

Agenda

Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting

May 9, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

County Judge/Executive Keith Taul called the meeting to order and requested a roll call vote.

Answering:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: not present; Squire Larry Hicks: here; Squire Kenny Muse: here; Squire Aaron Pennington: here; Squire Kenny Saltsman: here; Squire EG Thompson: here; Squire Patsy Whitehead: here; Squire Chris Yates: here; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: here.

The Invocation was given by Magistrate Chris Yates.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Magistrate Larry Hicks.

County Judge/Executive Keith Taul made opening comments welcoming those in attendance and previewing the agenda.

A Public Hearing on County Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance Funds was led by County Attorney Jenny Oldham. The public was invited to comment, but none were made.

Approve Hardin County Fiscal Court 4.25.2023 minutes

Motion to Approve by Squire Thompson and seconded by Squire Whitehead.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: not present; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: yes; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: yes; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Informational Items:

Hardin County Clerk Brian D. Smith named Aryah Clark a Hardin County Election Ambassador in honor of her advocacy to encourage people to serve as poll workers. She came up with the slogan, "Know your role, join the polls" which won a statewide contest hosted by Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams.

County Judge/Executive Keith Taul presented the Fiscal Year 2023-24 proposed budget.

Department/Office Reports:

a. Presentations

- i. Planning - Adam King**
- ii. Engineering - Stephanie Givens**
- iii. Road Department - Dwight Morgan**

b. Written Reports

- i. Animal Control - Mike McNutt
- ii. Emergency Management - Joey Scott
- iii. Planning - Adam King

County Judge/Executive Taul opened the floor for Citizen's Concerns or Comments. West Point Mayor Richard Ciresi spoke in praise and thanks to the department heads of county government who have helped the city.

Ordinances/Resolutions/Agreements

First Reading of **Ordinance No. 332 Series 2023** FY 2023-24 Budget.

Motion to Approve by Squire Muse and seconded by Squire Yates. Squire Saltsman voiced his opposition to using the Legacy Fund to balance the budget. He stated that the legacy funds are monies either in the account already or payments still coming in from the sale of Hardin Memorial Hospital. He further stated that this will set up future courts for failure by relaying on the legacy funds to pay for services the county is already required to provide. Squire Thompson agreed with Saltsman's assessment. He said that it is wrong and sends the message that raising taxes will be needed. Squire Hicks stated that this budget only uses those funds for one year. Judge Taul said it wasn't his intent to use the Legacy Fund but a mathematical reality. He said the county had to take from reserves or cut services. With inflation, the cost of keeping services the same will cost more money, and growth also costs money. Squire Thompson emphasized that the county is debt free and that should allow for more funds to be available. He said that the moratorium on annexation will help and not all the occupational tax will go to Elizabethtown. He wants Hardin County to have access to the same funding streams that other counties have.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: not present; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: yes; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: no; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: yes; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Reading and Adoption of **Ordinance No. 333, Series 2023** – Annual Standing Order to Pre-Approved Recurring Expenses

Motion to Approve by Squire Thompson and seconded by Squire Whitehead.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: not present; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: yes; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: yes; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Second Reading and Adoption of **Ordinance No. 254, Series 2007**, Amendment #1 relating to Flood Damage Prevention.

Motion to Approve by Squire Whitehead and seconded by Squire Saltsman.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: not present; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: yes; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: yes; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Judge Keith Taul moved that Fiscal Court move into closed session. Squire Saltsman seconded.
Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: not present; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: yes; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: yes; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Following the closed session, Fiscal Court came back into open session.

Approve **Resolution No. 2023-097** related to approve Inducement Resolution and Memorandum of Agreement to undertake issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds for costs related to the Blue Oval SK project.

Motion to Approve by Squire Yates and seconded by Squire Thompson.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: not present; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: yes; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: yes; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Treasurer's March 2023 Report.
- b. Approve April Utilities Claims 4/2023.
- c. Approve April Recurring Claims 4/2023.
- d. Approve May Claims 5/9/2023.
- e. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-090** related to approve financial transfers.
- f. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-091** related to approve bid for New Never Titled Single Axle 4x2 Cab and Chassis.
- g. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-092** related to approve 2023 Kentucky Waste Tire Collection Agreement.
- h. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-093** related to approve termination of contract with Guardian Cleaners, LLC.
- i. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-094** related to approve EMS personnel.
- j. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-095** related to approve Coroner personnel.
- k. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-096** related to approve E-911 personnel.
- l. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-098** related to approve a Grant Application to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) 2023, for funding for a Hardin County Sheriff's Victim Advocate.
- m. Approve Special Called Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 04.24.2023.
- n. Approve Special Called Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 04.28.2023.
- o. Approve Public Works Committee Minutes 04.24.2023.

Motion to Approve by Squire Thompson and seconded by Squire Yates.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: not present; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: yes; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: yes; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Concluding Comments were offered by:

County Attorney Jenny Oldham announced that delinquent property tax letters are going out and advised the public that they need to pay in full or contact her office to set up a payment plan. She noted that it won't get cheaper to pay if one waits.

Squire Chris Yates shared that the North Hardin High School Marching Band has been invited to play in the Independence Day parade in Washington, DC.

Squire Kenny Saltsman complimented AGC and the county public works department on a successful e-scrap event on May 13, 2023.

Squire Patsy Whitehead announced that Friday, May 12, 2023 is National Daycare Provider Day. She complimented Judge Taul and his staff on the work on the county budget.

Squire E.G Thompson announced that Glendale Springfest would be back May 20, 2023.

Squire Larry Allen Hicks thanked everyone on their work on the county budget, especially Treasurer Lisa Pearman and her staff and the county department heads.

Closed Session

Motion to adjourn and enter closed session was made by Judge Keith Taul and seconded by Squire Yates.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: not present; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: yes; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: yes; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.


Fiscal Court went into **Closed Session** pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(g).

Upon return to open session, Motion to adjourn by Judge Taul and seconded by Squire Yates.
Court was adjourned without objection, County Judge/Executive Keith Taul presiding.



KEITH TAUL
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:



BRIAN D. SMITH
CLERK, HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT