

HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 24th day of February, 2015 at 9:30AM in the Madison County Courthouse, Richmond, Kentucky. Present was the Honorable Reagan Taylor in the chair presiding and the following members of the Fiscal Court: Roger Barger, 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.

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

Judge Taylor asked Reverend Floyd Ballew to open the meeting with prayer. Judge Taylor then asked Sheriff Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Larry Combs seconded by Roger Barger, to approve the minutes from the February 10th, 2015 regularly called meeting and the February 18th, 2015 planning session.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Treasurer's Report:

Judge Taylor asked the County Treasurer, Glenna Baker to give the Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Baker commented on the general fund balance as of 1-31-2015. Magistrate Combs asked if additional funds had been transferred to the Detention Center. Mrs. Baker replied yes and that other funds would be needed.

Motion by Larry Combs seconded by Tom Botkin, to approve the Treasurer's report.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Richmond Area Art:

Deborah Kidd, Executive Director gave a presentation about the various events and projects that are available to the citizens. She encouraged citizens to become involved. She commented that there were many opportunities for volunteers.

IN RE: Proclamation for Red Cross

Judge Taylor read the Proclamation supporting the Red Cross in the month of March. Lynne Washbish talked with the Court about billboards that would be going up and about a number of proactive programs that are in place. She welcomed any citizens that were interested about becoming a board member to contact the Red Cross.

IN RE: Bluegrass Greensource

Amy Sohner, Executive Director of Bluegrass Greensource spoke about the 2015 programs. There will be a Green Jobs Awareness Fair for High School students on March 17th. The location is still to be determined, but it will be in Lexington. Earth Day this year is on April 22nd. Mrs. Sohner stated that Scott Tussey served as the liaison for Madison County. It is very important that everyone realizes that even the smallest change can have a positive impact on our environment.

IN RE: 6 Year Road Plan Discussion:

Bluegrass Ad has 15 counties with Lexington and Louisville. District 7 has 12 counties.

Chris Chaney, Transportation Planner from Bluegrass Ad Development District and Brett Blair, District 7 Transportation answered numerous question about the 6 Year Highway Transportation Road Plan.

The Plan is a 2 year cycle with the Legislation so that funding can be allocated. Your County currently has a list of proposed 29 projects and we would like for you to give us your top 5 projects so that we may possibly recommend them for the 6 year plan. You currently have several projects that are already in the 6 year plan.

Judge Taylor asked about the way that some of the projects were described. Mr. Blair said that the descriptions are sometimes generic to allow the designers to look at traffic count and other factors to make better decisions.

For Example:

Safety: Road being too tight, geometry of the road, dips in the roadways, or trees to close.

Level Of Service: How wide the road is, or the amount of shoulder.

Improve Capacity: Congestion related to school district.

Mr. Blair encouraged the Court to involve the Mayor of both cities in the decision. He asked the court to have their suggestion turned in by the end of February. If you have new projects that you need to add please turn them in by February 27th and remember that we can always include new projects during the two years.

JUDGE'S REPORT:

Judge Taylor announced that Madison County is now on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. He commented on all the hard work from the Road Department, Sherriff's office, Detention Center, Custodial and Court House staff during the snow event last week. EOC was running 24 hours a day from Monday 7AM through Friday 5PM.

Judge Taylor reminded the court that the Fire Fighters positions that are open, close at midnight on February 25th. He also reminded the citizens that Whitehall Park would be closing on March 1st. This is not the Whitehall State Shrine, just the park.

Judge Taylor then read a Proclamation for Children's Champions:

Upon completion, Phyllis Adams talked with the Court about the program and its benefits. The annual art contest winner has been selected. The winner was a 4th grade student from Whitehall

Elementary. Her drawing will appear on billboards around the county. Mrs. Adams finished with asking everyone to set a good example because children look to us for guidance.

Announcements:

Union City Ruritan Pancake Breakfast on March 7th from 7:30AM-10AM.

Abraham Lincoln Inauguration Speech on March 4th at 10:30AM on Courthouse Portica.

Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Ball on March 7th from 6:30-10:30PM at Russell Acton Folk Center.

Comments from the Department Heads:

Willie Willis, the Road Department Supervisor talked with the court about the funds that were spent in the last 7 days due to the record 17 year snowfall.

1350 Over time hours	\$27,000
Fuel	\$12,416
1656 Tons of Salt	<u>\$156,000</u>
	\$196,000

Carl Richards from EOC stated that we had a range from 13-16 inches across the county and the record low temperature for the State was recorded -32 degrees at Meadowbrook Farm.

The EOC had 240 medical requests and 911 received 564 calls for transports. Mr. Richard talked about the great job that the road department had done. We (EOC) were in daily communication with the three governments. He also thanked the EOC staff for working around the clock. The county may be in a position to recoup some of the money spent if the State meets its \$6million threshold. I will keep the court updated on that when I get some final numbers.

Jim Cox, Madison County Fire Chief gave the breakdown on the number of calls that the Fire Department had responded to in the previous week.

12 Resident Fires/ 2 Barn Fires/ 8 grass Fires/ 34 Vehicle Wrecks. This year we have already had 177 calls. It is a real struggle to fight fires out in this extreme cold. Chief Cook also educated the Court that the purpose for responding to vehicle accidents is suppression and to block and protect the other first responders.

Sheriff Coyle stated that his Department had responded to 39 non-injury accidents and 9 injury accidents during the snow event. The 6 Hummers that the Department received at no cost to the County were used for 6 days. KSP and EMS also used the Hummers. We did a number of welfare checks, transported medical staff, and delivered medication, groceries and water to citizens.

Comments from the Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin thanked the citizens for all the call and emails about situations over the last week.

Magistrate Tudor stated that he had gained a lot of respect and knowledge of first responders and their willingness to help wherever. He also asked the citizens be aware and give right of way to first responders.

Magistrate Barger stated that last week's efforts were our tax dollars at work. My district had two of their trucks broken down but they worked hard and still got the work done.

Magistrate Combs reiterated that with the amount of snow that we received, that snow was going to build up around drive ways. He asked the citizens to be aware of the plow trucks, pull over, and let them go by.

Judge Taylor asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak. An unidentified lady thanked the Court for the open discussion related to the road priorities.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion by Roger Barger, seconded by John Tudor, to approve pay claims and transfers minus a \$600 towing charge bill.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge announced the next court date for March 10th, 2015, in Berea at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Larry Combs to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:14AM.

REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE