

Meeting Type; Special Called

HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in special session on the 26th of May 2020 at 9:30AM via Zoom Video Conference. Present was the Honorable Reagan Taylor in the chair presiding and the following members of the Fiscal Court: Roger Barger, Larry Combs, Tom Botkin, and John Tudor were present. Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond, Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle, and Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger were also present.

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

Magistrate Botkin led the court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 05-05-2020:

Motion by Tom Botkin and seconded by John Tudor to approve the minutes from the specially called budget workshop meeting on May 5, 2020.

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 Meeting Minutes 05-12-2020:

Motion by Roger Barger and seconded by Larry Combs to approve the minutes from the specially called meeting on May 12, 2020.

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:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, addressed the court to give the monthly treasurer's report (see on file).

IN RE: Resolution 20-54—Waste Management Waste Tire Grant Funds:

Tom Webb, Grant Writer, presented Resolution 20-54—Waste Management Waste Tire Grant Funds for the court's approval. This resolution will authorize the application and administration of Kentucky Division of Waste Management Waste Tire Grant Funds.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Larry Combs to approve Resolution 20-54—Waste Management Waste Tire Grant Funds.

Scott Shepherd, Road Department Administrator, addressed the court to clarify that the funding is a special program administered this year. This will allow the county to collect tires throughout the year, up to \$4,000.00.

Magistrate Tudor inquired how many tires a person can drop off.

Scott Shepherd responded that there was no limit for individuals.

Judge Taylor asked if there was limit on the size of tires.

Scott Shepherd responded that there was no size limit.

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 20-55—CSEPP Beta Testing Agreement:

Dustin Heiser, Emergency Management Director, addressed the court to give a Covid-19 update. On March 9th, Heiser started by activating the EOC to a level 3 activation. A state of emergency was declared for Madison County, the city of Richmond, and the city of Berea. EMA has continued to support the three governments throughout this event, as well as public and private entities, providing personal protective equipment (PPE). 220 requests have been processed for PPE. Heiser noted there was a testing center in Madison County, KY at the

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University; 1,195 people were tested. EMA received a shipment of PPE from Lexington last week for long-term care facilities; this will be pushed out to nursing homes.

Heiser stated that his department is in constant communication with many entities throughout the state and the federal government. EMA has stayed in constant communication with the health department throughout this pandemic. The health department has been responsible for tracking the outbreak and tracking individuals who may contract the disease. There is shelter provided for first responders in case they were to contract the disease and did not want to go home; EMA has contracted with two hotels.

The demilitarization of the eight-inch GB projectiles project has been completed just short of 4,000 rounds. In addition to all the efforts made throughout the pandemic, the depot is still operating 24/7.

Magistrate Botkin stated he saw where congressman Barr was able to attain over \$300 million dollars from the state of Kentucky. He inquired if Heiser had the opportunity to see if and how much of those funds would be able to assist Madison County.

Heiser responded that the first infusion of the CARES Act would be dispersed around \$3.2 million dollars to the county.

Judge Taylor stated that the state of Kentucky was given \$1.7 billion dollars. Of that, Governor Beshear allocated \$300 million dollars to go to cities and counties. KACO and Kentucky League of Cities worked together on how that \$300 million was distributed to the local governments. This decision was ultimately based off population. Madison County's allocation will be up to \$3.2 million dollars. There are specific things this money must be used for.

Heiser stated that the money allocated to Madison County must pertain to the support of Covid-19, or to future responses if Kentucky were to see a resurgence. This funding is considered a reimbursement grant, so the county must first upfront that cost. EMA is working closely with the judge's office concerning the disbursement of funds.

IN RE: Election Update from Kenny Barger, County Clerk:

Kenny Barger, County Clerk, addressed the court to give an Election Update. Barger encouraged constituents to visit govoteky.com to request their absentee ballot to be mailed to them. An order was signed by the Governor and Secretary of State to allow people to vote without showing up on Election Day. Barger stated that there would be three (3) voting locations, operating at 33% capacity on Election Day, for those wanting to vote in-person. He noted that if everyone took three (3) minutes to vote that it would take 133 days total. To process every voter one at a time in a twelve (12) hour day would require that 266 people vote simultaneously across the county, if everybody showed up to vote. With the restrictions required and resources provided, this would be impossible. Barger reemphasized that we cannot all vote in person on Election Day. Walk-in absentee will be available at the courthouse by appointment only. Make an appointment online at www.madisoncountyclerk.us, or over the phone. Appointments must be made due to a 97-person capacity in the Courthouse. The Madison County Clerk's Office is under restrictions from the Governor's office and must comply. Election day polling hours will be from 6:00am-6:00pm.

The three voting locations available on Election Day will be as follows:

-Boonesborough Elementary School: 1441 Boonesborough Road, Richmond, KY 40475

-Clark Moores Middle School: 143 Berea Road, Richmond, KY 40475

-Silver Creek Elementary School: 75 Old U.S. 25, Berea, KY 40403.

Barger noted that these 3 locations will model a "Voting Center" which allow registered voters to vote at the location most convenient to them. He stated that the results for the Primary Election will not be available until the end of the month. Mail-in ballots may be accepted up until three days following the election, if the envelope is postmarked on or before June 23rd. Mail-in ballots may be requested online up until June 16th. Mailed applications for mail-in ballots may be requested through our office and must be received by June 10th.

Judge Taylor asked Barger to explain to the court how absentee ballots would be advertised to the community.

Barger responded that every media outlet possible would feature advertisements for absentee ballots. The flashing roadside signs will be used to advertise as well. In addition, information will be put on the interstate signs with

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the website address and the deadlines for voting. Every radio station and newspaper will be notified of voting procedures to promote.

Barger elaborated on the regulations for this election, stating that everything the office does is governed by statute. He commended constituents who are being proactive about the changes throughout departments.

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- The Madison County Fair and Horse Show as well as the Madison County Extension office's annual Farm Tour have been cancelled for 2020 due to the pandemic. Hopes are to bring them back in 2021.
- Just a reminder that Battlefield Golf course is open for play with few restrictions. Also, Madison County's parks are open for the summer, with hopes to have the restrooms and playgrounds open soon.
- Both Richmond and Berea are planning their 2020 Fourth of July fireworks celebrations, but there will be some changes this year. There will not be any vendors or entertainment, and social distancing will be observed. Both events are scheduled for Friday, July 4th, and exact times will be posted closer to events.
- The 2020 Census is still ongoing. It is strongly suggested that you fill out the census forms either online or the paper copy. The census is very important in terms of grants and other benefits that are awarded to Madison County.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin stated that the projects on Hagan Mill, Bogie Mill, and Arbuckle Road haven't started. Botkin has talked with Willie Willis at the Road Department, who said it would be June before those projects start. The county has finished their project on Wheeler Branch, but the whole project isn't yet complete. Botkin stated that he shares access with Magistrate Combs to Dogwood, and that his side is through Possum Kingdom. He noted that this road will be closed until they finish repairs. Over a year ago, the bridge that goes over the CSX railroad on Menelaus was repaired from being struck by a semi-truck. A month later the bridge was torn up again. Botkin was recently in communication with Reece Benson, Bridge Supervisor for CSX, who said he would send a team to the area. Last week, the team repaired the bridge. The guardrail is still down, but Botkin has notified Chad Lucas at the Kentucky Highway Department, who said it would be taken care of within the next few weeks.

Magistrate Tudor stated that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, President Trump has set aside funds for farmers who may have lost income due to the market dropping and crop loss. Constituents may go online to farmers.com and look under resources for farmers and producers; you can call your local Farm Service Agency at 624-1980. Farmers can report their losses online. There's a meat shortage but it's not from the farming end but rather the packing houses and the processors being able to move the meats of the groceries in the food chain. The federal funds being allocated for our local government for roads, medical and emergency situations are distributed based on population. This goes to show how important it is to fill out your census. Yesterday was Memorial Day—please remember those who gave it all so that we may live in a free country and live as we do today. We have so much to be thankful for here. Show civility in everything we do; Tudor stated he along with other members of the community were disappointed in what happened in Frankfort this past weekend with the Governor Beshear effigy hanging from a tree. Tudor stated that we are better than that and that if you have differences in opinions to show those when you go to the polls. Don't be ugly and show differences like that, it's unacceptable and that's not American; that's communist and brutal. Tudor stated he had received several calls this week on road repairs and blacktopping issues, which are being addressed. The county has been mowing and trying to keep up with the growing grass. Tudor commended Clerk Barger, stating he has done an "outstanding job explaining what we need to do about voting this year." The best option is to go online to govoteky.com and request your ballot. You may also call the clerk's office at 859-624-4703. If you choose to go vote in-person at one of the three locations, Boonesborough, Clark Moores, and Silver Creek, you may be waiting in line. Most of our poll workers are elderly and most susceptible to this virus.

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Magistrate Barger stated that the ferry is back open, and all cleaned up. The issue is now that Tates Creek Road is closed for a slide repair; it could be closed for a few days. Constituents may take Jacks Creek Road if they're needing to take the ferry, which will in-turn bring more traffic to that road. It's a narrow road; be careful and considerate of others. Barger stated he tries to wear a mask whenever he is out in public and that he thinks it's the thing to do from what the health officials have told us. Wearing a mask protects you and everyone else. Barger said people must be considerate of how close they are to others. We need to think of others as well as ourselves when we are out in public. Barger stated he was at an age that is more susceptible of getting this virus. He closed in saying "be a little more kind to others in these trying times."

Magistrate Combs stated how thankful he was of everybody that called on behalf of his sister; it's been a tough week.

Judge Taylor wished his sweet mother a happy birthday. She is 76 years old today. He stated that he is very thankful for her leadership in his life. Taylor stated he would also answer a few questions that he's received. The road repair on Union City Road is administered through the state. It was reported that the bridge is eroding away and causing traffic hazards. This information will be forwarded to the State Transportation Cabinet. Taylor has also received questions regarding advertising for this year's tire event. He stated there will not be a tire event for the public this year. Individuals needing to discard of tires may contact the solid waste office at 624-4709.

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 Larry Combs seconded by John Tudor to approve pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for June 9, 2020 at 9:30am via Zoom Video Conferencing.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Tom Botkin to adjourn, seconded by John Tudor. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned 10:52am.



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