

Minutes
Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting
January 9, 2024 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 EG Thompson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Squire Fred Clem.

County Judge/Executive Keith Taul made opening comments welcoming those in attendance and previewing the agenda. He also gave a review of 2023 and preview of 2024. He shared the importance of the Comprehensive BlueOval SK study led by Deputy Judge/Executive Vicki Meredith. He recognized the contributions of the Lincoln Trail ADD, Elizabethtown Hardin County Industrial Foundation, planning and development and others to this effort.

He also recognized the efforts of Emergency Manager Joey Scott to improve Hardin County EMS by building a knowledgeable team to evaluate the status of EMS and E911 response times. They have recommended a third-party study to develop a six-year strategy for Hardin County.

Judge Taul also talked about work to increase the emphasis on transparency, including the budget process which included the finance committee and treasurer. He expects the process in 2024 to continue this method. He noted that the public now has full access to ordinances and resolutions that Fiscal Court votes on prior to the meeting. He said a plan to improve the website is underway. He mentioned the adjusted fiscal court schedule and the addition of town hall meetings.

The judge also said that extending broadband to all of Hardin County is a priority, and they will be seeking grant funds for this. Emergency Management was awarded a grant for needed items. He also said that EMS is implementing cost saving measures, and E911 expanded to include dispatching for Radcliff Police Department. He said that 97% of 911 calls are answered in 0-10 seconds, and they handled 110,000 calls in 2023.

He reported that 76 miles of roads have been resurfaced in 2023 at a cost of \$6 million. Much of that was funded through ARPA funds which will not be available in the future. He said Stephanie Givens has worked with Platform to stabilize garbage pickup. Animal Care and Control handled 1800 complaints in 2023 and did an outstanding job.

Looking ahead to 2024, there will be budget work, an opportunity to work with the General Assembly, complete a sewer expansion study, and utilize the consultant's study for a six-year EMS improvement plan.

Judge Taul would like to see everyone have access to broadband in the next two to three years. He also will be supporting a study of the downtown Glendale area by planning and zoning. He said we could see continued enhancement to the website to improve transparency, a focus on

trash collection consistency, utilization of the EMS financial study to minimize the subsite by county government, and the expansion of the industrial tax to the unincorporated parts of the county.

Approve Hardin County Fiscal Court 12.22.2023 minutes

Motion to Approve minutes was made by Squire Muse 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.

Informational Items

Department/Office Reports

a. Presentations

- i. Planning – Adam King
- ii. Public Works – Stephanie Givens
- iii. Engineering – Vicki Meredith
- iv. Road Department – Dwight Morgan

b. Written Reports

- i. Animal Control – Mike McNutt
 - a. 2023 Totals for Municipality Monthly Report
 - b. December 2023 Fiscal Court Report
 - c. Fort Knox Animal Intake 2022-2025
 - d. Larue County Animal Intake 2022-2025
- ii. Emergency Management – Joey Scott
- iii. Road Department – Dwight Morgan
- iv. Planning – Adam King

County Judge/Executive Keith Taul opened the floor for citizen comments. None were offered.

Ordinances/Resolutions/Agreements

- a. Approve **Resolution 2024-005** related to Hutcherson Road Annexation.

Motion to Approve by Squire Clem 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.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve **December Utilities Claims 12/2023, December Recurring Claims 12/2023, January Claims 01/09/24.**
- b. Approve **Resolution 2024-001** related to EMS Personnel.
- c. Approve **Resolution 2024-002** related to Tetra Tech Work Orders.
- d. Approve **Resolution 2024-006** related to Financial Transfers.
- e. Approve **Resources & Community Support Committee Meeting Minutes 12.18.2023.**
- f. Approve **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes 12.20.2023.**

Motion to Approve by Squire Muse 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.

Concluding Comments:

County Clerk Brian D. Smith thanked the Hardin County EMS team for recent training the provided the clerk's staff. He also gave an update on the KAVIS software rollout by the Transportation Cabinet.

Squire Chris Yates invited the public to the February 3, 2024 Radcliff Mayors Breakfast at Colvin Community Center. He also invited the public to the next Emergency Services Committee.

Squire Kenny Saltsman reminded the public that January 15, 2024 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and invited them to the annual NAACP celebration.

Squire Patsy Whitehead invited the public to the next Resources and Community Support Committee meeting. She also acknowledged today as National Law Enforcement Day and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Squire Fred Clem, Jr. invited the public to the upcoming Finance Committee meeting (which will meet on the second floor) and Town Hall meeting. He also reminded the public to not drink and drive and not text and drive.

Squire Aaron Pennington wished all a Happy New Year.

Squire E.G. Thompson reminded the public to consider their speed when driving and also to show pride in our community by not littering.

Squire Kenny Muse invited the public to the next Public Works Committee meeting.

County Judge/Executive Taul invited the public to the next Fiscal Court meeting on January 23, 2024 at 5:30 pm

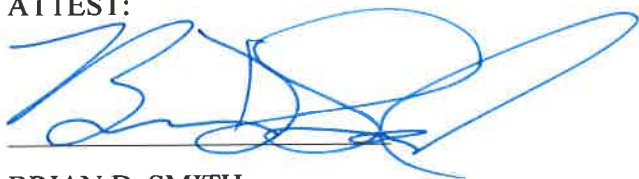
Adjourn

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



KEITH L. TAUL
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:



BRIAN D. SMITH
CLERK, HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT