

Minutes

Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting

May 14, 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.

Approve Hardin County Fiscal Court 4.23.2024 minutes:

Motion to Approve by Squire Whitehead 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.

Motion passed.

Informational Items

a. Hardin County Conservation District – Vincent Thompson, Dead Animal Removal Check Presentation.

Department/Office Reports

a. Presentations

- i. Public Works – Vicki B. Meredith, P.E.
- ii. Engineering – Mark Absher
- iii. Road Department – Dwight Morgan
- iv. Planning – Adam King

b. Written Reports

- i. Animal Control – Mike McNutt
 - April 2024 Fiscal Court Report
 - 2024 Totals for Municipality Monthly Report
 - Fort Knox Animal Intake 2022-2025
 - LaRue County Animal Intake 2022-2025
- 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. None were offered.

Ordinances/Resolutions/Agreements

a. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 340 Series 2024 FY 2024-25 Budget.

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

Voting:

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

Motion passed.

b. First Reading of Ordinance No. 332-4 Series FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment.

Motion to Approve by Squire Clem 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.

Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

a. Approve May Claims 5-14-2024, April Recurring Claims 4-2024, April Utility Claims 4-2024.

b. Approve **Resolution 2024-092** related to EMS Personnel.

c. Approve **Resolution 2024-093** related to E-911 Personnel.

d. Approve **Resolution 2024-094** related to Contract with S&ME for Density Testing.

e. Approve **Resolution 2024-095** related to 2024 Kentucky Waste Tire Collection Agreement.

f. Approve **Resolution 2024-096** related to Road Personnel.

g. Approve **Resolution 2024-097** related to Contract Between Hardin County Fiscal Court and Commonwealth of KY, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid (County Road Aid CRA).

h. Approve **Resolution 2024-098** related to Hardin County Detention Center's Policies and Procedures Manual for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

i. Approve **Resolution 2024-099** related to Coroner Office Personnel.

j. Approve **Resolution 2024-100** related to Financial Transfers.

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

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.

Motion passed.

Concluding Comments were offered by:

County Attorney Jennifer B. Oldham stated that about 1,100 tax letters went out this week from her office to those with delinquent property tax bills. She encouraged the public to pay them promptly, because waiting doesn't make it cheaper.

County Clerk Brian D. Smith gave a rundown on the upcoming May Primary, including dates, times and locations of voting options for Hardin Countians.

Squire Yates asked the public to keep in mind those impacted by the Carrolton Bus Crash on the 36th anniversary of this tragedy. He invited the public to attend the upcoming Emergency Services Committee meeting.

Squire Whitehead also honored those impacted by the Carrolton Bus Crash. She commended the News-Enterprise for keeping the memory of this incident in the public. She said that recent statistics released show that 51% of motor vehicle crash fatalities were not wearing a seatbelt. She encouraged people to buckle up. She also invited the public to attend the Community Resources and Support Committee meeting.

Squire Clem mentioned that he drove past the location of the Carrolton Bus Crash this week and he commended the media for continuing to tell the story of this tragedy. He invited the public to attend the next meeting of the Finance Committee. He reminded the public to neither drink and drive, nor text and drive.

Squire Thompson urged the public to not drive impaired. He also invited the public to the upcoming Springfest in Glendale.

Squire Hicks invited the public to the 25th Annual Stephensburg Days.

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

County Judge/Executive Taul invited the public to the next meeting of Fiscal Court.

Closed Session

- 1) KRS 61.810(1)(c) Discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency.
- 2) KRS 61.810(1) (g) Discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion or upgrading of a business.

Motion to enter into closed session by Judge Taul 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.

Motion passed.

Upon returning from closed session a motion to adjourn was made by Squire Clem and seconded by Squire Muse. 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