

Minutes

Hardin County Fiscal Court Regular Meeting

October 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: absent; Squire Kenny Saltsman: here; Squire EG Thompson: here; Squire Patsy Whitehead: here; Squire Chris Yates: absent; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: here.

The Invocation was given by Squire Muse.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Squire Hicks.

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

Approve Hardin County Fiscal Court 9.23.2025 minutes

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

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: absent; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: absent; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Motion passed.

Informational Items

Karsten Ingalls – First Place – American Battle Monuments Foundation Essay titled: The WWII Battle of Midway - Proclamation

Department/Office Reports

Presentations

- a. Animal Control – Mike McNutt - September 2025 Animal Control Power Point - September 2025 Fiscal Court Report - Fort Knox Animal Intake 2022-2025 - Larue County Animal Intake 2022-2025 - 2025 Totals for Municipality Monthly Report
- b. Emergency Management – Joey Scott

Written Reports

- a. Public Works – Stephanie Givens
- b. Engineering – Mark Absher
- c. Road Department – Dwight Morgan
- d. Detention Center – Josh Lindblom

Citizen's Concerns or Comments:

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

Closed Session – Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f) discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee.

Motion to Approve by Judge/Executive Keith Taul and seconded by Squire Saltsman.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: here; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: absent; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: absent; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Motion passed.

Fiscal Court reconvened after closed session.

Ordinances/Resolutions/Agreements

- a. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-200** related to approval of EMS Personnel

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

Voting:

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

Motion passed.

- b. Second Reading and Adoption **Ordinance No. 344-2** Series 2025 Amending FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendment No. 2

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

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: absent; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: absent; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Motion passed.

- c. Reading and Adoption of **Ordinance No. 345-2** Series 2025 – Amending Annual Standing Order to Pre-Approved Recurring Expenses

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

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: absent; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: absent; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.

Motion passed.

- d. Second Reading and Adoption of Amended **Ordinance No. 254**, Series 2007- Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance October 2025

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

Discussion: Squire Clem stated for the record that they had two days for this approval to get processed by the state and the federal. Clem asked if we had spoken with Frankfort and that there seems to be no problem getting this approved. Judge Taul assured him that they had.

Squire Saltsman asked if the shutdown affected the ordinance. Judge/Executive Keith Taul

answered that this ordinance was agreed upon by the state, and the shutdown did not affect the ordinance.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: absent; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: absent; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.
Motion passed.

- e. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-193** related to approval of FEMA Contracts with GSI for Stovall Road

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

Discussion: Squire Clem asked if the County Attorney had reviewed the contract. County Attorney Oldham answered yes.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: absent; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: absent; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.
Motion passed.

- f. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-203** related to approval of FEMA Contracts with GSI for Hall Road

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

Discussion: Squire Clem asked if the County Attorney had reviewed the contract. Judge/Executive Keith Taul answered yes.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: absent; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: absent; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.
Motion passed.

- g. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-197** related to approval of West Hardin Fire and Rescue Inc Occupancy Agreement

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

Discussion: Squire Clem asked if the County Attorney had reviewed the contract. County Attorney Oldham answered no. Squire Clem made a motion to table the resolution, and Squire Saltsman seconded the motion to table the resolution.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: no; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: absent; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: absent; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: no.
Motion passed to table Resolution No. 2025-197.

- h. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-202** related to LTADD Agreement for Engineering and GIS Services

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

Discussion: Squire Clem asked if the County Attorney had reviewed the contract. County Attorney Oldham answered no. Squire Clem made a motion to table the resolution, and Squire Saltsman seconded the motion to table the resolution.

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: no; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: absent; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: absent; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: no.
Motion passed to table Resolution No. 2025-202.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve October Claims 10.14.2025, October ACH Claims 10.14.2025, September Recurring Claims, September Utility Claims, Incentive Training
- b. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-191** related to approval of Financial Transfers
- c. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-192** related to approval of Bid for Solacom Guardian Geo-Diverse Hardware Refresh
- d. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-194** related to approval of E-911 Personnel
- e. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-195** related to approval of EMS Personnel
- f. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-196** related to approval of Animal Care and Control Personnel
- g. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-199** related to approval of Road Personnel
- i. Approve Emergency Services Meeting Minutes 10.7.2025
- j. Approve Public Works Meeting Minutes 10.8.2025

Judge/Executive Keith Taul opened to the magistrates the opportunity to remove any item from the consent agenda. Squire Clem asked if item h had been approved by the county attorney. The County Attorney had not. Judge/Executive removed item h.

- h. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-201** related to approval of IWORQ Service Agreement for Public Works, Code Enforcement, and Fleet Management Software

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

Voting:

Squire Fred Clem, Jr.: yes; Squire Larry Hicks: yes; Squire Kenny Muse: yes; Squire Aaron Pennington: absent; Squire Kenny Saltsman: yes; Squire EG Thompson: yes; Squire Patsy Whitehead: yes; Squire Chris Yates: absent; County Judge/Executive Keith Taul: yes.
Motion passed.

Squire Saltsman commended the magistrates for not spending and charging the county to go around and do our job here in the county. He visited with Lieutenant Travis Cook to see the new transport vehicle that the Sheriff's office had purchased. It is designed to safely transport multiple prisoners, and it includes cameras, air conditioning, and heating for the prisoners. The box may be removed once the vehicle is inoperable.

Squire Whitehead congratulated Ingalls' accomplishment. She made announcements on behalf of the West Point Mayor Richard Ciresi. 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 Finance Committee. He invited the public to attend the next Town Hall Forum. He encouraged the public to not drink and drive, nor text and drive.

Squire Thompson invited the public to the upcoming Glendale Crossing Festival.

Squire Hicks asked the public to remember the families of lost ones in the explosion in Tennessee. He praised God for the release of the hostages held by Hamas. He praised all who helped make it happen.

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

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Squire Muse and seconded by Squire Saltsman. 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