



Official Statement from the Chairman
Hardin County Republican Party
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Effective leadership requires decisiveness and clarity. It cannot be undermined by indecision or manufactured controversy.

Judge-Executive Keith Taul has clarified the intent of his June 25 email, publicly released its contents, and reaffirmed his commitment to transparency and the effective operation of county government. As the elected chief executive of Hardin County, he has both the authority and the responsibility to establish expectations for department heads, promote accountability within county government, protect staff time, and ensure the consistent, professional delivery of public services. His directive required department heads to keep him informed of communications related to county operations. It did not prohibit magistrates from asking questions, requesting information, or communicating with county employees.

The citizens of Hardin County elected their leaders to solve problems, manage taxpayer resources responsibly, and deliver results—not to create unnecessary political conflict. With significant county projects and essential public services demanding attention, our focus must remain on effective governance, fiscal responsibility, and serving the people of Hardin County.

The Hardin County Republican Party fully supports Judge-Executive Keith Taul in carrying out the duties of the county's executive branch. We encourage all elected officials to work together with professionalism, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to serving the public. Public debate should be grounded in facts, guided by Kentucky law, and focused on responsible governance rather than political distraction.

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