

Minutes

Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting

March 12, 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 Fred Clem.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Squire EG Thompson.

Judge Executive Taul gave opening comments and a brief preview of the agenda. He mentioned that he had updated the county's needs for emergency transportation repairs of bridges and roads with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Approve Hardin County Fiscal Court 2.27.2024 minutes

Motion to Approve minutes was made by Squire Whitehead 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.

Informational Items

- a. Hardin County Election Ambassador Award to Mr. Robert Lawson Barger & Mr. Richard Rowland.
- b. Hardin County Conservation District (Vincent Thompson)
 - i. 2024-2025 Budget
 - ii. Annual Plan of Work for 2024-2025

Department/Office Reports

a. Presentations

i. Planning – Adam King

ii. Public Works – Vicki Meredith

Squire Hicks asked if the company that performs dead animal removal would remove deer.

Deputy Judge/Executive Meredith stated that the original contract was for farm animals, but she would review the issue and let him know more.

iii. Engineering – Vicki Meredith

iv. Road Department – Dwight Morgan

Squire Clem stated that he learned at the Magistrates Conference that the state would be reducing the amount the county would receive directly from the rural road aid fund and the state would control those dollars for state roads within the county. Mr. Morgan stated that would be a 15% reduction in funds controlled by Hardin County.

b. Written Reports

i. Animal Control – Mike McNutt

- a. 2024 Totals for Municipality Monthly Report
 - b. February 2024 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 L. Taul opened the floor for citizen comments.

Mr. Robert Barger of Radcliff expressed his thanks for being recognized as a Hardin County Election Ambassador. He stated that he is a transplant to Hardin County and there is no other place he would rather live.

Mr. Charlie Riggs of Hodgenville Road spoke about a lack of regulations that has allowed his next-door neighbor to house a horse in her backyard resulting in odors and other concerns. He said anyone living in the county can have a cow or horse regardless of lot size.

Ordinances/Resolutions/Agreements

- i. Second Reading and Adoption of **Ordinance No. 332-3 Series 2023** – relating to FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment No. 3.

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

- ii. Approve **Resolution 2024-048** related to CivicPlus Statement of Work for Website Refresh with Hosting.

Judge Taul stated that he had heard some concerns were raised to the IT Director, and he amended a portion of Resolution 2024-048 to read: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Judge/Executive and County Attorney to negotiate and execute all documents related to the above SOW.” (Adding the language “and County Attorney” to the original drafted resolution.)

Motion to Approve the resolution with that change was made by Squire Yates and seconded by Squire Hicks.

Squire Saltsman spoke stating that in committee they discussed wanting to go with a local company for video and doesn't see why the county didn't check with any local companies to bid on this work.

Squire Thompson stated that there is not currently a contract in place to do the county website. Judge Taul stated that was true. Squire Thompson asked if services for the website have been paid and are current. Judge Taul stated that they have been paid and are current.

Voting:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. March **Claims 3-12-2024**; February **Recurring Claims 2-2024**; February **Utility Claims 2-2024**.
- b. Approve **Resolution 2024-046** related to E-911 Personnel.
- c. Approve **Resolution 2024-047** related to EMS Personnel.
- d. Approve **Resolution 2024-049** related to Engineering Department Personnel.
- e. Approve **Resolution 2024-050** related to Jail Video Arraignment Equipment.
- f. Approve **Resolution 2024-051** related to Finance Personnel.
- g. Approve **Resolution 2024-052** related to Budget Transfers.
- h. Approve **Resolution 2024-053** related to Interlocal Agreement with City of Elizabethtown.
- i. Approve **Resolution 2024-054** related to adopting Goals and Objectives of Comprehensive Plan.
- j. Approve **Emergency Services Committee Meeting Minutes 2.15.2024**.

Motion to Approve minutes was made by Squire Pennington and seconded by Squire Yates. Squire Pennington expressed his appreciation for the Elizabethtown Mayor and City Council for working with the County on Resolution 2024-053 to address this issue. Judge Taul stated he agreed and has personally thanked Mayor Jeff Gregory of Elizabethtown.

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

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

Squire Whitehead invited the public to the next Resources and Community Support Committee meeting.

Squire Clem invited the public to attend the next Finance Committee meeting. He asked the public to not drink and drive and not text and drive.

Squire Thompson encouraged the public to drive the speed limit and use care with disposable trash.

Squire Hicks invited the public to the upcoming "Lincoln Dinner."

Squire Muse invited the public to the Friday Fish Fry at St. Brigid and the next meeting of the Public Works Meeting.

Judge Taul invited the public to next Fiscal Court meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Conversation District Representative Vincent Thompson invited the public to the next seedling give away on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Farmers' Market.

Motion to adjourn was made by Squire Thompson 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