

Minutes

Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting

September 24, 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 Larry Hicks.

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. Judge Taul then introduced a proclamation honoring Hardin County EMS, by proclaiming it "Beyond the Call of Service Week." He further recognized Shawn Thomas (Advanced EMT), Kelly Gibson (EMT), and Riley Black (EMT) for their outstanding performance and high standard of care.

Approve Hardin County Fiscal Court 9.10.2024 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.

Public Hearing

a. Niceley Cemetery Relocation - Conducted by Jenny Oldham, County Attorney. Ms. Nelle Johnson spoke on behalf of the family and in favor of the relocation. The public was invited to speak; none did.

Approve **Resolution 2024-199** related to Niceley Cemetery Relocation

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

Squire EG Thompson stated that this is done after careful thought and with the approval of the surviving family members.

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

Department/Office Reports

- a. Presentations
 - i. EMS – Mark Peterson
 - ii. E-911 – Mike Leo
 - iii. Detention Center – Josh Lindblom

Citizen's Concerns or Comments

County Judge/Executive Keith Taul opened the floor for citizen comments. Mr. Jim (Unintelligible) spoke and thanked the Hardin County Road department for their work on Constantine Road.

Ordinances/Resolutions/Agreements

- a. First Reading of **Ordinance 269-4 Series 2024**, Zoning Text Amendment Related to Medical Cannabis Businesses in Unincorporated Hardin County
Motion to Approve by Squire Clem and seconded by Squire Whitehead.

Squire Yates spoke against the resolution stating that Senate Bill 47, which legalized medical cannabis across the Commonwealth authorizes communities to adopt zoning ordinances to determine where businesses can operate. Unlike other areas, Planning and Zoning recommended that all medical cannabis businesses be classified as industrial. He stated he is supportive of requiring cultivating, processing, producing and safety compliance facilities in industrial zones. He does not believe dispensaries should be zoned industrial. He sees this as an attempt to undermine the will of the people which is why the issue was placed on the ballot.

Squire Saltsman also spoke against the resolution. He said that zoning cannabis businesses as industrial hurt patient accessibility and safety, it adds to the public perception and stigma associated with these businesses, and it limits those businesses due to a lack of supporting services in industrial zones. He also stated that it increases security risks due to low foot traffic and slower emergency response times. He stated that this would create zoning conflicts and impact future growth. He believes zoning these businesses as commercial/mixed-use would benefit patients due to improved visibility and accessibility.

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: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: no; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.
Motion passed.

- b. Approve **Ordinance 340, Amendment 1, Series 2024** FY 2024-25 Relating to Annual Budget and Amendment

Motion to Approve by Squire Clem 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.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve **Treasurer's Financial Report – August 2024**.
- b. Approve **August Payroll with Registers** (8.2.2024, 8.13.2024, 8.16.2024, 8.30.2024).
- c. Approve **September Claims 9-24-2024, Library Claims 9-24-2024**.
- d. Approve **Resolution 2024-189** related to Animal Care & Control Personnel.
- e. Approve **Resolution 2024-190** related to Declare Equipment, Vehicles, and other Items Surplus.
- f. Approve **Resolution 2024-191** related to EMS Personnel.
- g. Approve **Resolution 2024-192** related to Financial Transfers.
- h. Approve **Resolution 2024-194** related to Rescind Portion of Resolution 2023-199 Purchase of Remount Ambulances.
- i. Approve **Resolution 2024-195** related to Accept 2004 IC IC3S530 Bus (VIN # 4DRBRAAN74A974472) into Inventory.
- j. Approve **Resolution 2024-196** related to KACo Insurance Grant.
- k. Approve **Resolution 2024-197** related to Fort Knox Refuse and Construction Demolition Debris Collection.
- l. Approve **Resolution 2024-198** related to Pre-Trip Health Insurance Enrollment MOU between HealthPlan Freedom, Inc and Hardin County Detention Center.
- m. Approve **Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 9.17.2024**.
- n. Approve **Resources and Community Support Committee Meeting Minutes 9.16.2024**.
- o. Approve **Emergency Services Committee Meeting Minutes 9.12.2024**.
- p. Approve **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes 9.11.2024**.

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.
Motion passed.

Concluding Comments:

Hardin County Clerk Brian D. Smith spoke about the upcoming general elections. He encouraged voters to use govvote.ky.gov to request their absentee ballots, if they qualify. He warned about third-party websites that may be collecting personal information on voters.

Squire Yates invited the public to the upcoming West Point River Days. He also invited the public to a special called meeting to review bids on an ambulance and truck.

Squire Muse invited the public to attend the Vine Grove Bluegrass Festival.

Squire Saltsman bragged on Hardin County Schools. He and other members of the court visited John Hardin High School and got to see the things they are doing to provide hands-on learning, including working with the Animal Shelter. He also visited Bluegrass Middle School where the Clerk's Office helped with the election of student council officers.

Squire Whitehead invited the public to the upcoming Animal Care and Control Rabies Clinic and the next meeting of the Resources and Community Support Committee.

Squire Clem invited the public to attend the next meeting of the Finance Committee and the upcoming Town Hall Meeting. He also reminded the public to not drink and drive, nor text and drive.

Squire Muse added that Rineyville Days was this weekend, and he encouraged the public to attend.

Judge Taul invited the public to attend the next meeting of Fiscal Court.

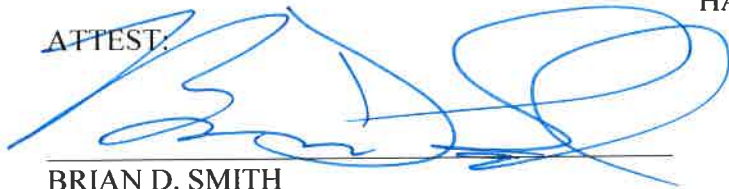
Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Squire Clem and seconded by Squire Yates. 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