

HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 13th day of January, 2015 at 9:30AM in the Berea Municipal Building, Berea, Kentucky. Present was the Honorable Reagan Taylor in the chair presiding and the following members of the Fiscal Court: Tom Botkin, Larry Combs, and John Tudor were present. Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger, Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle, Madison County Attorney Marc Robbins, and Deputy Judge Colleen Chaney were also present. Magistrate Barger was absent from the meeting due to illness.

It being determined a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

Judge Taylor asked Kenny Davis, Pastor of Bethel Baptist to open the meeting with a prayer. After the prayer, Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Coyle to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor, to approve the minutes from the December 23, 2014 regularly called meeting.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-ABS
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor-Yes	

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin, to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2014 Special Called Meeting.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-ABS
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor-Yes	

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor, to approve the minutes from the January 5th, 2015 Special Called Meeting.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-ABS
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor-Yes	

Treasurers Report:

Judge Taylor stated that the Treasurer's report would be given at the meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. He stated that the bonds that are required for certain Madison County employees would not be included in today's transfers. The decision had been made to pay the bonds for the entire four year period to save approximately \$700 in county funds.

Proclamation- Madison County School Board:

Judge Taylor recognized Superintendent Elmer Thomas and Assistant Superintendent David Gillum from Madison County Schools. He asked them to return to the next meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 for the proclamation to be presented.

IN RE: CSEEP Personnel Hiring

Carl Richards requested a motion be made to hire for a position. Based on testing scores and an interview, he requested to hire Joe Ream with a salary in the mid 30's. Mr. Ream lives in Mt. Sterling but will be required to move to Madison County in 9 months after completing his 6 months probationary period. Judge Taylor commented that he was very impressed with the hiring process.

Motion by John Tudor, seconded by Tom Botkin, to approve the hiring of Joe Ream.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-ABS
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor-Yes	

IN RE: Appointment to Valley View Ferry Board

At this time, Judge Taylor asked to amend the agenda. The Judge asked for a motion to appoint Phil Herald to the Valley View Ferry Board to replace Forniss

Motion by John Tudor, seconded by Tom Botkin, to approve the appointment of Phil Herald.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-ABS
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor-Yes	

IN RE: Approval of 2015 Madison County Clerk's Budget

Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger started by stating that the budget was very much like the 2014 Budget. Clerk Barger explained that the expenses were very similar. Clerk Barger said that at the end of his term (2014), the remaining funds were turned back over to the Fiscal Court. The amount will be around \$450,000. Additionally, the Fiscal Court receives 25% of all Clerk fees collected. The Fiscal Court will receive approximately 2.4 million for the 2011-2014 Term. Clerk Barger said that he had no major projects planned in 2015. The magistrates collectively made several positive comments and the Judge called for a motion.

Motion by Tom Botkin, seconded by John Tudor, to approve 2015 Madison County Clerk's Budget.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-ABS
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor-Yes	

IN RE: Approval of 2015 Madison County Sheriff's Budget

Sheriff Mike Coyle began by explaining to the court that the Sheriff's Department had three fundamental duties: Security for all the Courts, Collection of Property Taxes, and Serving papers/processes. He stated that the budget was a little higher this year but it was needed and workable. "We have figured out our weaknesses and we have a staff that is driven and dedicated to address them," said Sheriff Coyle. Sheriff Coyle told the court about a new drug task force comprised of both City of Richmond and Berea,

Kentucky State Police, and the Sheriff's department. The task force is supervised by Richmond Assistant Police Chief, Bob Mott.

Sheriff Coyle went on to give a presentation with the breakdown of 2014 related to calls, permits, summons, and taxes collected. We have had a very busy year and are setting goals for 2015.

The Judge asked if any of the magistrates had any questions about the budget.

Magistrate Botkin thanked the Sheriff for explaining the budget and asked if additional county funds would be required for the new task force. Sheriff Coyle explained that the offices would be located in property owned by the City of Richmond and that there would be some utility expenses.

Magistrate Tudor stated that he was excited about the new task force and that it was a big step in fighting the drug abuse.

Magistrate Combs commended Sheriff Combs on what a good job the department was doing.

There was some further discussion on the number of inmates that are currently in jail with drug related offenses. Jailer Doug Thomas stated that about 90% are currently related. County Attorney Marc Robbins stated that drugs are defiantly the driving force for the vast majority of inmates.

Constable John Marcum approached the podium and talked briefly about his 40 years on the job as a constable.

Motion by Larry Combs, seconded by John Tudor, to approve the 2015 Madison County Sheriff Budget.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-ABS
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor-Yes	

JUDGE'S REPORT:

Judge Taylor stated he had visited with every department and meet all the employees except the 3rd shift of the Fire Department. He and Deputy Chaney will be meeting with them on Wednesday, January 14th. He thanked all the magistrates for calling and offering their support to help out wherever needed.

2 Announcements: Blood Drive in Berea at Union Church on January 20th from 11am-5pm.
Introduced Ethan Witt from Andy Barr's Office as the new Madison County Representative

Comments from the Department Heads:

Carl Richardson announced that Lisa Rudzinski was leaving to take a position with the Kentucky State Parks Department as Director of Range Division. This is a position that he will have to replace. He asked for the Court to approve the hiring of an intern at \$7.25 from January through June. The intern would work no more than 100 hours per month.

IN RE: Hiring of Intern for CSEEP

Motion by John Tudor, seconded by Tom Botkin, to approve hiring of Intern at \$7.25 per hour.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-ABS
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John Tudor- Yes

Larry Combs- Yes

Reagan Taylor-Yes

Judge Taylor asked if there were anyone from the audience that would like to speak. There was no response.

Comments from the Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin stated that he appreciated the staff and the level of friendliness. He talked about the fact that he was unaware of all the service that the county provided.

Magistrate Tudor was that it was good to see all the effort of the employees to make the County better.

Magistrate Combs commented that it was one of the largest crowds in the past year at today's meeting. He appreciated the Court's willingness to come to Berea.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion by Larry Combs, seconded by John Tudor, to approve:

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-ABS

John Tudor- Yes

Larry Combs- Yes

Reagan Taylor-Yes

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge announced the next court date for January 27, 2015, in Richmond at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from John Tudor to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:35AM.

REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE