

Minutes

Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting

May 28, 2024 at 5:30 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 Aaron Pennington.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Squire Larry Hicks.

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

Approve **Hardin County Fiscal Court 5.14.2024 minutes.**

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.

Motion passed.

Informational Items

a. Economic Development Update – Andy Games

Department/Office Reports

a. Presentations

- i. EMS – Mark Peterson
- ii. E-911 – Mike Leo
- iii. Detention Center – Samantha Mitchell
- iv. Springfield Road Update – Mark Absher

Written Reports

- i. Planning – Adam King
- ii. Clerk – Brian D. Smith

Citizen's Concerns or Comments

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

Ordinances/Resolutions/Agreements

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve **Treasurer's Financial Report 04.24.**
- b. Approve **April Payroll with Registers (04.09.24, 04.12.24, 04.26.24).**
- c. Approve **May Claims 05-28-2024, May Library Claims 05-28-2024.**
- d. Approve **Resolution 2024-101** related to Finance Personnel.
- e. Approve **Resolution 2024-103** related to E-911 Renew American Tower Corp Agreement Eastview Tower 2015-016.
- f. Approve **Resolution 2024-104** related to CLFRF Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA HB556) Application for Detention Center.
- g. Approve **Resolution 2024-105** related to Contract with eCloud Managed Solutions for AWS Infrastructure and Services.
- h. Approve **Resolution 2024-106** related to iWorQ Software as a Service Agreement for REST GIS, Stormwater and Facilities Management.
- i. Approve **Resolution 2024-107** related to Financial Transfers.
- j. Approve **Resolution 2024-108** related to EMS Personnel.
- k. Approve **Resolution 2024-109** related to Allocation of Opioid funds to Coroner Office for a Rapid Response Officer.
- l. Approve **Resolution 2024-110** related to Dr. Bell as EMS Medical Director.
- m. Approve **Resolution 2024-111** related to bid for EMS data collection, billing & electronic health information exchange services.
- n. Approve **Resolution 2024-112** related to bid for Inmate Communications services.
- o. Approve **Resolution 2024-113** related to Homeland Security, Law Enforcement Protection Program Grant.
- p. Approve **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes 5.15.2024.**
- q. Approve **Emergency Services Committee Meeting Minutes 5.16.2024.**
- r. Approve **Resources & Community Support Committee Meeting Minutes 5.20.2024.**
- s. Approve **Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 5.21.2024.**

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

Discussion: Squire Pennington thanked the Coroner's Office for seeking solutions to our community problems, referencing Resolution 2024-109. Squire Whitehead also commended the Coroner's Office for the use of the allocated funds. Squire Clem also mentioned thanks for the local court system for being proactive in addressing addiction in Hardin County. Squires Pennington and Clem both commented on the concerning number of youth who have suffered overdoses.

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:

Hardin County Clerk Brian D. Smith gave a recap of the primary election. For the May Primary, Hardin County had

87,887 voters on the rolls

39,953 Republicans

36,156 Democrats

11,778 Independents/Other/3rd Party registrants (who had nothing on the ballot for them to vote on.)

We had **7,923** voters cast ballots in the primary. That's 9.01% of total voters and 10.04% of eligible voters. A disappointing turnout. Every county that touches Hardin County had higher turnout. In looking at those counties with the highest turnout, many had competitive local races that drove turnout or historically have had high turnout.

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

Squire Kenny Saltsman thanked the scouts and scout leaders for attending today's Fiscal Court meeting.

Squire Whitehead thanked BSA Troop 488 out of Radcliff for being in attendance. She said Memorial Day is a tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. She also had praise for the line-workers who are community heroes working day and night until power is restored to customers. She invited the public to attend the next meeting of the Resources and Community Support Committee.

Squire Clem commended the scouts in attendance and said he had fond memories of scouting. He said Memorial Day is a chance to pause and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this nation. He said their sacrifice preserved our freedoms to go to the polls and vote. He further stated it doesn't matter how many names are on the ballot; the key is our right to vote. He reminded us of those in Iraq who risked and gave their lives to dip their finger in purple ink and vote. He concluded by reminding the public to neither drink and drive, nor text and drive.

Squire Pennington stated he agreed with those who spoke before, and it is shameful that folks don't exercise their rights.

Squire Thompson said this was, again, a reflection of personal responsibility. He issued a challenge to the scouts in attendance to register to vote as soon as they were old enough and to never miss voting in an election. He said voting is an investment in their future. He thanked the community helping make Glendale Springfest a success.

Squire Hicks said he echoed Squire Clem's comments about Memorial Day. He further stated that too many take it for granted, and if they would realize how important that day is, more people would vote. People complain, but don't vote. He said he lost friends in Vietnam – who lost their lives fighting for freedom.

Squire Muse said he echoed Squire Hicks' comments. He invited the public to the next Public Works Committee meeting.

County Judge/Executive Taul invited the public to the next meeting of the Fiscal Court. He thanked the scouts for being in attendance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Squire Yates and seconded by Squire Thompson. 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