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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 22nd of September 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 Tudor led the court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 09-08-2020:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve the minutes from the specially called meeting on September 8, 2020.

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:

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

IN RE: Agenda Amendment:

Judge Taylor asked for the court's approval to amend the agenda to approve new personnel.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to amend the agenda to approve new personnel.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: National Recovery Month Proclamation:

Judge Taylor proclaimed that Madison County will recognize September as National Recovery Month. Residents were encouraged to promote the benefits of alcohol and substance abuse disorder recovery and treatment to support our community. Karen Atkins, Public Information Officer at Kentucky River Foothills, was present for the proclamation. Atkins detailed the efforts made by the Kentucky River Foothills to address alcohol and substance abuse disorder recovery and treatment.

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 20-22-Madison County Airport Water & Sewer Line Extension MOU:

Judge Taylor addressed the court to present the first reading of Ordinance 20-22—Madison County Airport Water and Sewer Line Extension MOU. The Madison County Fiscal Court has determined that the extension of water lines from Southern Madison Water District, and the extension of sewer lines from the Berea Municipal Utilities, would be beneficial to the Airport, Madison County, and Cities of Richmond and Berea.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Larry Combs to approve the first reading of Ordinance 20-22—Madison County Airport Water and Sewer Line Extension MOU.

Magistrate Botkin stated that this grant will be an 80/20 split. Regarding the grant being applied for, the court is talking about adding an eight-inch sewer line out there to the airport where they have a two-inch line. This will not only benefit the airport but the residents in the area as well. The airport is doing a lot of progressive things out there; we've got three new hangers now under roof. 27 of the 30 spaces for those hangers have already been rented.

John Tudor- Yes

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IN RE: Resolution 20-100—Sheriff's Department Personnel:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 20-100—Sheriff's Department Personnel for the court's approval. This resolution will approve Madison County Fiscal Court funding for the Sheriff's department personnel funding request. The Madison County Sheriff has identified a candidate for hire that will serve as a Deputy Sheriff, replacing a retired officer.

Magistrate Botkin stated that the county has been very fortunate in the past to be able to hire retired officers, because we get all of their experience and training that a lot of those deputies receive when they're with KSP and different agencies. The fact that you don't have to pay benefits for those is a win-win.

Sheriff Coyle stated that he wanted to thank the court for recognizing his department's shortage. It is their goal to find the best they can which has been difficult since the loss of a retiree in February. Hiring an additional employee will make 32 employees in the department, counting Sheriff Coyle.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 20-100—Sheriff's Department Personnel.

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 20-101—2020 Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 Response Grant Funds:

Tom Webb, Grant Writer, presented Resolution 20-101—2020 Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 Response Grant Funds for the court's approval. This resolution will approve the application and administration of 2020 Center for Tech Life (CTCL) COVID-19 grand funds. The CTCL grant allows US local election jurisdictions to apply for grant funding to help ensure local election jurisdictions have the staffing, training, and equipment needed so eligible voters can participate in a safe and timely way, and have their vote counted this November.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 20-101—2020 Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 Response Grant Funds.

Magistrate Tudor stated that COVID-19 will cost the county a lot more in every department and if we can get a little funding from outside sources it will help our budget quite a bit. Kenny will attest to how much extra it is has put his office through. Tudor expressed his appreciation for Clerk Barger and the work he is doing.

Clerk Barger stated that this is not government money; this is private money that's been donated to promote voting in this presidential election. This is not taxpayer dollars. This will be the most expensive election we've ever seen. It's also going to be the most convenient. The office has ordered 90,000 ballots to cover mail-in and election day. Mail-in ballots started being mailed out September 22, 2020.

Magistrate Combs questioned if there were enough workers to administer the election.

Clerk Barger stated that there are plenty of workers for election day. Each location will have an information station for voters who have questions or issues about registration; there will be two workers who can assist voters at the table. There will be at least five pollbooks at every location so there shouldn't be any problem with the flow of people getting in and out. Individuals may vote at any of the provided locations.

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

IN RE: Personnel—Fire Department:

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Tim Gray, Fire Chief, addressed the court to recommend that they promote Harold King from a Firefighter III to a Firefighter IV at \$9.50/per hour, effective September 30, 2020. The reason for his promotion is because he got his ISFAC Instructors.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the promotion of Harold King from a Firefighter III to a Firefighter IV at \$9.50/per hour, effective September 30, 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: Personnel—Fire Department:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief, addressed the court to recommend that they promote James Andrae from a Firefighter III to a Firefighter IV at \$9.50/per hour, effective September 30, 2020. Andrae also completed his ISFAC Instructors.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Larry Combs to promote James Andrae from a Firefighter III to a Firefighter IV at \$9.50/per hour, effective September 30, 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: Personnel--CSEPP:

Dustin Heiser, EMA Director, addressed the court to recommend that they hire Buford Dwayne Brumley as a Communications Officer 1 at \$20.51/per hour, effective September 30, 2020. He has a vast experience in first response as well as communication radio sirens. He's exactly what the department is looking for and believe eh will be a huge asset to the team.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Larry Combs to hire Buford Dwayne Brumley as a Communications Officer 1 at \$20.51/per hour, effective September 30, 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: Personnel—Planning & Building Codes:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Building Codes Director, addressed the court to recommend that they hire Kayley George as an Office Assistant 1 at \$12.00/per hour, effective September 30, 2020. Kaylee has a couple years of experience in another jurisdiction in the planning and building code's office. This will greatly help the department as she already knows the lingo, technology, permits, etc.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to hire Kaylee George as an Office Assistant 1 at \$12.00/per hour, effective September 30, 2020.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs-Yes
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IN RE: Judge's Report:

- The annual US 25 Yard Sale will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, all along US 25 through the middle of Madison County. Please be careful of increased traffic.

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- The Berea Chamber of Commerce's Golf Scramble will be Friday, October 2, at the Greens of Churchill beginning at 9am. To register your team or for more information please see the Berea Chamber of Commerce's website or Facebook page.
- The second annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Scramble will be Thursday, October 8th at the Gibson Bay Golf Course, from 9am until 6pm. Please see the Habitat for Humanity for Madison and Clark County's webpage or Facebook page for more information.
- Eastern Kentucky University's 2020 Homecoming weekend has been re-scheduled to Friday and Saturday, October 23rd & 24th. There will be many activities throughout both days, but unfortunately there will not be a parade this year due to the COVID-19 virus.
- Richmond Parks and Recreation's annual Halloween Hoedown will be Thursday, October 22, from 6 until 8pm at Lake Reba. This year's event will be more of a drive-thru style. If your business or organization would like to participate, please contact Richmond Parks and Recreation soon.
- There will be a Halloween Balloon Glow in Berea from 7 until 9pm on Saturday, October 31st, at various locations across Berea. Visit the Berea Chamber of Commerce's website for more information and sponsorship opportunities.
- White Hall Historic Shrine is sponsoring a Halloween Tea on Saturday, October 31st. Reservations are required, and they will fill up quickly. Contact the White Hall State Shrine for details and reservations.
- Please continue to wear a face covering, practice good hand washing and social distance if at all possible.
- Madison County residents can dispose of Household Hazardous Waste at no charge on Saturday, October 3rd between 9am and 3pm. Fertilizers, oil-based paints, solvents and cleaners, batteries, electronics and more. Bring your household hazardous waste to Road Department South at 208 Clarksville Lane off US 25/Berea Road, for more information call the Madison County Solid Waste Department at 624-4709, funding provided thru a grant from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet's Division of Waste Management.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin stated he has received a few calls over the last couple of weeks regarding the state mowing. The state contracts mowing services out to another company; they have about 500 plus miles in Madison County that they're responsible for. The same day that Botkin received a call concerning high grass on the median located on Duncannon Lane the state was on the other end of the street; this was good timing for that road but he advised residents who are having specific trouble areas to please contact their magistrate. Brandon does a good job over there trying to keep everything caught up as best he can with the contractors. The project on Arbuckle is finished with the exception of doing some of the blacktopping; the county still has to get that finished up. The Wheeler Branch project has finished completely over on Goggins Lane. There is a project on Tremont where the county has had to order drain boxes; there's about a four-week lead time on those. There are three new hangers out at the airport. Botkin encouraged citizens to drive by and take a look at the hangers. He stated that a couple of days ago that he received an email from Senator Rand Paul giving out some information about the service academy fair that they have every year and read a portion of the email.

Magistrate Tudor stated that he has been working with Scott Shepherd with Solid Waste concerning a couple of complaints at the crossroads (Waco) with the trash in the bins falling out on the roads and overfilled garbage cans. The county has tried to clean that area and it looks a lot better. Tudor stated his appreciation for Scott. There's a new bridge being installed at the end of Doylesville Road. Work will finish up on Stoney Run within the next week or so; the county has been putting some rail and cribbing up on a slide down there. Tudor stated that he was unsure if the project has been completed or if it is still underway. He stated that school is starting in-person on Monday, September 28, 2020. Buses will be out with kids so watch for all the students out on the roadways and just be very cautious and careful about that situation. Lastly, Tudor stated that the Waco Fire Department is having their annual fall truck pull at the Fairgrounds on October 10, 2020; if you can, get out there and support the fire department.

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Magistrate Barger noted that it wasn't too long ago that it was strange to see somebody with a mask and that it's now kind of strange to see somebody that doesn't have a mask. When you don't wear a mask, you're still hurting the ones that are wearing the mask, so everybody needs to wear the mask. Barger stated there is a necessary bridge repair down at Maple Grove. He thanked the employees for their services to the county.

Magistrate Combs stated that he spoke with Brandon about the bridge on 1016. It was getting pretty rough and he did go down and patch it. That's probably a bridge that the state's going to have to replace eventually. Combs stated that he was glad to be here.

Clerk Barger explained that this morning his office began putting the ballots in envelopes and getting everything loaded up to mail out to the voters. The labels were just received yesterday. Barger stated that he realized there are a lot of people out there that might have requested a ballot two weeks ago; however, the ballot wasn't even certified until the eighth of September so we couldn't even order ballots and get ballots here. They opened the portal early so that people could go ahead and start requesting. The office has a little over 9,000 requests so far for mail-in absentee ballots. Registered voters may still request their absentee ballot at govoteky.com until October 9th; that's the cutoff. Starting October 13th, the Richmond office in the Courthouse and the Berea office will be administering absentee voting from 8:00am to 4:30pm during the week and from 8:00am to 12:00pm on Saturdays. Registered voters may vote early up until the day before the election, Monday, November 2, 2020. The plan for Election Day has not been approved yet by the Secretary of State's office; the Governor's office was part of the order that came out that plans had to be approved. Barger stated that he didn't think there would be any problems with the proposed plan. Seven polling locations have been proposed; they're all good locations with good parking that's easy to get in and out of. He noted that polling locations would be announced once approved. No matter where you live, registered voters can vote at any of the provided locations. Concerning election workers, election day will be staffed with around 24 workers per location. The office was needing help with loading absentee ballots (during the day) in the envelopes and then when they come back to open them and scan; this is administered by an appointed committee. Barger expressed his appreciation for those who have volunteered.

Dustin Heiser informed the court that there was another successful annual CSEPP exercise last Wednesday. Heiser expressed his gratitude for all of the partners within the county Fiscal Court government as well as the City of Richmond and the City of Berea. He stated that this is National Preparedness Month and that it is important for residents to know their zones. Information is given out based on zoning. Kentucky is known for flash flooding and flooding. It's important that people understand not to drive through flooded roadways; you don't know if the road is still there, it could have been washed away in that event. Additionally, from a homeland security standpoint, if you see something suspicious or something that's different or odd it's important to notify authorities. More information is provided on the CSEPP website and social media accounts. With winter coming up, one tip is to make sure that you put some extra clothes, blankets, and jumper cables in your car.

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 Tom Botkin to approve pay claims and transfers.

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ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for October 13, 2020 at 9:30am via Zoom Video Conferencing.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Roger Barger to adjourn, seconded by John Tudor. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned 10:47am.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE