

HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 22nd day of March, 2016 at 9:30AM in the fiscal court room in Richmond. Present was the Honorable Reagan Taylor in the chair presiding and the following members of the Fiscal Court: Roger Barger, Tom Botkin, and John Tudor were present. Madison County Sheriff 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 Pastor Deron Cobb from Red House Baptist to open the meeting with prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Coyle 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 March 8th, 2016 regularly called meeting.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Treasurer's Report:

Madison County Treasurer Glenna Baker gave the balance of the General Fund as of 2/29/2016. She stated that the County was at 65.37% of revenue and 46.22% of expenditures. She informed the court that the budget process for next year would be starting in the month of April and packets will be going out to Department Heads shortly.

IN RE: Amend Agenda for Road Department Seasonal Workers:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger, to amend the agenda for the purpose of hiring seasonal workers for the Road Department.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Proclamation- Arbor Day:

The Judge asked Strider Deaver to come to the podium. Mr. Deaver told the court that Arbor Day started in 1873 in Nebraska to improve soil quality. He went on to say that every state in the Union celebrates Arbor Day. He complimented the court by looking to the future and planting the Christmas tree in front of the Courthouse. Judge Taylor read the Proclamation to establish April 1st, 2016 as Arbor Day in Madison County. Judge Taylor told the court that there were future plans to plant trees at Whitehall Park.

IN RE: ECU Emergency Management:

Gary Folckemer the Director of Emergency Management at ECU gave a presentation informing the court about an independent test of the four warning sirens on campus. The test will occur on August 6, 2016 immediately following the county's test. Mr. Folckemer told the court that this day was picked because students would not be back and it could be done with minimal interference. We need to be sure that our warning system is fully functional. We understand that some neighborhoods will be impacted and we plan to use media outlets to communicate this information to the public.

IN RE: Madison County Rescue Squad Presentation- Public Information Officer:

Dan Kirsten told the court that he would like to come at least a couple times a year and update the court and the community about the Rescue Squad. We currently cover 300 square miles of the total 443 miles in Madison County. We had been averaging around 457 calls per year but have recently seen an increase. In 2015 we celebrated 40 years of service to Madison County. We have recently reactivated our canine program and anticipate summer service after training is completed. We have a rough 2015 and lost two trucks, one to fire and one to flood waters. We have purchased a new truck with a combination of insurance money and financing. We are always looking for new member who would like to serve the community and appreciate the continued support of the court. I encourage everyone to follow up on social media.

IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 16-02 Animal Shelter:

Director Scott Tussey informed the court that only a couple of minor changes had been made to the Ordinance. He asked the court if they had any questions. There was no response.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the second Reading of Ordinance 16-02 Animal Shelter.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Madison County Conservation District- 2016-2017 Budget:

Judge Taylor told the court the budget had been the same for about 3-4 years. Jimmy Marcum who was there representing the District spoke up and confirmed.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve the Madison County Conservation District 2016-2017 Budget.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Resolution 16-02 Grant Application –Land & Water Conservation Fund

Judge Taylor read Resolution 16-02 to the court. He asked if anyone had any questions about the Resolution.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 16-02 for a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for parking lot renovations at Wilgreen Lake.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Absent

IN RE: Appointment Madison County Tax Assessment Board:

Judge Taylor stated that Mrs. Newman had set on this board before and that they have a two year consistent term maximum. He thanked John Gilliam for his service.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the appointment of Nola Newman to the Madison County Tax Assessment Board with a term expiration of 3/1/2019.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Appointment to Madison County EMS Board (3):

Judge Taylor informed the court that one of the terms was only for a year to ensure that all the board members did not change at the same time.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the appointment of 3 board members:

William O'Bradley term expiration of 4/1/2017, Randy Rigsby term expiration of 4/1/2018, Dr. Glen Birkett term expiration of 4/1/2018.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Road Commissioner:

There was a brief discussion about the duties of a road commissioner. Judge Taylor informed that court that they were a go between with citizens in evaluating older roads that are no longer in use. He told the court that Marty Sizemore was the other road commissioner.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve the appointment of Jimmy Marcum as a Road Commissioner with a term expiration of 2/22/2020.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Absent

IN RE: Personnel Road Department – Truck Driver:

Madison County Road Department Administrator Scott Sheperd informed the court that interviews were held and the best candidate was selected.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the hiring of Stacey J. Jones as a truck drive at an hourly rate of \$13.00.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Personnel Road Department – Seasonal Workers:

Madison County Road Department Administrator Scott Sheperd informed the court that the workers were returning and not new hires. He stated that one worker; Stevie Brock has a higher rate of pay because he holds a CDL license and can be utilized to do more things.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the hiring Road Department seasonal workers:

Neil Cates at \$10.00 per hour
Lynn Brewer at \$10.00 per hour
Stevie Brock at \$13.00 per hour

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Fire Department- BGAD Mutual Aid Agreement:

Chief Jim Cox informed the court that this is just a mutual agreement for support in emergency services. He told the court that we typically do this every two years.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the entering into the Mutual Aid Agreement with BGAD (Bluegrass Army Depot).

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

Judge's Report:

Judge Taylor informed the court that the County would be taking over the management of Wilgreen Lake effective April 7th. I just want to make sure and clarify that we have NO intentions of closing this lake. I think that it is a diamond in the rough.

Judge Taylor talked about events that are coming up:

Court House is closed at Noon on this Friday, March 25th for Good Friday.

3/25 Rededication of Tweety's Fort at 2PM

3/26 Battle of the Badges at Madison Central's Gym at 2PM: \$5 ticket cost

3/26 Easter Eggxtravaganza at Lake Reba from 11AM-1PM.

4/2 County Ham Breakfast Richmond Masonic Temple, 7AM-10:30AM

4/15 Empty Bowls 11-1PM and 4:30-6PM First Baptist Church on Bypass

4/16 Home and Garden Show at the Fairgrounds starts at 10AM

4/22-23 Butcher Family Plant Sale at Fairgrounds, 8AM Daily (Cancer Society)

Whitehall Hall Park has reopened and the fishing is open too.

Fishing is open to everyone but you must have a license. The water level is up and it is a safe place to go.

Please watch us on Channel 46 for information about all of these events and more. Check out Facebook for current county updates and be sure to check our web site for current job postings.

Judge Taylor invited Anthony Lowery from God's Outreach to speak to the court.

Mr. Lowery spoke with the court about the need to expand the building at their current location.

He told the court that their goal was to stamp out hunger in Madison County. We currently have the largest individual program in the state of Kentucky. We have purchased a property and need to tear down the existing house and replace it with a new structure. We have so many people coming on the pick-up days that traffic has become a real problem.

Patrick Kirby was there representing God's Pantry and spoke with the court about applying for the CBDG Grant. He told the court that the grant would have a match of 10-15%. Magistrate Barger asked where that money would come from. Mr. Kirby stated that the majority of their funds come from donations. Judge Taylor asked when the project would be completed. Mr. Kirby stated the goal was the spring of 2017.

Mr. Kirby went onto say that this grant has a \$500,000 cap and they were in the process of completing the paperwork. He told the court that the largest cost will be the walk in cooler. Judge Taylor then informed the court that the county would not qualify for another grant will this project was going on.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Barger Tom, John, and I attended the magistrate conference in Louisville. We got lots of good information. The governor spoke at a luncheon and took questions. There was a lady that gave testimony about drug addiction that touched all of our hearts. She talked about people teaching her how to steal to get the money that she needed for the drugs. They showed us a chart of the State of Kentucky that was shaded (darker the color the greater severity) and it was for three drugs: Heroin, Prescriptions, and Methamphetamines. Madison County was the darkest color on the map for all three drugs with several surrounding counties having much lighter colors. People, we are a hub and we have a serious problem in Madison County. On a lighter note, I am glad to see Whitehall Park open back up. The park is doing great,

Magistrate Tudor told the court that someone had reported the Union City underpass bridge being in poor shape. I have contacted CSX. I think that we need to fight the drug addiction issue. We need education and rehabilitation in the detention center. Many centers we have visited have classes and we do not. We have to have classes for them.

Magistrate Botkin talked with the court about a number of programs that they received information on at conference that is reducing the number of incarcerated. House Bill 250 is just one of those bills. Let's support our Representatives and Senators and give them a call if you have any questions. I would like to give the road department a pat on the back for a job well done.

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

Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger informed the court that April 18th, 2016 was the last day to register to vote before the May Primary. He concluded by stating that you may register to vote as long as you will be 18 years of age before the November General Election.

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-Absent
Reagan Taylor-Yes	

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge announced the next court date for Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 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 11:00AM.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE