

Hardin County Republican Party

Resolution Condemning Republican Magistrate Aaron Pennington and Democrat Magistrate Kenny Saltsman

Whereas, the Hardin County Republican Party recognizes the importance of respectful conduct among its members and elected officials; and

Whereas, the Hardin County Republican Party is concerned about recent interactions involving Republican Magistrate Aaron Pennington and Democrat Magistrate Kenny Saltsman with Republican Magistrate Larry Hicks; and

Whereas, the events following the June 24, 2025, Fiscal Court meeting—specifically, a dialogue in the elevator and a subsequent moment of tension in the parking lot—do not meet the standards of professionalism expected within the County Republican Party; and

Whereas, the behavior exhibited by Magistrate Aaron Pennington in the parking lot, particularly regarding physical threats made towards Magistrate Larry Hicks; and

Whereas, the residents of Hardin County expect and deserve a supportive and respectful environment; and

Whereas, we believe that all members of our community, especially veterans and public servants, should be treated with the utmost professionalism; and

Whereas, this incident provides an opportunity for us to reflect on and reinforce the values we cherish within the Republican Party of Hardin County; be it

Resolved, that the Hardin County Republican Party strongly condemns the unacceptable behavior displayed by Republican Magistrate Aaron Pennington and Democrat Magistrate Kenny Saltsman towards a Republican, the broader community, and our elected officials.