

**Minutes**  
**Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting**  
**September 12, 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.: 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 Patsy Whitehead.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Squire Aaron Pennington.

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

**Approve Hardin County Fiscal Court 8.29.2023 minutes** with an amendment to the discussion for the approval of **Resolution No. 2023-171** related to bid for Three New Type 1 Ambulances. Squire Yates stated that the counties needed to spend their ARPA money.

Motion to Approve by Squire Whitehead 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.

**Informational Items – Property Tax Rates**

- a. Hardin County Soil Conservation – Vincent Thompson
- b. Hardin County Extension Office – Zach Heibert
- c. Lincoln Trail District Health Department – Sara Jo Best
- d. Judge Executive proposed tax rate presentation

**Public Hearing on 2023 County Property Tax Rates –**

The Public Hearing on 2023 County Property Tax Rates was conducted by Jenny Oldham, Hardin County Attorney. The advertisement was in the newspaper on August 26, 2023 and September 2, 2023. She also stated that, the advertisement on August 26 and September 2, both had an incorrect amount for the Personal Property tax rate. The advertised rate was 10.9 cents but should have been 11.3 cents. With no discussion, hearing was closed.

Motion to Approve by Judge/Executive Keith Taul and seconded by Squire Clem.

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.

## Department/Office Reports

### a. Presentations

- i. Planning – Adam King – Not presented
- ii. Engineering – Stephanie Givens
- iii. Road Department – Dwight Morgan – Not presented

### b. Written Reports

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

## Citizen's Concerns or Comments

County Judge Executive Keith Taul opened the floor for citizen comments. Dolly Guenther of Rineyville asked the fiscal court members to have access to the resolutions and ordinances prior to the fiscal court meeting. Bobby Alexander of Elizabethtown asked for a big television to view the fiscal court proceedings in the courtroom. He asked to have access to the numbers concerning the sale of the hospital and the proceeds. Bobbie Coleman of Vine Grove asked the fiscal court members to wait until 2024 to purchase ambulances. She asked the fiscal court members to have access to the resolutions and ordinances prior to the fiscal court meeting; these documents should have a “draft” watermark.

## Ordinances/Resolutions/Agreements

a. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-195** related to approval of 2023 Property Tax Rates  
Motion to Approve by Squire Yates and seconded by Squire Muse.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: no; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: yes; Squire Kenny Saltsman: no; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: yes; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

b. **Second 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 Thompson and seconded by Squire Saltsman.

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. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 333-1, Series 2023 Fiscal Year 2023-2024** Standing Order to Preapprove Certain Recurring Expenses for the Library Expansion  
Motion to Approve by Squire Thompson 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.

d. **Executive Order 2023-009** to Purchase 3 Ambulances

- e. **Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 332-2, Series 2023 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Emergency Budget Amendment** to Move Funds into General Account for non-budgeted Ambulances

Motion to Approve by Squire Pennington 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.

- f. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-199** related to approval of purchase of 3 ambulances

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.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Claims Batch – September 12, 2023
- b. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-190** related to approval of 911 Personnel
- c. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-191** related to EMS Personnel
- d. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-192** related to approval of Engineering personnel
- e. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-193** related to approval of Engineering job description revisions
- f. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-194** related to approval of financial transfers and open checking account for Library's construction project
- g. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-196** related to approval of EAP agreement
- h. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-197** related to approval of accepting surplus of stretchers from Shelby County EMS
- i. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-198** related to approval of Vicki Meredith, P.E. as acting Senior Engineer
- j. Approve **Resources and Community Support Committee – Special Called Meeting Minutes 09.06.2023**
- k. Approve **Finance Committee – Special Called Meeting Minutes 09.06.2023**

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

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.

**Concluding Comments were offered by:**

Deputy Clerk Meranda Caswell (on behalf of County Clerk Brian D. Smith) Comments: The deadline to register to vote in the November election is October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Eligible voters can begin requesting an absentee ballot September 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can do both at govoteky.com or by calling or visiting the Clerk's office.

Squire Chris Yates – Please attend the parade and the events of the West Point River Days Festival this weekend September 14-16. Emergency Services Committee is September 21 at 3:30 pm.

Squire Patsy Whitehead – Thanks to our citizens who are here today. Resources and Community Support Committee is September 18 at 3:30 pm.

Squire Fred Clem, Jr. – The next Town Hall meeting is at the Upton Community Center on October 30 at 5:30 pm. Finance Committee meeting is September 19 at 3:30 pm. He reminded the public to not drink and drive and not to text and drive.

Squire Aaron Pennington – In general when it comes to our citizens and their health and safety, this is my number one priority.

Squire E.G. Thompson – Please drive the speed limit, especially in residential areas. Be careful and be kind.

Squire Larry Hicks – Upton Days Parade is Saturday, September 16.

Squire Kenny Muse – Public Works Committee meeting is September 20 at 3:30 pm.

County Judge/Executive Keith Taul – Fiscal Court Meeting is September 26 at 5:30 pm.

**Adjourn**

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



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KEITH L. TAUL  
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:



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BRIAN D. SMITH, By Meranda Caswell, Deputy Clerk  
CLERK, HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT