

Minutes
Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting
August 29, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: here; 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 Squire Larry Hicks.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Squire E.G. Thompson.

County Judge/Executive Keith Taul made opening comments welcoming those in attendance and previewing the agenda. Judge Taul outlined his efforts to improve safety, roads, and rural broadband.

Approve Hardin County Fiscal Court 8.8.2023 minutes:

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

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; 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:

Department/Office Reports

a. Presentations

- i. Coroner – Pat Elmore
- ii. Sheriff – John Ward
- iii. County Clerk – Brian D. Smith

b. Written Reports

- i. EMS – Mark Peterson
- ii. 911 – Mike Leo
- iii. Detention Center – Josh Lindblom
- iv. Planning – Adam King

County Judge Executive Keith Taul opened the floor for citizen comments. Mr. Dave Poorman of Elizabethtown spoke regarding Ordinance No. 336, Series 2023. He encouraged members of the court to utilize techniques to increase road safety and traffic calming. He stated that he frequently sees excessive speeding.

Ordinances/Resolutions/Agreements

a. First Reading of **Ordinance No. 332-1, Series 2023**, amending FY 2023-2024, Budget Amendment No. 1.

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

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; 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.

b. First Reading of **Ordinance No. 336, Series 2023**, Relating to Creating a Guide for the Design and Construction of County Roadways.

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

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; 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.

c. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-171** related to bid for Three New Type 1 Ambulances.

In discussion, Squire Hicks raised concerns about the increase in cost of the ambulances over the initial bid. Squire Saltsman stated that in three years, the increase could be much more. Squire Pennington shared the budgeted numbers and bid numbers and stated that it might not be possible to acquire used ambulances and delaying the purchase may add years to the time needed to acquire them. Squire Yates shared that part of the increase included stretcher equipment. He also stated that the counties needed to spend their ARPA money.

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

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: no; 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.

IX. Consent Agenda

a. Approve **Treasurer's Financial Report**

b. Approve **August Claims Batch – 8-29-2023**.

c. Approve July Payroll with registers 07/07/2023, 07/11/2023, 7/21/2023.

d. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-169** related to accepting surplus radio equipment from City of Henderson for E-911.

e. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-170** related to financial transfers.

f. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-172** related to bid for Remount of One 14 FT. Frazer Ambulance Box.

- g. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-173** related to bid for Bridge Deck Replacement – Needham Road (CR 1347) (C00054N).
- h. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-174** related to bid for New Bobcat Skid Steer Loader.
- i. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-175** related to bid for One (1) New Never Titled 4x4 Single Cab Truck and Bed.
- j. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-176** related to bid for Boiler for Hardin County Government Center.
- k. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-177** related to bid for Boiler Installation at Hardin County Government Center.
- l. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-178** related to Finance Personnel.
- m. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-179** related to Road Personnel.
- n. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-180** related to EMS Personnel.
- o. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-181** related to Buildings and Ground Personnel.
- p. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-182** related to E-911 personnel.
- q. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-183** related to Litter Abatement Agreement for 2024.
- r. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-184** related to reappointment of Ron Hockman to the HCWD#1 Commission.
- s. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-185** related to approval of Road Department Job Description.
- t. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-186** related to approval of grant application to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board for the 2023 Deceased Farm Animal Disposal Assistance Program.
- u. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-188** related to approval of 2023 KACo Insurance Grant Application for Coroner’s office.
- v. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-189** related to approval of KOHS – State Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) grant application(s).
- w. Approve **Resources and Community Support Committee Minutes 08.21.2023.**
- x. Approve **Emergency Services Committee Minutes 08.23.2023.**
- y. Approve **Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 08.15.2023.**
- z. Approve **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes 08.09.2023.**

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

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; 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.

Comments were offered by:

Squire Chris Yates invited the public to the Radcliff Days Parade on September 9, 2023.

Squire Kenny Saltsman invited the public to attend the Bourbon and Blades Concert and festival on September 9, 2023.

Squire Patsy Whitehead apologized for missing the first Town Hall meeting due to a vacation she had planned prior to the scheduling of the Town Hall. She wished everyone a safe Labor Day.

Squire Fred Clem, Jr. stated that the first Town Hall meeting was a success. It ran a little long, but everyone who wanted to express themselves could do so. He also stated that it helped shine the light on the City of West Point. He invited the public to the next Town Hall on October 31, 2023. He reminded the public to not drink and drive and not to text and drive.

Squire Aaron Pennington thanked all who attended the Town Hall meeting including State Senator Matt Deneen.

Squire E.G. Thompson thanked Mr. Poorman for speaking tonight on the importance of road safety.

Squire Larry Hicks thanked Senator Deneen for attending the Town Hall meeting and stated he wished some of the other legislators had as well. He commended Charlie Allen for his service to Hardin County. He also commended Road Supervisor Dwight Morgan for his work.

Squire Kenny Muse commended Squire Clem for chairing and Squire Saltsman for co-chairing the first Town Hall meeting. He invited the public to the next Public Works Committee meeting.

Closed Session

a. Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) – Discussion of pending litigation against the public agency.

Motion to go into closed session was made by Judge/Executive Taul and seconded by Squire Thompson.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; 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 resumed business in open session.

Adjourn

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



KEITH L. TAUL
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian D. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

BRIAN D. SMITH
CLERK, HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT