

HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 15th day of December, 2015 at 9:30AM in the Fiscal 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, and Madison County Clerk, Kenny Barger were also present.

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

Judge Taylor asked Reverend Curtis Christian to open the meeting with prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Combs to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor, to approve the minutes from the November 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: Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Glenna Baker gave the General Fund Balance as of 11-30-2015 as \$7,967,743.92. She stated that the County was at 66% of General Fund Revenues received and at 32% of Expenditures. She asked the court if anyone had any questions and they did not.

Judge Taylor asked for a moment of silence and for us all to remember Ben Brewer a 3rd shift 911 Supervisor that lost his life last week, the family of Jackie Rose and the Ellis Family in our prayers.

IN RE: Appointment of Emergency Management Director, Howard Logue:

Motion by Larry Combs seconded by John Tudor, to appointment Howard Logue as EMS Director for Madison County per KRS.39B.070.

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: Madison County Planning Commission:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the appointment of Chris Hager to the Madison County Planning Commission with a term expiration of 12-30-2019.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve the appointment of Paula Maionchi to the Madison County Planning Commission with a term expiration of 12-30-2019.

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 the 2016 Holiday Calendar:

Judge Taylor stated that the calendar was pretty much the same as 2015. Although the State is taking off the Presidential General Election, we decided to stay open to support the Clerk's Office and to avoid confusion for the citizens. The State however, will not be closed President's Day in February 2016.

Motion by Larry Combs seconded by Roger Barger to approve the 2016 Holiday Calendar.

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: Adoption of Merger of Animal Shelter and Solid Waste:

Judge Taylor asked Scott Tussey to give the court an update on the last four months while the two departments have been under a trial merger. Scott told the court what a typical day is like for him. He went on to talk about the resourcing that he had done with Jessamine and Fayette counties. He thanked the staff at the animal shelter for their willingness to make the necessary changes to improve the shelter. The thing that I am most proud of is the networking we have done with numerous rescue groups to aid in the adoption process. I will continue working on establishing relationships with other groups and want to publicly thank Fayette County for taking some animals that had been at our shelter for a long time.

We have put new uniforms in place, done a little TLC on the building, and have many plans for the future. We will be implementing a new software program the first of the year as well as establishing systems for day to day operations.

Magistrates asked several questions about stray animals that are picked up. Scott informed the court that after a 5 day hold, they become the property of the County. If someone comes to retrieve an animal, they must show proof of ownership and pay a small claiming fee. If the animal is chipped we try and locate the owners.

Judge Taylor commented that the citizens have recognized the changes and thanked him for all the effort.

Judge Taylor then told the court that it was not him that it was Scott and his team.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the adoption of the merger of the Animal Shelter and Solid Waste 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: Personnel-Reclassification- Road Department:

Judge Taylor stated that an employee was left off of the reclassification list.

Motion by Larry Combs seconded by Roger Barger to reclassify Shane Poff from Mechanic to Medium Duty Mechanic at an hourly rate of \$20.00.

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-New Hire Road Department:

Motion by Larry Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to hire Lonnie Ray Coffey as a heavy equipment operator at an hourly rate of \$16.00.

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- New Hire- Planning and Development:

Motion by Larry Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to hire Ronald D. Lewis as an Electric Inspector/Assistant Codes Enforcement officer for an hourly rate of \$20.51.

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-Promotion –Solid Waste and Animal Control:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Larry Combs to promote Scott Tussey as Director of Solid Waste and Animal Control Department at an annual salary of \$62,500.

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-Promotion –Animal Control Officer:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to promote Jeff Lowery to Animal Control Officer II at an hourly rate of \$11.25.

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: Map Presentation of Battle of Richmond Association:

Phillip Seyfrit presented the Court with a framed 1876 D.G.Beers map of Madison County on behalf of the Battle of Richmond Association, Madison County Historical Society, and Madison County Historical Properties. He thanked Louetta Hetrick for all her work on getting the project up and running. Judge Taylor said that he had a spot for it right now and immediately hung the map on the wall. The court thanked the groups for the addition to the newly remodeled court room.

Judge's Report:

Judge Taylor opened by saying that last week had been a fun week with the redecorating of the tree. He thanked all the departments that had helped with the project. He went on to say that he was very proud of the tree and the community appreciated the extra effort that went into it. The member of the Fiscal Court rang the Salvation Army Bell at Wal-Mart on Saturday. We are waiting on a total number for dollars collected in your competition with the City of Richmond. There will be no meeting the 4th Tuesday of this month.

We are currently looking at the financial disclosure form and how we are going to use it. I should have an update at the next meeting. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

Announcements:

We are currently hiring for an EMA Training Officer and a Planning & Development Administrative Assistant. The court house will be closed on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holiday.

The court house will be closed on December 31st and January 1st for the New Year's Holiday.

Judge Taylor asked if any Department Head would like to speak.

Comments from Department Heads:

Kenny Barger, Madison County Clerk thanked the court as a citizen for all the hard work that had gone into their first year in office. Clerk Barger informed that court the last day to change your political party and still be eligible to vote in the May Primary is December 31st. He then reminded the court that the office will be closed on December 31st.

Phillip Seyfrit, Parks and Recreation Director, gave the court an update on the Stars and Stripes project and its success. Just a reminder to the citizens that the parks are still open, but the bathrooms are closed. If you would like a tour of the Visitors Center and it is after hours, just give us a call at 624-0013 and we will arrange something.

Doug Thomas, Madison County Jailer informed that court that he currently had 330 inmates. We are housing 285 here and the remaining inmates are being housed in Clay and Franklin Counties.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin thanked all the county employees from the lowest paid to the highest for all their hard work this year. We are all a team and are here to serve the citizens of Madison County. I would like to thank the residents for all the calls and comments. I have learned something every day this first year and enjoy doing this. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday.

Magistrate Tudor said thanks for the opportunity to serve this first year. I appreciate all the employees and getting to know everyone. It has been a good year and I appreciate the support and willingness to work together. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Magistrate Barger just wanted to say that it has been a good year. It is getting better and it is great that everyone is on a level playing field. I am very proud of the job that the new Judge has done.

Want to update everyone on the status of the Valley View Ferry. We have received a letter from the Coast Guard informing us that we can hire a Captain with a lesser license. This will help us hire and train an additional captain as we are short one full time and one part time Captain currently. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and don't ever forget the "Reason for the Season"....God Bless

Magistrate Combs thanked all of the Department Heads. Please be open and tell us what your needs are. I'm not going to give you everything you ask for but I will give you what you need. I appreciate your willingness to work with me even if we do not always agree. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.....and as always, I'm just glad to be here.

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

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion by Roger Barger, 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 Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 in Berea at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Larry Combs to adjourn, seconded by Roger Barger. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:23AM.

REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE