

Meeting Date; 09/24/2019

Meeting of; Madison County Fiscal Court

Meeting Type; Regular

HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 24rd of September 2019 at 9:30AM in the Fiscal Courtroom in Richmond, KY. 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, Madison County Jailer Steve Tussey, Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond, 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 Chad Snellgrove of White Oak Pond Christian Church to lead the court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of the Meeting Minutes (Berea) 9-10-2019:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on September 10, 2019, with the changes noted.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes 9-10-2019:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the minutes from the specially called meeting on September 10, 2019, with the changes noted.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Treasurer's Report:

Glenn Baker, Treasurer, addressed the court to present the monthly treasurer's report, (see on file.) Baker emphasized to the public that there are limited options to bring in revenue to Fiscal Court.

IN RE: Proclamation-Domestic Violence Month:

Judge Taylor proclaimed the month of October as Domestic Violence Month. Jennifer Lainhart, Executive Director at Hope's Wings, was present to accept the certificate.

IN RE: Personnel-Fire Department Promotion:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief, addressed the court to recommend that they promote Robert Freeman from a firefighter 1 to a firefighter 2. Freeman will start his new position on October 2, 2019 at \$8.00/per hour.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to promote Robert Freeman to a firefighter 2 at \$8.00/per hour.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: EMA/CSEPP Team Lead Promotion:

Jennifer Hitch, EMA Deputy Director, addressed the court to recommend that they promote John Walton from EOC Tech to Team Lead 1. Walton will start his new position October 2, 2019 at \$17.57/per hour.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to promote John Walton to Team Lead 1 at \$17.57/per hour.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

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John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: EMA/CSEPP Team Lead Promotion:

Jennifer Hitch addressed the court to recommend that they promote Terry Bratfish from EOC Tech to Team Lead 1. Bratfish will start the new position on October 2, 2019 at \$17.00/per hour.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to promote Terry Bratfish to Team Lead 1 at \$17.00/per hour.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Awarding of the 2020 CSEPP Calendar Bid:

Jennifer Hitch addressed the court to award the 2020 CSEPP Calendar bid to Post Printing at \$59,252.00.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to award the 2020 CSEPP Calendar bid to Post Printing at \$59,252.00.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Acceptance of Public Library Tax Rate:

Judge Taylor read the Public Library Tax rate to be accepted at .058 on real property, .0756 on tangibles, and inventory.

IN RE: Acceptance of EMS Rate:

Judge Taylor read the EMS Tax rate to be accepted at .049 on real property, .06 on tangibles, and inventory.

Carlos Coyle, EMS Director, addressed the court to update the public on the EMS special taxing district.

IN RE: Acceptance of Extension District Tax Rate:

Judge Taylor read the Public Library Tax rate to be accepted at .1772 on real property, .2983 on tangibles and inventory.

Clerk Barger announced that the county clerk's office will now be using the Extension office as a polling location. Barger also mentioned that the facility is often used for election school.

IN RE: Acceptance of Berea Independent School Tax Rate:

Judge Taylor read the Public Library Tax rate to be accepted at .979 on real property, tangibles inventory.

IN RE: Interlocal Agreement-Scott County and Madison County:

Chris Iseral, IT Director, addressed the court for approval to allow the operation of Kentucky Counties Government Cloud and host Scott County via Madison County.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor for Chris Iseral to move forward with negotiations between Scott County and Madison County.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: 2nd Reading of Ordinance 19-13-Adoption of Roads:

Judge Taylor asked the court's permission to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 19-13 Adoption of Roads.

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Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 19-13 Adoption of Roads.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: 2nd Reading of Ordinance 19-15-LUC-5120 Battlefield Memorial Hwy-RC7-RC4:

Bert Thomas, Building and Codes Director, addressed the court for the approval of the 2nd reading of ordinance 19-15-LUC-5120 Battlefield Memorial Hwy-RC7 to RC4.

Judge Taylor asked that Thomas read the finding of facts.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the 2nd reading of 19-15-LUC-5120 Battlefield Memorial Hwy-RC7-RC4.

Public comment:

Jack VanWinkle, Madison County Resident, inquired if the rulebooks were the same in every zone change. VanWinkle questioned if there was a different code of ethics depending on the person.

Judge Taylor stated that he did not.

Magistrate Tudor stated that he did not though every parcel of land had to be look at independently on its own merit.

VanWinkle questioned if the magistrates examined the land before voting.

Judge Taylor stated that he had no problem with VanWinkle addressing the court but that the court had gotten served and that there was pending litigation, so it was best to not comment.

VanWinkle said to solve the property tax issues is with more growth. VanWinkle accused the court of siding with the Madison County Fairgrounds in reference to the disapproval of Ordinance 19-11 LUC.

Emerson McAfee, Madison County Resident, approached the court inquiring if the location of the store was near an old cemetery.

Bert Thomas stated that he wasn't familiar with the cemetery but that it is in the regulations to address if one was found.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Set Date for Halloween Trick-or-Treat:

Judge Taylor announced that the date for Halloween Trick-or-Treat (Richmond and Berea) would be on October 31st from 6pm to 8pm.

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- Eastern Kentucky University's 2019 Homecoming Parade will be Friday, October 4th, beginning at 6pm and going down Lancaster Ave. and Main St.
- Fort Boonesborough's annual Boonesborough Boogie National Car Show will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 11th-13th, from 8am to 5pm. This is one of the largest car shows in the entire state. \
- Paint Lick's Village Fest will be Saturday, October 5th, from 11am to 5pm.
- The Madison County Humane Society will be having a spaghetti dinner and silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, October 12th, from 5pm to 8pm at the Madison Central High School.
- Madison Southern will have their Homecoming Parade this Thursday night, September 26th, from 6pm, traveling through the street of Berea.
- Madison Central will have their Homecoming Parade this Thursday night, September 26th, from 6:30pm, in downtown Richmond.

Comments from Magistrates:

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Magistrate Botkin stated that the blacktopping issues in Idyllwild Subdivision has been addressed. Two weeks ago, they completed the second project on the fourth district priority list which was the reconstruction of the 499 Crooksville intersection at 421.

Magistrate Tudor stated that he was glad to be there.

Magistrate Barger stated that everyone had gotten phone calls opposing the tax increase. We must do what we can do to provide the services that we provide. There is a regulation that says we must have a jail; it's in statute that we shall provide one. We may blacktop roads if we have the money to blacktop them, but we won't have it if we must keep paying what we're paying for this jail and don't get any extra money. The gas tax that we get has been decreased over the past few years putting the county even shorter on blacktop than we used to get. The Sheriff's department mowing the roads can go away. Barger stated that he didn't know all the answers but that the public needs to understand we're not trying to take money to blow it away but because we must pay the bills. We were elected to see that this county stays solid.

Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond stated that Madison County is fairly lucky; our Sheriff Mike Coyle was nominated as Sheriff of the year. Our Coroner, Jim Corneilson, was honored with the Coroner's Association. Carlos Coyle, EMS Director, was also recognized for his achievements as EMS Director of the year. This shows a lot about Madison County; congratulations.

Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger read a section of the statute regarding the petition for property taxes, "the electronic or non-electronic signatures shall be followed by the printed name, street address, social security number or birthdate, the name and number of the designated voting precinct of the person signing." He stated that he had received many calls on what would be counted to which he responded not to overcomplicate things. "Nobody in my office will ever not follow statute regardless of who it benefits or punishes."

The public may view the statute 132.017 on lrc.ky.gov. Barger suggested if anyone wanted to know how it works to view it. Last year, the board of elections discussed splitting two precincts, Forest Hill, and Kingston. These plans were finalized after being taken to the Secretary of State's office in June. There is nothing going on to try to split a precinct or change the name of a precinct to affect the outcome of the petition. Barger wanted to address the public because of the numerous calls his office has received.

Comments from Department Heads:

No comments were made.

Comments from the Audience:

Emerson McAfee, Madison County Resident, addressed the court to discuss the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. McAfee stated that his award was the biggest honor of his life. Charles Flood and Chester Elkin were nominated by McAfee. Elkin was accepted. McAfee brought some of what he received at the award banquet. McAfee was presented the spirit award from the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame at the banquet. McAfee presented the court with a Hall of Fame certificate.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

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

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for October 8, in Richmond at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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Motion from John Tudor to adjourn, seconded by Roger Barger. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R-T", is written over a horizontal line.

REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE