

## **Minutes**

### **Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting**

**June 23, 2026 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: not present; 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 Yates.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Squire Clem.

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

### **Approve Hardin County Fiscal Court June 9, 2026 minutes**

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

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: not present; 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.

## **Department/Office Reports**

### **Presentations**

- a. Coroner – Pat Elmore
- b. Sheriff – John Ward

### **Written Reports**

- a. EMS – Mark Peterson
- b. E-911 – Mike Leo

## **Citizen's Concerns or Comments:**

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

## **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Treasurer's Financial Report – May 2026
- b. Approve June Claims 6.23.2026, June ACH Claims
- c. Approve May Payroll with Registers – (5.08.2026, 5.12.2026, 5.22.2026)
- d. Approve **Resolution 2026-105** related to Financial Transfers
- e. Approve **Resolution 2026-106** related to Changes to Personnel Policies and Procedure Handbook
- f. Approve **Resolution 2026-107** related to EMS Personnel
- g. Approve **Resolution 2026-108** related to Arctic Wolf-Cybersecurity Managed Detection & Response (MDR)

- h. Approve **Resolution 2026-109** related to Public Consulting Group-Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program (ASPP) Services
- i. Approve **Resolution 2026-110** related to Agreement for Correctional Facility Healthcare Services
- j. Approve **Resolution 2026-111** related to Step in Grade and 1% COLA
- k. Approve Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes June 10, 2026
- l. Approve Emergency Services Meeting Minutes June 11, 2026
- m. Approve Resources & Community Support Committee Meeting Minutes June 15, 2026
- n. Approve Finance Committee Meeting Minutes June 16, 2026

County Judge/Executive Keith Taul asked the court if any item should be removed from the consent agenda. None were excepted.

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

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: not present; 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.

**County Attorney Jenny Oldham** read the following announcement regarding SpringHaven Inc. and its closure next week: I want to provide some information about the announcement by SpringHaven that our local domestic violence program, which has served 8 counties for over 40 years, will be closing next Tuesday, June 30. The state legislature funds domestic violence shelters and other services in all 15 Area Development Districts by its budget appropriation to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. The Cabinet for decades has designated Zero V as the umbrella organization through which this funding flows to each of the 15 districts for these very important services. Zero V is Kentucky's domestic violence coalition of agencies. SpringHaven is a nonprofit organization governed by a local board of directors. It is funded by a variety of state, federal and local entities. SpringHaven lost funding from more than one source and recently lost funding from its largest source, which is ZeroV. So, to be clear, SpringHaven is no longer the program being funded by ZeroV for services for victims of DV in Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington Counties. I want to be very careful and not speak for ZeroV but I do think it's very important that our community, in particular anyone who may be a victim of violence or living in an unsafe situation, know that there are still resources to keep you safe. Our local community leaders, our state legislators and ZEROV are all committed to making sure that services to victims continue. It will be a challenge until we have a new program up and running. But it is not a challenge that will be borne by the victims who need the services. We will just work harder to make sure the same services are available to you if you need them. I don't want anyone who is a victim of domestic violence who needs temporary shelter, an emergency protective order, crises counseling or other help to misunderstand and think that help is not readily available. The help is still there. The funding is still there. It will be coming from a different source. And it is our job as community leaders to make sure victims get what they need. Several community leaders, including myself, have already met with Zero V and are working to make sure that crises resources including emergency shelter and transportation are available to any victim that

needs it 24/7 in all 8 counties. We are also meeting to begin setting up a new program that will replace SpringHaven to provide these services long-term. Planning a new program represents an opportunity to improve the level of services available to victims in the 8-county area. The same 24/7 crisis line will connect you with domestic violence services:

Crisis Hotline: 1-800-767-5838

For more information, please contact ZeroV's Allison Brown at [abrown@zerov.org](mailto:abrown@zerov.org).

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

Squire **Saltsman** congratulated Jailer Big Josh Lindblom with the fund savings for the jail and looks forward to reimbursements in the future.

Squire **Whitehead** cautioned the public to have fun and to be safe for the holiday weekend Fourth of July. She invited the public to the next meeting of the Resources and Community Support Committee.

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

Squire **Pennington** read an email from a constituent to ask the Judge/Executive questions about funding for pay raises but not able to find money for other services throughout Hardin County, and who is to be held accountable for the BlueOval disaster.

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

County Judge/Executive **Taul** requested Squire Pennington constituent's email to be forwarded to him. He also invited the public to attend the next meeting of Fiscal Court. He announced that the government offices will be closed on the holiday, Independence Day observance on July 3, 2026.

## Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Squire Saltsman 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