Hardin County Republican Party of Kentucky
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 9, 2026

- **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Hardin County GOP was held Monday, February 09, 2026, at ECTC JSO-112. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Kim Coleman

- **The Invocation** was delivered by Thomas Metcalf, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem, led by Mary Johnson.

- **Roll Call for Quorum:** Secretary Wanda Orr called Roll Call and established a quorum.

- **Approval of Minutes:** Greg Shipley made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 12th meeting**.** The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

- **Treasurer Report:** Marsha Jewell gave the Treasurer Report for January 2026

  January: Beginning balance of $30,365.94. Total ***Receipts*** were $0. Total ***Disbursements*** $ 50.75 Wix Calendar. Ending balance $30,315.19

  Reminder: 2026 Dues $40: Due by August 31, 2026 (preferred payment by check) To Hardin County Republican Party

- **Committees:** A description of each committee is located on our website at https://www.hardinkygop.org/committees
  - ***Legislative:***
    Follow the 2026 Legislative Session daily calendar at https://legislature.ky.gov/Documents/26RS_Calendar.pdf
    Follow the bills at https://legislature.ky.gov/Legislation/Pages/default.aspx and participate in Call to Actions.
    Support HB1—remove tax on churches
    Oppose the Gas Tax bill
    Support HB557: Help Jails (prisoner upkeep is bankrupting Hardin County)

  - ***Magisterial Report:*** Rob Reynolds: A vote was taken at Fiscal Court to hire a County GIS Coordinator; the vote failed. Graded accordingly for each magisterial vote.
    Budget/Finance: A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Budget committee members. The Budget/Finance Committee will meet sometime after the primary election and discuss donations to the candidates.

  - ***Lincoln Dinner:*** Our next Lincoln Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2026.
    - ✓ Tickets on sale at our website: https://www.hardinkygop.org/lincoln-dinner or https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLMJYP6604333/checkout/VU3J37GTRBSPGCVZRWKVAKU2?src=qr
    - ✓ EC3 Johnston Hall 200 University Drive, Elizabethtown, KY
    - ✓ Set up at 1:00
    - ✓ Social hour: 4:30/ starts at 5:30
    - ✓ $65.00 individual/table of 6 $350.00
    - ✓ The security team will have meetings leading to the event
    - ✓ April 1st headcount for menu
    - ✓ Dessert Dash
    - ✓ Will need people to donate desserts (pass sign-up sheet for desserts, remember it needs to feed at least 6 and may need up to 30 desserts)
    - ✓ Cost is the same from 2 years ago, minus the dessert charge and tablecloth charges.
    - ✓ Est 200 ppl X $15 each, plus the hourly janitorial cost.
  - ***Get Out the Vote (GOTV):*** Buddy passed a sign-up sheet to be a poll worker
  - ***Fundraiser:***
    - ✓ Continuing to sell Trump items that we have left
    - ✓ Join the 240 Club
    - ✓ We have the 240 Plaque and are adding the names of those who have joined or donated $240 or more
    - ✓ T-Shirts- Website to look at items wanted, then let me know the number/size: www.ssactivewear.com
    - ✓ Dessert Dash at the Lincoln Dinner
  - ***Parades/Booths:*** None
  - ***Nominating:*** None
  - ***Candidate Development:*** None
  - ***Security Committee:*** Rob is working on security for Lincoln Dinner

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- ***Debate/Forum Committee***: Bobbie Coleman gave the report on the committee.
  - ✓ **Forum:** March 14 at ECTC RPC-212 11:00 am
    Nonpartisan races that will be on the ballot on May 19th for Radcliff & Vine Grove - City Council & Mayor

  - ✓ **Debate** April 11th at ECTC RPC-212 11:00 am
    Following races:
    State Senate – 2 candidates
    State Representative:
    2 in District 10
    4 in District 27
    Sheriff - 2 candidates
    PVA - 3 candidates
    Magisterial:
    2 in District 4
    2 in District 5
    3 in District 6
    3 in District 7
    2 in District 8
    Constable:
    2 in District 4

- **Unfinished Business:** None

- **New Business:**
  Once details are finalized, flyers will be sent to all candidates.
  Any other new business from the executive committee- None

- **Special Speaker:**
  U.S. Senate candidate Nate Morris https://natemorris.com/
  Brian Sankey: Sheriff candidate
  Rob Reynolds: Jailer candidate www.robreynoldsforjailer.com
  Christie Gordon: Magistrate District 4 (Heart of Elizabethtown)
  Walt Meinhausen: Magistrate District 1
  Wayne Ray: Magistrate District 5
  Larry Hicks: Magistrate District 7
  Robin Guerry Magistrate District 7
  2027 Gubernatorial candidate Rick Hardin (will be back in March)—separation of business and government
  Kevin Johnson: Magistrate District 2
  Michelle Bowen: PVA candidate
  Willie Oden: Sheriff candidate https://odenforsheriff.com/
  LTC Terry Owens: Mayor of Radcliff candidate (nonpartisan)

- **Upcoming Events**
  - Fiscal Court
    a. Tuesday, February 10th, 3:30 pm
    b. Tuesday, February 24th, 5:30 pm
  - Hardin County Board of Election Meeting, HC Clerk's Office, February 17th
  - Valentine's Day: February 14th
  - President's Day: February 16th
  - School Board Meetings
    a. Elizabethtown Independent School:
    February 17th, 6:00 pm Panther Academy
    b. Hardin County School
    February 19th, 6:00 pm Hardin County BOE
  - Take Back Kentucky: (Legislative Group)
    Saturday, February 21st, 1:00 pm Family Buffet 121 Towne Drive, Elizabethtown

- **Adjournment:**
  Mary Johnson has moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

NEXT GOP MEETING March 9, 2025, AT ECTC JSO-112 6:00 PM

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