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Meeting of; Madison County Fiscal Court

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HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in special session on the 23rd of June 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, 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 Barger led the court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Treasurer's Report:

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

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to pay the claims through the end of the year.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 20-13—2020-2021 Administrative Code:

Rachel Thomas, Human Resources Coordinator, addressed the court to present the second reading of Ordinance 20-13—2020-2021 Administrative Code for the court's approval.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve the second reading of Ordinance 20-13—2020-2021 Administrative Code.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 20-14—2020-2021 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy:

Rachel Thomas, Human Resources Coordinator, addressed the court to present the second reading of Ordinance 20-14—2020-2021 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace policy for the court's approval.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the second reading of Ordinance 20-14-2020-2021 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace policy.

Magistrate Tudor emphasized the importance of this policy.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 20-15—2020-2021 Code of Ethics:

Rachel Thomas, Human Resources Coordinator, addressed the court to present the second reading of Ordinance 20-15—2020-2021 Code of Ethics for the court's approval.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the second reading of Ordinance 20-15—2020-2021 Code of Ethics.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

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IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 20-16—Bluegrass Regional Radio Network Interlocal Agreement:

Chris Iseral, IT Director, addressed the court to present the second reading of Ordinance 20-16—Bluegrass Regional Radio Network Interlocal Agreement for the court's approval. Upon approval this agreement will be entered by and between Madison County Fiscal Court, City of Georgetown/Scott County, and the University of Kentucky.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve the second reading of Ordinance 20-16—Bluegrass Regional Radio Network Interlocal Agreement.

Judge Taylor stated he was excited about this opportunity for our community and for our region.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 20-17—Commercial Solar Energy Facilities in the Land Use Regulations:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Building Codes Director, addressed the court to present the first reading of Ordinance 20-17—Commercial Solar Energy Facilities in the Land Use Regulations for the court's approval. The planning commission held a public hearing to consider the amendment, which they found that making Commercial Solar Energy Facilities a conditional use in specific zones desirable when developed with a proper site development plan.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the first reading of Ordinance 20-17—Commercial Solar Energy Facilities in the Land Use Regulations.

Magistrate Barger inquired if there were any zones this would not be allowed.

Thomas responded it would not be permitted in single-family residential zonings.

Magistrate Tudor inquired if individuals with solar panels on their roof would have to go through the site development plan as well.

Thomas responded that this will not apply to individuals who are using the solar panels for personal use, only if they plan to sell the energy.

Judge Taylor noted that for any citizen that would like to make public comment, feel free to e-mail the comment to comments@madisoncountky.us. A copy of this ordinance will be available on our website at www.madisoncountky.us under the Transparency Tab.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-71—KY Animal Control Advisory Board Spay and Neuter Grant:

Tom Webb, Grant Writer, addressed the court to present Resolution 20-71—KY Animal Control Advisory Board Spay and Neuter Grant for the court's approval. Approval of this resolution will authorize Judge Taylor to apply for the grant and administer the award, if given.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 20-71—KY Animal Control Advisory Board Spay and Neuter Grant.

Magistrate Tudor stated that the county was in a better condition where most stray dogs are neutered and spayed. Receiving grant funds to help carry out this process is in the best interest of Madison County, KY. Tudor thanked Webb for his contributions in applying for this grant.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

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IN RE: Resolution 20-72—The Bullpen Company Grant Writing Services:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 20-72—The Bullpen Company Grant Writing Services for the court's approval. This resolution will administer \$35,000.00 annually to The Bullpen Company for grant writing services, with 40-hours minimum of work per month.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 20-72—The Bullpen Company Grant Writing Services.

Magistrate Botkin stated that Tom Webb, Grant Writer, has proved his worth to the county. He stated that the court has received more than the \$35,000 contract in returns.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-73—CSEPP Siren Bid:

Dustin Heiser, EMA Director, addressed the court to present Resolution 20-73—CSEPP Siren Bid for the court's approval. This resolution will end negotiations with Safer Services for outdoor siren replacement. Upgrades will be made to a more cost-effective and reliable system which will replace the current outdoor siren system.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 20-73—CSEPP Siren Bid, ending negotiations with Safer Services for the outdoor siren replacement.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Dustin and Jennifer for their preparation of this Resolution.

Magistrate Tudor inquired if Heiser had a company in mind to replace Safer Services.

Heiser responded that they would administer a re-bid for the outdoor siren replacement.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-74—2019 Madison County Sheriff's Local Tax Settlement:

Judge Taylor addressed the court to present Resolution 20-74—2019 Madison County Sheriff's Local Tax Settlement for the court's approval. The amount of \$55,356,033.40 was collected in taxes by the Sheriff's office which will be dispersed to all districts within the county.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 20-74—2019 Madison County Sheriff's Local Tax Settlement.

Mary Margaret Young, Administrative Director of the Sheriff's Office, was present for questions. She stated this was one of the most hectic years in taxes but that they did well. Young noted a few circumstances that have been addressed.

Magistrate Botkin stated it was a lot of money to handle and commended Young and her staff.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-75—Ethics Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor addressed the court to present Resolution 20-75—Ethics Board Appointment for the court's approval. Jeff Renner was found fit for the position and will serve again on the board pending Resolution 20-75's approval.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to reappoint Jeff Renner to the Madison County Ethics Board.

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: Resolution 20-76—2020-2021 Employee Classification Change:

Rachel Thomas, Human Resources Coordinator, addressed the court to present Resolution 20-76—2020-2021 Employee Classification Change. Thomas detailed the changes being made.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 20-76—2020-2021 Employee Classification Change.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel--Golf:

Gary Vanderoef, Battlefield Golf Club Director, addressed the court to recommend that they hire Nathan Himes as seasonal grounds crew at \$9.50/per hour, effective June 24, 2020.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the hire of Nathan Himes as seasonal grounds crew at \$9.50/per hour, effective June 24, 2020.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel--Golf:

Gary Vanderoef, Battlefield Golf Club Director, addressed the court to recommend that they hire Jaden Carpenter as seasonal grounds crew at \$9.50/per hour, effective June 24, 2020.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the hire of Jaden Carpenter as seasonal grounds crew at \$9.50/per hour, effective June 24, 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:

Scott Shepherd, Road Department Administrator, addressed the court to recommend that they hire Steven Brock as a CDL Driver/General Laborer at \$14.00/per hour, effective June 24, 2020.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to hire Steven Brock as a CDL Driver/General Laborer at \$14.00/per hour, effective June 24, 2020.

Magistrate Tudor stated Brock retired from the Fire Department and has been helping the county out part-time. He noted Brock was a hard worker and that he will do a good job down at the road department.

Judge Taylor inquired if the county was still down five (5) employees at the road department.

Shepherd stated that the road department is still down employees and have positions for hiring posted.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- Richmond's Independence Day fireworks celebration will be Saturday, July 4th, at Lake Reba. Fireworks will go off at 10pm. Special music and programming will be broadcast on 100.7 FM on the Coyote during the event. It is suggested that you arrive around 8 to 8:30 to get a good spot and to bring a lawn chair. It is also asked to observe social distancing as much as possible. Please see Richmond parks & Recreation website for more detailed information.

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- Berea's Fourth of July celebration will also be on Saturday, July 4th, at the Berea City Park. Fireworks will also go off at 10PM. Please see Berea Parks website for more details.
- It's time to stand up and be counted in the 2020 Census. This is a very important event that affects all of us and 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.
- The Madison County Library is getting back to their normal schedule. Please see their website for the many activities they provide for both adults and children.
- You are strongly encouraged to continue to wear your mask when going out in public. Stores, offices, and other attractions are opening back up and the wearing of your face mask will help in slowing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.
- The Madison County Courthouse and its related offices will be closed Friday, July 3rd, for the Independence Day holiday. Offices will reopen on Monday, July 6th, at 8 AM.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin stated that he has received a few calls these past couple week and that he appreciates everyone's concerns that they've had. The Hagan Mill slide has been repaired and is back open for business. The road department is still working on Arbuckle and a couple of other projects in the fourth (4th) district.

Magistrate Tudor reminded everyone to get out and vote today. There are three (3) locations to vote on site: Silver Creek Elementary School, Boonesborough Elementary School, and Clark Moores Middle School. There may be lines so be patient. If you're in line before 6pm they will let you vote. Tudor thanked Mr. Willis, Road Superintendent, for help and follow-through with the extended blacktop on Stoney Run; this project was completed two (2) weeks ago. He has received a few calls on Griggs Road which will require a permanent solution. Tudor thanked the Madison County Road Department for working with the City of Richmond on trimming the brush up Four Mile avenue; they did a wonderful job.

Magistrate Barger stated that the blacktopping for Crutcher Pike is down but that it didn't go very far. There are still a few rough spots, but they ran out of blacktop money. Barger thanked Dustin Heiser for fixing a few sirens in his district that didn't seem to be working. He thanked all the employees for their service during these trying times. It's different for everybody but we've got a good crew and they've done a fine job.

Judge Taylor stated he and Sheriff Coyle rode out to Griggs Road to look at the situation. The road department had already been there to provide a temporary fix.

County Clerk Kenny Barger stated there was a 27% turnout for the request of absentee ballots. So far today they've voted 1,541 voters at the polls. It updates every three minutes here on my screen. The difference between this model and the way we used to do it is that we can now vote over 400 people at the same time; this is because of the polling location model. The check-in times are around 30 seconds to 50 seconds. Most places there are 100 places to vote. The only reason somebody's taking a long time to vote is that they're staring at their ballot awhile. We're getting them in and out as quickly as possible and haven't had a single line yet. Concerning the absentee ballots, if it is postmarked by June 23rd it may be accepted up until June 26th. Absentee ballot drop-offs at the Richmond or Berea location will be accepted until 4pm today.

Magistrate Barger stated he was at Clark Moores to vote at 7 o'clock and has never voted quicker.

Comments from Department Heads:

No comments from Department Heads.

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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 July 14, 2020 at 9:30am via Zoom Video Conferencing.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from John Tudor to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned 10:40am.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE