiscal Court to close the right-of-way. Fiscal Court's Resolution No. 2022-143 of this year appointing Viewers. Viewers Report of Road Closing is signed by Adam King, Dwight Morgan, Road Supervisor and Nick Douthitt, Engineering Department, that there would be no inconvenience caused by closing the right-of-way. Lastly, your consideration to close the right-of way. No one came forward; therefore, the hearing was closed.

Department/Elected Office Reports Presentations:

- **County Coroner** – Dr. William Lee
- **County Sheriff**
 1. **Activity Report** – Sheriff John Ward
 2. **Budget Report** – Teri Bennett, CFO
- **County Clerk** – Debbie Donnelly

Written Reports:

- EMS
- E-911 Dispatch Center
- Detention Center
- Planning Commission

Ordinances/Agreements/Resolutions:

King moved and Thompson seconded to approve **Resolution No. 2022-153** approving the 2022 County Property Tax Rates. Voting: Easter yes, Doug Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Ronnie Goodman yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes.

Consent Agenda:

Clem moved and Williams seconded to approve the Consent Agenda to include:

- Payrolls dated 7.8.22, 7.12.22, 7.22.22 with payroll registers
- Aug Claims 8.23.2022
- **Resolution No. 2022-161** relating to financial transfers
- **Resolution No. 2022-151** relating to EMS personnel
- **Resolution No. 2022-152** relating to E-911 personnel
- **Resolution No. 2022-154** relating to a road closing
- **Resolution No. 2022-155** relating to reclassification of EMS personnel
- **Resolution No. 2022-156** relating to EMS paygrade changes
- **Resolution No. 2022-157** relating to Animal Care & Control personnel
- **Resolution No. 2022-158** relating to the Parochial School Transportation Contract
- **Resolution No. 2022-159** relating to bid for EMS Debt Collection Services
- **Resolution No. 2022-160** relating to bid for Online Auction Services for Surplus Equipment, Vehicles and Other Items
- **Resolution No. 2022-162** relating to Agreement with Cintas for uniforms
- **Resolution No. 2022-163** relating to Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services
- Detention Center's July 2022 report
- Treasurer's July 2022 report
- Solid Waste Committee 8.15.2022 minutes
- Resources and Community Support Committee 8.16.2022 minutes
- Emergency Services Committee 8.18.2022 minutes
- Fiscal Court 8.9.2022 minutes

Voting: Doug Goodman yes, Williams yes, Clem yes, Wiseman yes, Thompson yes, Ronnie Goodman yes, King yes, Judge Berry yes, Easter yes.

Magistrates' Comments:

Squire Clem – Just a reminder; Don't drink and drive and, don't text and drive.

Squire Thompson – It is good to be a part of a governmental entity that regularly is able to lower taxes and keep them the lowest of any County in the State.

Squire King – I saw on Facebook today, the City of Vine Grove is paving and I am understanding that sometime Thursday, we hope to be finished paving Main Street and we'll be able to resume

traffic through Main Street. I am certainly looking forward to that.

Debbie Donnelly – Hardin County Clerk – I would like to say ‘Thank You’ to everyone that donated items to Eastern Kentucky Flood victims. They were really appreciative.

Judge Berry – announced the next Hardin County Fiscal Court meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

King moved and Wiseman seconded to adjourn.

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



HARRY L. BERRY
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:



DEBBIE DONNELLY
CLERK, HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT