

Minutes

Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting October 22, 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: not present; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: here.

The Invocation was given by Squire Aaron Pennington.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Squire Kenny Muse.

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

Approve Hardin County Fiscal Court 10.08.2024 minutes

Motion to Approve by Squire Thompson 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: not present; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Motion passed.

Informational Items

Department/Office Reports

Presentations

- i. Coroner – Pat Elmore
- ii. Sheriff – John Ward & Teri Bennett
- iii. Clerk – Brian D. Smith

Written Reports

- i. EMS – Mark Peterson
- ii. E-911 – Mike Leo
- iii. Detention Center – Josh Lindblom
- iv. Planning – Adam King

Citizen's Concerns or Comments:

County Judge/Executive Keith Taul opened the floor for citizen comments. Jeff Farmer of Elizabethtown spoke in support of Squire Hicks' comments last week saying that Hicks has a right to speak and pray for a constituent. Squire Saltsman asked for a point of order because the statement was not related to an agenda item.

Judge Taul reminded the public that this was a time for agenda related comments by the public. Bobbie Coleman of Vine Grove rose to make comments in agreement with Mr. Farmer. Squire

Saltsman stated he would withdraw his objection. As Coleman was speaking, Squire Clem stated that the public comment period was designed for comments related to the Fiscal Court agenda. He stated if they do not adhere to that it would not be representative of what the court is about. Judge Taul asked Coleman to keep her remarks to thirty seconds. As she was speaking, Judge Taul addressed her and she said she would submit her remarks in writing and then handed the Judge related documents. Squire Saltsman suggested her criticism of the News Enterprise Editorial Board should be addressed to the Editorial Board.

When Bobby Alexander of Elizabethtown rose to be heard, Judge Taul asked him to not speak if it was on the same subject. Alexander suggested it was and proceeded to speak in frustration about the limit on his ability to speak his mind. Judge Taul invited him to speak at the Town Hall meeting where the agenda allowed for comments on all topics. Alexander argued with Taul and Judge Taul said they would be sticking to the agenda.

Julie Cantwell of Rineyville also spoke asking members of Fiscal Court to vote no on the second reading of Ordinance 269-4 Series 2024 related to zoning of medical cannabis businesses.

Ordinances/Resolutions/Agreements

a. First Reading of **Ordinance 343, Series 2024**, Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone Service Within Hardin County, Kentucky.

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

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: not present; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Motion passed.

b. Second 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 Thompson

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: yes; Squire Kenny Saltsman: no; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: not present; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Motion passed.

c. Second Reading of **Ordinance 340-1 Series 2024**, Relating to FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment No. 1.

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: not present; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve **Treasurer's Financial Report – September 2024**
 - b. Approve **September Payroll with Registers (9.10.24, 9.13.24, 9.27.24)**
 - c. Approve **October Claims 10.22.2024**
 - d. Approve **Resolution 2024-207** related to 2024 Kia Pet Adoption Grant Application with Pet Finder.com
 - e. Approve **Resolution 2024-208** related to Houchens Insurance Group as Agent of Record for Ancillary Policies with One America & Met Life
 - f. Approve **Resolution 2024-209** related to EMS Personnel
 - g. Approve **Resolution 2024-210** related to Bid for New Never Titled V8 4-Door 4x4 SUV
 - h. Approve **Resolution 2024-211** related to Finance Copier Lease Agreements
 - i. Approve **Resolution 2024-212** related to Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes
 - j. Approve **Resolution 2024-213** related to Accept Bus (VIN #4DRBUAAN78A517598) Into Inventory for Emergency Management
 - k. Approve **Resolution 2024-214** related to Financial Transfers
 - l. Approve **Resolution 2024-215** related to Cyber Security Grant (SLGCP)
 - m. Approve **Resolution 2024-216** related to Quick Response Team (QRT) Grant
 - n. Approve **Resolution 2024-217** related to contract with KY Dept of Transportation Flex Fund agreement \$383,247.00 Resurfacing on Boone Road and Wooldridge Ferry Road
 - o. Approve **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes 10.9.2024**
 - p. Approve **Emergency Services Committee Meeting Minutes 10.10.2024**
 - q. Approve **Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 10.15.2024**
 - r. Approve **Resources and Community Support Committee Meeting Minutes 10.21.2024**
- 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: not present; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.
Motion passed.

Concluding Comments:

Squire Clem invited the public to attend the next Town Hall meeting on November 7, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

Squire Hicks made a statement in defense of his statement last week about a constituent who is facing a prison sentence. He said his call for prayer was personal and not reflective of Fiscal Court. He stated that the first amendment is in-place and he reiterated his call for prayer.

Squire Muse invited the public to the rescheduled Rineyville Days.

Judge Taul invited the public to the next fiscal court meeting and he noted the upcoming holiday schedule for county government.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Squire Whitehead 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