



Hardin County Republican Party of Kentucky
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 13, 2026
ECTC James S. Owen Building (JSO-112)

- **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Hardin County GOP was held Monday, July 13, 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 Brian Capogna, 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:** Richard Parrish moved to accept the minutes as written for the June 8, 2026, GOP meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
- **Treasurer Report:**
 - ✓ Marsha Jewell gave the Treasurer's report for **May 2026**. The **beginning balance** for **May** was \$46,144.47; total **receipts** from Dues & 240 Club \$520.00; **disbursements** total of \$3103.28 for both forums \$235.13, French Bros Dry-clean \$305.28, EC3 Catering \$2300.00, Bluegrass Ink (Bobbie Coleman) \$209.88, Cecilia Days \$30.00, and GoDaddy (Bobbie Coleman) \$22.99. **Ending balance** of \$43,561.19.
 - ✓ Marsha Jewell gave the Treasurer's report for **June 2026**. The **beginning balance** for **June** was \$43,561.19; total **receipts**: ACH deposit Stephensburg \$18.36; **disbursements** total of \$125.00, Glendale Days. **Ending balance** \$43,454.55.
- Reminder: 2026 Dues \$40:** Due by August 31, 2026 (preferred payment by check) To Hardin County Republican Party
- **Chairman's Report:** The fan for the elephant float stopped working at the end of last season. Willie Oden donated an inflatable fan, but the truck inverter does not provide enough wattage to operate it. We will need to purchase a small generator to power the fan for the elephant float, and the generators are priced between \$300.00 and \$450.00, including tax. Shari Morris moved to purchase a generator for up to \$450. The motion was seconded and passed with a voice vote. The chair will get this purchased before our next parade.
- **Committees:** A description of each committee is located on our website at <https://www.hardinkygop.org/committees>
 - ❖ **Legislative:** None
 - ❖ **Magisterial Report:** Rob Reynolds: Second reading of the budget was June 9th: a \$ 60.8 billion budget. Some will not support the Judge Executive in expanding emergency services in our rural areas. Denied a cost-of-living increase; co-op position was denied; a \$50,000.00 feasibility study for a fire department in the Glendale/Blue Oval/Ford area was voted down. We really need to attend the Town Hall meetings to hold the Magistrates accountable.
 - ❖ **Budget/Finance:** Will meet soon to discuss candidate donations for the general election.
 - ❖ **Lincoln Dinner:** None
 - ❖ **Get Out the Vote (GOTV)**
 - ✓ Recap the County Fair: Thank you to all candidates who visited and helped at the booth during the county fair, as well as the committee members who manned the booth. Possible theme days for future fairs: City Council, Magistrates, etc. Good for the candidates to attend and speak to the constituents.
 - ✓ Present candidates were offered to speak to the committee.
 - ✓ All candidates' info is located on our website <https://www.hardinkygop.org/candidates-elections>
 - ❖ **Fundraiser:**
 - ✓ Continuing to sell Trump items that we have left. We also have new Trump books for \$15 and 250 Anniversary coins.
 - ✓ 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

- ❖ **Parades/Booths:** We are seeking more **volunteers** for the upcoming **parades and booths**. Given that this is an important election, we **need all candidates to participate**. If you will be on the ballot for the upcoming events, we kindly request that you assist with the float if you do not have your own vehicle in the parade line and also help at the booths. Your involvement will help you earn your constituents' support and ensure you are available to address their needs. Thank you! A sign-up sheet was passed around for Cecilia Days, White Mills Days, and the Heartland Homecoming Parade.

- ✓ **Laker Classic Car-B-Q – July TBA**
- ✓ **Fancy Farm 2026 – August 1st**
- ✓ **Cecilia Days August 7 - 8th \$30**
- ✓ **White Mills Days – August 14-15th \$25**
- ✓ **Heartland Homecoming Parade Saturday, August 22nd. Theme “Party in the USA.”**
- ✓ **Radcliff Days Parade – September TBA**
- ✓ **River Days Festival, West Point – September 10 - 12th**
- ✓ **Radcliff Cultural Festival – September 19th 4 pm – 9 pm**
- ✓ **Upton Days Parade – September 19th \$25**
- ✓ **Rineyville Days – September 19th \$35**
- ✓ **Glendale Crossing Festival – October 17th \$125**
- ✓ **Vine Grove Veterans Parade & Booth – TBA**

- ❖ **Nominating:** None
- ❖ **Candidate Development:** None
- ❖ **Security Committee:** None

- **Unfinished Business:** The Chair announced that Bobby Alexander, Executive Committee Member and C003 Precinct Co-Captain, had requested to withdraw his resignation. There being no objection, the resignation was withdrawn, and no further action was taken.

➤ **New Business:**

- ❖ **2026 – 2027 Committee Strategic & Budget Plan**

RPK Rule 4. COUNTY COMMITTEES: *The County Committee's authority shall include the managing and directing of Party affairs in their respective county including: the collection and disbursement of Party funds; the promotion of campaigns of Republican candidates who represent their county at the national, state and local levels; and the recruitment of poll workers that will represent the Republican Party on Election Day to ensure the fairness of elections. Each County Party will submit an annual statement of their Party goals for the coming year, and a summary of their revenue and expenses for the current year just ended and for the projected year by July 31st to the District Committee and the RSCC budget committee.* The chairman read the 2026 - 2027 Strategic Plan, and the treasurer went over the Budget plan. Ray Embry moved to accept the Hardin County Strategic & Budget Plan; the motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

- ❖ **2026 General Election Dates**

- ✓ **September 19th** – Mail-in Absentee Ballot Request Portal opens
- ✓ **October 5th** – Last Day to register to vote for the General
- ✓ **October 20th** – Mail-in Absentee Ballot Request Portal closes.
- ✓ **United States Postal Service recommends voters place completed mail-in ballots in the mail no later than October 27th**
- ✓ **October 21st – 23rd** – Excused, In-person Absentee Voting begins
- ✓ **October 26th – 28th** – Excused, In-person Absentee Voting continues
- ✓ **October 29th – 31st** – In-person No-Excuse Absentee voting
- ✓ **November 3rd** – Election Day

- ❖ **Any other new business from the Executive Committee-** None

- **Special Speaker:** None

➤ **Upcoming Events**

- ❖ **Fiscal Court**
 - a. Tuesday, July 14th, 3:30 pm
 - b. Tuesday, July 28th, 5:30 pm
- ❖ **Hardin County Board of Elections Meeting at HC Clerk's Office:** [Buddy Doyle](#)
- ❖ **School Board Meetings:**
 - a. **Hardin County School**
July 16th, 6:00 pm Hardin County BOE
 - b. **Elizabethtown Independent School**
July 20th, 6:00 pm Panther Academy
- ❖ **Take Back Kentucky:** Saturday, July 18th, 1:00 pm
Family Buffet 121 Towne Dr, Elizabethtown, KY

- **Adjournment:** 7:24 PM

NEXT GOP MEETING AUGUST 10th ECTC JSO-112 6:00 PM