

Minutes
Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting
February 13, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

County Judge/Executive Keith L. 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 L. Taul: here.

The Invocation was given by Squire Patsy Whitehead.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Squire Kenny Saltsman.

Judge Executive Taul gave opening comments and a brief preview of the agenda.

Approve Hardin County Fiscal Court 1.23.2024 minutes

Motion to Approve minutes was made by Squire Saltsman 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 L. Taul: yes.

Informational Items

a. Fort Knox – Digital Air-Ground Integration Range Update Presentation - Fort Knox Garrison Commander Colonel Chris Ricci

Squire Hicks thanked Colonel Ricci for his service. Squire Whitehead stated her appreciation for the service of our military and mentioned that she was looking forward to the return of the noise associated with the advanced training. Squire Muse asked if there would be much difference between daytime and nighttime training, and COL Ricci responded that it was too early to tell. Squire Yates asked about the length of the training sessions that would occur. COL Ricci said some would be less than a day and others would last weeks. Squire Saltsman asked if most of the units using the range would be from other installations, and COL Ricci stated yes due to the types of missions stationed at Fort Knox. Squire Saltsman said thank you and that he would be praying for those deploying.

Department/Office Reports

a. Presentations

i. Emergency Management – Joey Scott & Richard Dewitt. Mr. Dewitt detailed a recent OSHA visit that showed the County was taking safety seriously.

Written Reports

i. Public Works – Stephanie Givens

ii. Road Department – Dwight Morgan

iii. Planning – Adam King

a. Written Report

b. Annual Report 2023

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

Ordinances/Resolutions/Agreements

i. First Reading **Ordinance No. 332-3, Series 2023**, amending FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment No. 3.

Motion to Approve was made by Squire Clem 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 L. Taul: yes.

ii. First Reading **Ordinance 339, Series 2024** – Certification of Recovery Residences in Hardin County, Kentucky.

Motion to Approve was made by Squire Saltsman and seconded by Squire Yates.

Judge Taul read a portion of the ordinance and County Attorney described how it would function.

Squire Clem noted that “integrity” was the key word on this issue, and the county is fortunate to not have more than one of these in operation.

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 L. Taul: yes.

Consent Agenda

a. Approve **February Claims 2-13-2024, January Utility Claims 1-2024, January Recurring Claims 1-2024, and Training Incentive CY 2024.**

b. Approve **Resolution 2024-019** related to Road Personnel.

c. Approve **Resolution 2024-020** related to Buildings and Grounds Personnel.

d. Approve **Resolution 2024-021** related to LTADD Interlocal Agreement Re: Safe Streets and Roads.

e. Approve **Resolution 2024-022** related to Subaward Agreement with HCWD #2 for \$187,500 ARPA Funding.

f. Approve **Resolution 2024-023** related to HCWD #2 \$187,500 SLFRF/ARPA Expenditure Approval.

g. Approve **Resolution 2024-024** related to EMS Personnel.

h. Approve **Resolution 2024-025** related to KY Department of Transportation Dept. of Rural & Municipal Aid, bridge repairs on Middle Creek Road.

i. Approve **Resolution 2024-026** related to Financial Transfers.

j. Approve **Resolution 2024-027** related to Bids for Road Materials.

k. Approve **Resolution 2024-028** related to Bid for Mini Excavator.

l. Approve **Resolution 2024-029** related to Interlocal Agreement with City of Elizabethtown - Certification of Recovery Residences.

m. **Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 1-24-2024.**

n. **Special Called Finance Committee Meeting 2-7-2024.**

o. **Public Works Meeting Minutes 2-7-2024.**

Motion to Approve was made 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 L. Taul: yes.

Concluding Comments:

Hardin County Attorney Jenny Oldham introduced her Treatment Coordinator Katie Bennett. She thanked Fiscal Court for their support for appropriating phase one Opioid Settlement funds to her office to fund the position. The Hardin County Attorney's Office is the first to offer a Drug Treatment Coordinator based in a county attorney's office. Ms. Bennett previously worked on a Stay Safe study through the University of Kentucky. Her work has begun by accessing regional treatment providers to insure the integrity of treatment to which offenders are being ordered. This will ensure that court ordered treatment is sound. She will also be facilitating getting non-violent and non-drug trafficker offenders into treatment instead of jail.

Hardin County Clerk Brian D. Smith gave an update about the status of KAVIS software used by Clerk's Offices and the Kentucky Department of Transportation to conduct vehicle transactions. He also thanked County Attorney Jenny Oldham for providing lunch for the staff, saying it was a much-needed morale booster. Clerk Smith also shared the details of the upcoming Special Election to fill the seat of former State Representative Russell Webber. Finally, Clerk Smith announced PropertyCheck, a new service allowing property owners to sign up for alerts related to filings in the Clerk's Office. This service is free to enroll in.

Squire Yates invited the public to attend the next meeting of the Emergency Services Committee.

Squire Whitehead shared the news that Hardin County had recently been named a Recovery Ready County. She thanked all the partners that came together to make that happen and prioritize a system of care in our community. She said she attended the 25th Anniversary of the Hardin County Specialty Courts and was amazed by the lives changed. She also invited the public to the next meeting of the Resources and Community Support Committee. She also wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Squire Clem also was in attendance at the Specialty Court celebration. He applauded the dedication of those in the court system. He said the program wasn't easy, and those candidates who persevered were amazing. He said it shows "love works." He invited the public to the next Finance Committee meeting. He encouraged the public to not drink and drive, nor text and drive.

Squire Thompson also attended the 25th Anniversary of Specialty Court and graduation ceremony. Hardin County is a pioneer in this area and a credit to our judicial system. He stated that drug court is changing and saving lives. He reminded the public that Valentines Day is about love, and there is no

love without knowing the Lord. He said the scriptures say to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself. He encouraged the public to keep our community safe and litter-free.

Squire Hicks said that Fiscal Court is here to serve the public and should anyone have questions, they should call the members directly. He said the news is full of tragedy, and we should pray for our families and our country.

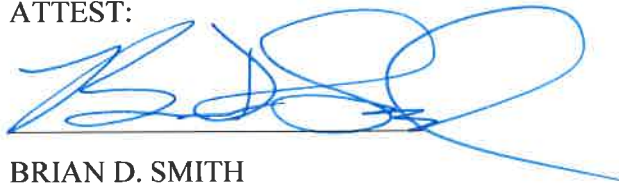
County Judge/Executive Taul invited the public to the next Fiscal Court meeting and reminded them that county government would be closed on February 19, 2024 for Presidents' Day.

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



KEITH L. TAUL
HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:



BRIAN D. SMITH
CLERK, HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT