

Minutes

Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting

January 14, 2025 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 E. G. Thompson.

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. Comments and expressions of gratitude were offered to the Hardin County Government, first responders, volunteer fire departments, and multiple other agencies involved with the recent snow and ice storms for the services they had performed. Timmy Carr, EMS Deputy Director, was congratulated on his retirement.

Approve Hardin County Fiscal Court 12.19.2024 minutes

Motion to Approve by Squire Whitehead 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.

Department/Office Reports

a. Presentations

- i. Planning – Adam King
- ii. Road Department – Dwight Morgan
 - November - December 2024
 - Year in Review 2024

b. Written Reports

- i. Animal Control – Mike McNutt
 - December 2024 Fiscal Court Report
 - Fort Knox Animal Intake 2022 - 2025
 - LaRue County Animal Intake 2022 - 2025
 - 2024 Totals for Municipality Monthly Report
- ii. Detention Center – Josh Lindblom
- iii. Emergency Management – Joey Scott
- iv. Public Works – Stephanie Givens
- v. Road Department – Dwight Morgan
- vi. Planning – Adam King

Citizen's Concerns or Comments:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve **January Claims 1-14-2025, December Recurring Claims, December Utility Claims, and Reissue Prior Year Voided Check.**
- b. Approve **Resolution 2025-001** related to approval of Road Personnel.
- c. Approve **Resolution 2025-002** related to approval of EMS Personnel.
- d. Approve **Resolution 2025-003** related to approval of Financial Transfers.
- e. Approve **Resolution 2024-275 AMENDED** related to approval of Dr. Bell as EMS Medical Director.
- f. Approve **Resolution 2025-004** related to approval of Vertiv Corporation to provide Standard Maintenance for the Pear Orchard Radio Tower Battery Backup.
- g. Approve **Resolution 2025-005** related to approval of Agreement with West Kentucky Correctional Healthcare for Hardin County Detention Center's Medical Services.
- h. Approve **Resolution 2025-006** related to approval of KACo Insurance Grant for Coroner's Office.
- i. Approve **Resolution 2025-008** related to approval of E-911 Personnel.
- ~~j. Approve **Resolution 2025-009** related to approval of Solid Waste Personnel~~ removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately.
- k. Approve Emergency Service Committee Meeting Minutes 1.9.2025.

Judge-Executive Keith Taul opened to the magistrates the opportunity to remove any item from the consent agenda; the remaining items on the consent agenda are approved by General Consent. The consent agenda was passed with the removal of Resolution 2025-009 [j. *Resolution 2025-009 related to approval of Solid Waste Personnel.*] per Squire Kenny Saltsman who requested to have line item j to be voted on separately, apart from the consent agenda.

Ordinances/Resolutions/Agreements:

Resolution 2025-009 related to approval of Solid Waste Personnel

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

Discussion:

Clem stated that he would vote no due to the job duties listed under the title of the Public Works Director is now a title only and are not part of the position. And he said that it needs to be done away with that position, reestablish the Solid Waste director position, and readjust the job description. Saltsman stated that the position should be revamped and not to create a new position. Judge Executive Keith Taul stated that the position is warranted. Other offices are sharing the duties of the Solid Waste Coordinator. Clem stated that the concern of the vote on the position of Public Works director is about removing duties without the consent of the magistrates. Clem had been chairman of the Solid Waste Committee years ago. His position is to restructure the public works position.

Judge Executive Keith Taul stated that solid waste has changed since Clem's time. Larry Hicks asked for a report in six months concerning the performance of the Solid Waste Personnel.

Voting:

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

Motion passed.

County Attorney Comments

Tori Miller has been appointed as office manager. She has been in the criminal division of the Hardin County Attorney's office for six years. She had previously worked in the Grayson County Attorney's office.

Concluding Comments

Squire Saltsman wanted to thank the court for the prayers and thoughts for a tragedy within his family.

Squire Whitehead welcomed Tori Miller, congratulated Timmy Carr (EMS Deputy Director) on his retirement, and expressed gratitude to the first responders during the recent snow and ice storm. She invited the public to the next meeting of the Resources and Community Support Committee.

Squire Clem invited the public to attend the next meeting of the Town Hall Forum and the next meeting of the Finance Committee. He congratulated Timmy Carr for his retirement. He encouraged the public to not drink and drive, nor text and drive.

Squire Pennington congratulated Timmy Carr, EMS Deputy Director, on his retirement.

Squire Thompson congratulated Timmy Carr, EMS Deputy Director, on his retirement.

Squire Muse expressed gratitude to the road department especially in his district during the recent snow and ice storm. He also invited the public to attend the next meeting of the Public Works Committee.

County Judge/Executive Taul invited the public to attend the next meeting of Fiscal Court. The county will celebrate the upcoming holiday January 20 for the birthday remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Squire Yates 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