

HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 10th day of November, 2015 at 9:30AM in the Berea City Court Room. 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 Sherriff, Mike Coyle, County Attorney, Marc Robbins, Deputy Judge Executive Colleen Chaney and Madison County Clerk, Kenny Barger was also present.

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

Judge Taylor asked Reverend Greg Lakes to open the meeting with prayer. Judge Taylor asked Magistrate Botkin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Larry Combs, to approve the minutes from the October 27th, 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: APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES:

Motion by Larry Combs seconded by Roger Barger, to approve the minutes from the November 5th, 2015 Work 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: Amend the Agenda:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin, to amend the agenda by adding discussion of the repairs needed on the Sam Jones Bridge, to 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	

IN RE: Proclamation – World Diabetes Day – Paula Hollon, Ken Scott

Judge Taylor read the proclamation declaring November 14th as World Diabetes Day.

Paula Hollon from the Madison County Health Department spoke about several programs that the Health Department provided for those living with Diabetes. Those programs included Medicine Help and Diabetes Education programs.

IN RE: Proclamation – Pancreatic Cancer Day

Judge Taylor read the proclamation declaring November 13th as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

Award Bid – E911 Furniture – Michael Bryant

Michael Bryant recommended to the Fiscal Court that after reviewing the 2 bids, they chose the lower bid submitted by Xybix. Mr. Bryant also informed the Court that several County representatives went and looked at the furniture before they made their recommendation. Magistrate Botkin asked if E911 was able to get all the furniture they needed. Mr. Bryant assured him they were.

Motion by Larry Combs seconded by John Tudor, to award the bid for the E911 Furniture to Xybix.

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: Charitable Giving Grant Awards

Cheryl Cross informed the court the committee met 2 times. 20 Applications were received and approximately \$89,000 was requested. The Fiscal Court had allotted \$42,000 to be distributed to the charities. Only one organization that applied from past years did not receive funding, because of missing paper work. Judge Taylor encouraged local organizations to do road clean up.

Magistrate Combs commended the group for the time they spent working with these organizations. Magistrate Tudor reminded the audience that they can receive \$100 per mile to clean up the road ways. Scott Tussey, Solid Waste Director, reminded the audience that road clean-ups take place in the spring and fall. The State provides \$62,000 to \$66,000 per year for this project.

Motion by Roger Barger, seconded by Larry Combs, to approve the funding, per the committee's recommendation, for the local charities.

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: Audio Equipment – Phase #2 Chris Iseral:

IT Director, Chris Iseral proposed to the Court, the purchase of some additional media equipment that is required for the newly remodeled Fiscal Court room. Equipment needed, will include microphones over the visitor seating area and a fourth camera. These items will make it easier for the community to understand the comments made by the individual magistrates as well as the comments by the visitors. The price for these added items will be \$6,105.10. Mr. Iseral proposed that lapel microphones will be considered in Phase 3 of the remodel.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to hire purchase the additional Microphones and Camera for the Fiscal Court Room.

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: 1st Reading Ordinance 15-12 Amend Administrative Code

Deputy Judge Executive Colleen Chaney, spoke to the Fiscal Court regarding amending Ordinance 15-8. Planning and Development has been inserted on the Spread Sheet. Mrs. Chaney also mentioned that they will be working on wording concerning pension spiking before the next Fiscal Court Meeting.

Comments by the magistrates concerning pension spikes:

Magistrate Barger updated the audience on how the pension spike had affected the Ferry Board during the time they were looking for a new captain that required Coast Guard Qualifications. Workers had to work overtime hours during this time, and it caused their salary levels to increase. This temporary salary increase affected the pension amount and the state deferred the cost back to the Ferry Board.

Magistrate Botkin verified with Deputy Judge Chaney that all employees (present and new) have a job description, so the employee will know what they will be graded on during their reviews.

Magistrate Combs made the comment that the Fiscal Court needs to look at having an outside individual sit on the review board.

Judge Taylor commented that he felt that the people that work with the employees should be the only ones on the review board.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Ordinance 15-12, that amends the previous Ordinance 15-08 Administrative Code.

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: Disaster and Emergency Mitigation Consultant

Judge Taylor informed the Court that they only received one bid and it was from Wheeler. This company will be able to go back and negotiate with FEMA concerning issues affecting the 2015 calendar year. He asked the Fiscal Court to go into agreement with Wheeler for years, 2015, 16 and 17.

Magistrate Barger said he felt this was a good idea. Magistrate Combs commented that FEMA is very difficult to work with and also felt it was a good idea.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Larry Combs to go into agreement with the Wheeler Co., for Emergency Mitigation Consulting.

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: Personnel – Road Dept. Truck Driver:

Road Department Administrator, Scott Shepherd made the recommendation to the Fiscal Court to hire Jason Hall from Berea. Mr. Hall will start at \$13.00 per hour. Mr. Shepherd also commented they still need 2 individuals with a CDL License.

Motion by Larry Combs seconded by John Tudor, to hire Jason Hall at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, as a CDL truck driver for 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: Resolution – KY Transportation – Wilderness Trail Road

Judge Taylor talked about the condition of Wilderness Trail Road and how it has not in good repair. Estimated repair cost is \$277,000. The State will provide Madison County with \$200,000.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to begin the repairs on Wilderness Trial Road, using the \$200,000 provided by the State and Madison County being responsible for the remaining expense.

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: Amended Agenda Item: Repairs to the Sam Jones Bridge

Judge Taylor asked the Fiscal Court for permission to go into agreement with the Palmer Engineering Co. for the design of the bridge. An estimate of \$770,000 was sent to FEMA for the repair cost. The Court is still waiting to hear from FEMA. The Fiscal Court all agreed this bridge is an Emergency Situation.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Larry Combs to go into agreement with the Palmer Engineering Co. for the design of the Sam Jones Bridge.

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 congratulated John Tudor on his new twin grandsons. He also wanted the citizens to know they are working on updating the city signs to add the State Champion Girls Golf and Band teams. Judge Taylor also reminded the audience that employment opportunities for the County are located on the County's webpage. He invited all Veterans and Active Military to go by golf course for a free round of golf. As a reminder he mentioned The Richmond Chamber of Commerce will hold their Annual Awards Banquet November 12.

Comments from Department Heads:

Fire Chief Jim Cox commented on the vehicle accident Saturday night that was caused by type one diabetes. Diabetes is a real concern in our community. Chief Cox gave an update on the number of calls made by the Fire Department. They have responded to 472 calls so far this year. Improvements for the Department include; New Fire Hoses, Accountability System, 2 new fire engines. He also reminded the residents that when they do hydrant tests, sediment may appear in their water.

Safety City has had visits from 703 children. Safety City provided information regarding; Fire safety, Drug prevention, Bike, ATV, Boat safety and 911. The Safety Trailer was visited by 1,107 children.

Magistrate Combs asked if they had contacted all the local schools. Fire Chief Cox informed the Court that they had, but some schools can't afford to bring the students. The Chief commented that the only cost to the schools is the bus driver fee. Magistrate Combs mentioned that maybe the Fiscal Court should look at funding this project. Magistrate Botkin remarked that he would go and talk to the school board about how to alleviate this obstacle for the schools. Chief Cox reminded the residents that they can call 859-288-2044 to schedule a visit to Safety City. There is no cost for this educational program.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin spoke of the tragedy that happened in our community and the sacrifice Officer Ellis made for this community. He also mentioned the outpouring of community support for the Ellis family and all of our Law Enforcement. Magistrate Botkin also stated Happy Birthday to the Marine Corp and Happy Veterans Day to all military.

Magistrate Tudor announced the arrival of twin grandsons to the Tudor family this week. He also thanked all the first responders and encouraged everyone to keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Magistrate Tudor mentioned he was glad to see progress on the Sam Jones Bridge and the repair of the Wilderness Trail Road. He ended by encouraging citizens to call their magistrates with concerns or questions.

Magistrate Barger was very pleased and impressed to see so many local organizations support the Ellis Family and our Law Enforcement community.

Magistrate Combs remarked his step daughter arrived this week and is enrolled in Model Lab. He thanked the City of Berea for allowing the Fiscal Court to use the building.

Judge Taylor thanked the magistrates for working so well together. He wished the Ellis Family all the best and was very thankful to see the County, Richmond PD, Berea PD, State Police and Sheriffs Department work so well together. Judge Taylor stated he hopes the citizens will not forget that we still have a major drug issue in our community.

No Comments were made from the audience.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion by Tom Botkin, seconded by John Tudor 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-Yes
Reagan Taylor-Yes	

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

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

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Larry Combs to adjourn, seconded by John Tudor. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.

REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE