

HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 10th day of March, 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: 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 were also present.

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

Judge Taylor asked Reverend Rick Fulton 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 John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger, to approve the minutes from the February 24th, 2015 regularly called meeting.

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: Amend the Agenda to Open Bids for Mowing for CSEP:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin, to amend the agenda.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

Madison County Attorney Marc Robbins confirmed that (5) Bids had been received before the time deadline. Attorney Robbins opened the five bids and called out the names of the bidding vendors. Attorney Robbins then stated that the bids would be reviewed by the Fiscal Court and a vendor selected at a later date.

1. Tatum Enterprises
2. Bill Prewitt
3. Perfect Yard
4. Richard Stepp
5. Jessie Lainhart

IN RE: Proclamation for Cancer Awareness Month of March

Judge Taylor read the Proclamation supporting Cancer awareness for Multiple Myeloma in the month of March. Tammy Smith a representative from the Madison County support group talked with the court about the monthly meeting. The meeting is held the second Saturday from 1pm-3pm at the First Baptist Church on Francis Street in Richmond. Mrs. Smith then presented Judge Taylor with a t-shirt.

IN RE: Berea Victory Garden Blitz

Katie Startzman (Sustainable Berea) and Cheyenne Olsen talked with the court about the program. The goal of this program is to strengthen the food system in Berea and southern Madison County. We are striving to have 111 raised beds (3X5 or 4X8). The volunteer event will be in May 15th-17th. There is a need for experienced gardeners who can mentor non experienced gardeners. Mrs. Startzman then asked the court for a \$2000 sponsorship.

IN RE: Big Hill Area Cell Tower was tabled until a later date.

IN Re: Personnel Road Department for Administrator:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor, to hire Scott Shephard at a salary of \$50,000 for the position of Administrator of the Road Department.

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: Appointments to Cemetery Board:

Motion by Larry Combs seconded by John Tudor, to appoint Roger Barger (Jan 1st, 2017) and Gene Barnes (Jan 1st, 2019) to the Cemetery Board.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Appointments to the Ethic Board:

As the Judge Executive is authorized to appoint the members, he chose to let the magistrates select a member of their political party, with one member chosen by the Judge Executive. As the previous Ethics Board members had lapsed terms, members were appointed as original staggered appointments.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor, to appoint 5 citizens to the Ethic Board:
Term lengths as follows beginning March 1st, 2015.

Mike Eckler 1 year	Judge Executive Taylor appointee
Jeff Masters 2 years	Magistrate John Tudor appointee
Jeff Renner 2 years	Magistrate Tom Botkin appointee
Mary Lois Kerns 3 years	Magistrate Roger Barger appointee
Bud Montgomery 3 years	Magistrate Larry Combs appointee

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: Agreement with US Veteran's Clinic:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Larry Combs, for agreement with City of Berea to receive annual occupational tax.

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: Agreement with Berea Post Office:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor, for agreement with City of Berea to receive annual occupational tax.

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: Amend Business License Ordinance 15-01:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Larry Combs, to amend Ordinance 12-02 (04-21) to allow the Judge Executive to chose which County Department can issue business licenses. This is the first reading of Ordinance 15-01.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

At the time the entire Fiscal Court and audience participated in a State Wide Tornado Drill at 10:07AM. The court returned at 10:17 AM. Judge Taylor called the role to ensure that the entire court was present.

IN RE: Safety and Justice Challenge Grant Program Resolution 15-05:

Judge Taylor introduced Cheryl Cross as the County's grant writer. This is a Federal Grant in the amount of \$150,000. The main purpose of the grant is to comprehensively look at detention center operations and the possible reason for overcrowding. The grant would allow for the hiring of a project director, and the composing of an advisory board. There will be 20 grants awarded and then additional grants of 2 million awarded to 10 of the 20.

Motion by Larry Combs seconded by Tom Botkin, to apply for the Safety and Justice Challenge Grant.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

JUDGE'S REPORT:

Judge Taylor informed the court that he had declared a State of Emergency in the County on March 5th due to the inclement weather. We have 2 interns that are starting this week. We will eventually have a total of 10 interns. This is of no cost to the county. The interns will all have specific assigned tasks and projects and will receive class credits.

Judge Taylor stated that the interviews for the (2) open firefighter's positions were last week. He also informed the court that due to the resignation of a firefighter they will now be hiring for (3) positions. He reminded the citizens that Whitehall Park was closed until October 31st, 2015.

Announcements:

The Homebuilders Association will be having a Pancake Breakfast on March 17th to benefit God's Pantry.

Comments from the Department Heads:

Scott Tussey from Solid Waste reviewed with the court some of the services that they provide.

1. Loan a Truck Program (Currently scheduled through mid-April)
2. Deceased Livestock pick up.
3. Large item pick up is now available for on line scheduling.
4. Main Street Clean-up for City of Richmond is April 22.
5. River Sweep at Boonesborough is June 20th from 9AM-Noon.
6. Free Tire Disposal Event (Tire Amnesty) this Fall.

Carl Richards from EOC stated that we had a range of snow went from 17 inches at Clays Ferry, 8-9 inches in Richmond and 6 inches of snow in Berea from last week's snow storm. The EOC had 100 transports and no major power outages were reported.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin thanked the citizens for their patience during the storms. He thanked Willie Willis and the staff at the road department for working a 24 hour shift. Mr. Botkin came to the podium and asked Madison County Sheriff Deputy Sturgill to join him. He thanked Deputy Sturgill for going on and above the call of duty by helping a citizen change a flat tire in the middle of last week's snow storm.

Magistrate Tudor asked the citizens to step up and help out your neighbor. We are all here to help each other.

Magistrate Barger jokingly said the he guessed the first snow storm was just our practice for the second one. He thanked Francette Durbin from the Judge's office for all the hard work and patience in this time of transition.

Magistrate Combs asked several questions about the status of inmates. Jailer Thomas stated that we currently only have inmates in two other counties (Clark and Casey). Magistrate Combs then asked how much we have spent so far this year for transportation and housing inmates in other counties. Treasurer Baker stated that it was around \$166,000. She informed the court that this was not budgeted because we had never been in this situation before.

Judge Taylor asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak.

Emerson McAfee from the Vietnam Veterans of Madison County spoke to the court about an upcoming event on May 9th at the Lancaster Road Church of Christ. This event will be honoring women who served from 1964-1975 or had husbands that served.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion by Roger Barger, seconded by Tom Botkin, to approve pay claims and transfers.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs-No
Reagan Taylor-Yes	

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge announced the next court date for March 24th, 2015, in Richmond at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Larry Combs to adjourn, seconded by Roger Barger. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:15AM.

REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE