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HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 11th of February 2020 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 Magistrate Tudor to lead the court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 01-28-2020:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on February 11, 2020.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Agenda Amendment:

Judge Taylor asked for the court's permission to amend the agenda, removing line item eight (8), 1st reading of Ordinance 20-08-MetroNet Franchise Agreement.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to amend the agenda, removing line item eight (8), 1st reading of Ordinance 20-08-MetroNet Franchise Agreement.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Briefing Update-Chemical Weapons Disposal Project Update:

Craig Williams, Host Community Liaison, addressed the court to present a project update on the chemical weapons disposal project. He explained the two destruction technologies being used throughout the project: Static Detonation Chamber (Explosive Destruction Technology) and Neutralization followed by SCWO (Super Critical Water Oxidation).

The mustard projectile operations began on June 7th, 2019 and is going along. The GV projectile disposal operations began on January 17th and have destroyed 18 tons (3.44%) of the stockpile, as of January 31st, 2020. The Mustard Campaign has had some challenges from seal failures which are due to the unique chemical challenges of Levenstein mustard and aged conditions of the munitions stored in KY. This is of no risk to the workforce or community and modifications are underway. The GB Projectile Campaign has not faced any major challenges as BGAPP ramps up.

Operations are scheduled to be completed by December of 2023. William discussed their expenditures/personnel. As of December 31, 2019, the data showed \$182 million spent with Kentucky companies, \$107 million spent in Madison and surrounding counties, \$1.003 billion dollars spent in local payroll, with 1,259 employees currently staffed for the project.

Future economic impacts were presented to the court. The potential departure of more than 1,000 high-paid workers will influence regional tax revenues for emergency response capabilities, schools, general services, and small businesses of all sizes. The economic impact collaborative was formed to look at who these workers are and how their skills can be used post-project in Madison County.

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IN RE:2nd Reading Ord. 20-02-Weight Restrictions County Roadways:

Willie Willis, Road Superintendent, addressed the court for the 2nd reading of Ordinance 20-02 concerning weight restrictions on county roadways.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the second reading of Ordinance 20-02-Weight Restrictions on county Roadways.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE:1st Reading Ord. 20-03-Courthouse Renovation Funding:

Judge Taylor presented the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-03 for the courthouse renovation funding. This project will have a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$6 million which is subject to a permitted adjustment increasing the principal amount of the note by up to \$600,000 or decreasing the principal amount by any amount. Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-03-Courthouse Renovation Funding.

Magistrate Tudor stated that this funding is given to Madison county from the Administrative Office of courts to revamp, remodel and reconstruct the courthouse, also making another courtroom available.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE:1st Reading Ord. 20-04-Budget Amendment Road Fund:

Glenna Baker, Treasurer, addressed the court for the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-04 concerning a budget amendment to the Road Fund. Madison County has realized unbudgeted receipts therefore the following the budget for the current fiscal year should be amended to increase receipts in the Road Fund.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-04-Budget Amendment Road Fund.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE:1st Reading Ord. 20-05-Budget Amendment Jail Fund:

Glenna Baker, Treasurer, addressed the court for the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-05 concerning a budget amendment for the jail fund. Madison county has realized unbudgeted receipts therefore the following budget for the current fiscal year should be amended to increase receipts in the Jail Fund.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-05-Budget Amendment Jail Fund.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: 1st Reading Ord. 20-06-Interlocal-Madison County Fire Department and Madison County EMS:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief, addressed the court for the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-06 concerning an interlocal agreement between the Madison County Fire Department and Madison County EMS. The Madison County Fire Department will aid in rescue and education services to Madison County EMS.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-06-Interlocal Agreement between the Madison County Fire Department and Madison County EMS.

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Judge Taylor noted that there have been changes made the past week or so concerning the rescue squad. They were notified last month that their contract would not be renewed. This decision was made because the Madison County Fire Department will now provide their services. The fire department has been supportive of the rescue squad and have offered their aid throughout the years.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: 1st Reading Ord. 20-07-Discontinuance of Phelps Spur Rd.:

Judge Taylor presented the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-07 for the discontinuance of Phelps Spur Rd.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-07-Discontinuance of Phelps Spur Rd.

Magistrate Tudor stated that this road was in his district and that there has not been a lot of maintenance on it in the past several years. The landowners that use the road all agreed to have it removed from the county roadways.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-11-State Transportation Rural and Municipal Road Aid Co-op:

Judge Taylor asked for the court's approval of Resolution 20-11 State Transportation Rural and Municipal Road Aid Co-op. The contract will be entered into by and between the Madison County Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet., for the fiscal year of July 1st, 2020. The emergency fund program is a part of this contract which means that 3% of our funding stays with the Transportation cabinet and allows Madison county use for qualifying projects.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 20-11-State Transportation Rural and Municipal Road Aid Co-op.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

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Lauren Nagle, UK Risk Reduction Specialist, was present to explain how these funds will be used.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 20-12-ASAP Harm Reduction Grant.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-13-Library Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor asked for the court's approval of Resolution 20-13 which appoints Joan Klein to the Library Board.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 20-13-Library Board Appointment.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

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IN RE: Personnel-Golf Course:

Gary Vanderloef, Battlefield Golf Club Director, addressed the court to recommend that they hire Jeff McHone to replace the head golf shop attendant. The hourly rate will be \$12.45/per hour, effective February 12, 2020.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to hire Jeff McHone as the head golf shop attendant with an hourly rate of \$12.45/per hour, effective February 12, 2020.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel-CSEPP:

Jennifer Hitch, CSEPP Finance Officer, addressed the court to recommend that they promote Terry Bratfish to Operations Lead at \$20.00/per hour, effective February 19, 2020.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to promote Terry Bratfish to Operations Lead at \$20.00/per hour, effective February 19, 2020.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel-Road Department:

Willie Willis, Road Superintendent, addressed the court to recommend that they hire Dakota Begley as a CDL Driver/General Laborer at \$10.00/per hour, effective February 12, 2020.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to hire Dakota Begley as a CDL Driver/General laborer at \$10.00/per hour, effective February 12, 2020.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Discussion-Election Officers:

Kenny Barger, Madison County Clerk, addressed the court to have a discussion concerning election officers. Clerk Barger is proposing to raise the precinct officer pay by \$50.00. There are two classes of precinct officers: normal precinct officers and polling location coordinators (PLC) who serve as troubleshooters for their polling location. It will be an \$11,000.00 increase per election. This increase has been improved by the local board of elections: Ellen McWhorter Stone, Republican Representative, Mike Park, Democratic Representative, Sheriff Mike Coyle, and Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger. The money is already in the budget for the May Primary but will be an increase in the November election. How the pay is administered to election officers will also be changing. Attending school will only pay \$10.00 to discourage applicants from just going to the training. Clerk Barger stated that he didn't believe in throwing money at problems but that this was an issue across the state. The last state election was our lowest turnout, with only one alternate available. There have been multiple efforts to attract new talent. Precincts will now be arranged to share scanners. Madison County is on the cutting edge. Clerk Barger asked the court to remember house bill 388 which is a comprehensive bill on improvement of Elections. One of the notable changes will be the use of independent parties as precinct officers. Currently, independent registered voters may not serve as an election officers unless there is special permission given from the state board of elections. Clerk Barger also noted his advocacy along with Senator McDaniel to move the statewide elections to the presidential election calendar. This would completely remove an election from the cycle and would save millions of dollars across the state. This would not take effect until 2028 if legislation were to pass.

Judge Taylor inquired about having less scanners and asked if this would affect the \$11,000.00 increase.

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Clerk Barger clarified that they would not affect the increase long-term; the unused scanners may be sold back to ES&S.

Magistrate Tudor inquired if Madison County has had trouble getting election officers in the past and what the average age of applicants was.

Clerk Barger stated that it an issue faced every year across the state to get enough election officers. The average age in the state of Kentucky is around 63. It's not an easy job and a lot of folks are on their feet for ten hours. We're very fortunate to have people who will take off work to serve as an election officer.

Magistrate Barger inquired if it was the role of the court to pay for election officers.

Judge Taylor stated that the court was responsible for funding the elections. He noted that Clerk Barger gives money back to the fiscal court and that by statute he cannot deduct it out of what he gives back. This is a statewide problem.

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- The Richmond Area Arts Council's 2020 Mardi Gras Celebration will be Saturday, February 22, beginning at 6:30pm, at the Richmond Area Arts Council on Water St.
- The 2020 44th District Basketball Tournament will be the week of February 24th at Eastern Kentucky University's Alumni Coliseum.
- The Richmond Chamber of Commerce's 2020 Legislative Trip to Frankfort will be Tuesday, February 25th. Please contact the Richmond Chamber of Commerce to make your required reservation or for more information.
- The Madison County Humane Society's Fiesta Bowl Chili Supper will be Friday, February 28th from 5 until 8pm at the Russel Acton Folk Center in Berea. Adults are \$12.00 and children and \$.00 at the door.
- The Madison County Courthouse and its related offices will be closed Monday, February 17, 2020 for President's Day. Offices will re-open Tuesday, February 18th, at 8am.
- This past Saturday the Animal Shelter hosted a great event.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin talked about the judge's conference he attended. The transportation secretary stated that there was \$35 million dollars proposed in the budget for the airports. We're still working on roads, including Hagan Mill Rd.

Magistrate Tudor mentioned the judges conference he attended last week. Tudor spoke with the governor and senior advisor Rocky Adkins on break. There were several good speakers. There were some ideas presented about rehab programs that are needed statewide though the funding was not mentioned. We need to get people away from the drug atmosphere and community and teach them basic life skills to get these people back to work. February 24th will be legislative day and if you have issues on your local level that need to be addressed please members of the court. We've had a little minor flooding-stay safe and don't drive through any standing water.

Magistrate Barger stated that he was disappointed in the breakout session at the judge's conference, concerning the jails. Numbers were presented that were already known. Solutions were not given. With this flooding please remember your animals. If it's rained don't leave them pinned up where they can't get out of high water.

Jennie Haymond, Madison County Attorney stated her advocacy and support for Hope Wings Domestic Violence Shelter and asked those interested to join them at their annual fundraiser, Jail and Bail.

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Jailer Steve Tussey gave the court an update on the numbers at the jail. There are currently 362 inmates in-house, 54 on home incarceration, and 20 out in other counties. Most of the out of county inmates are housed in Casey County which has the cheapest rate. The reason these numbers are slowly going down is because of a collaborative effort amongst, judges, law enforcement, the county attorney and commonwealth attorney to played reduce the jail population. The implementation of the rocket docket has helped as well because they're getting out of jail sooner and aren't staying as long. Tussey has visited with the National Institute of Corrections who have made several recommendations.

Comments from Department Heads:

No comments from Department Heads.

Comments from the Audience:

No comments from the audience.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion made by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for February 25, 2020, in Richmond at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from John Tudor to adjourn, seconded by Roger Barger. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned 11:01am.



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