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HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in special session on the 24th of November 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. Assistant Madison County Attorney Brooke Bowman, and Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger were also present.

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

Bill Wesley, 91st District State Representative Elect, led the court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Magistrate Botkin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 11-10-2020:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the minutes from the specially called meeting on November 10, 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: Bill Wesley—91st District State Representative-Elect:

Bill Wesley, 91st District State Representative Elect, addressed the court to introduce himself. The 91st district is made up of four counties (Estill, Lee, Owsley, and Breathitt) and a precinct, which is Waco. Wesley stated that he believed Waco was just as important as anybody else. He is reaching out to all the counties he will be representing to see if there's anything that the magistrates, county judges, mayors and/or councilman need taken care of when he is able to start working. Wesley is asking for stakeholders to compose a list of anything that needs to be addressed. He noted that he will do everything he can to help the 91st district and the state of Kentucky.

Judge Taylor stated that he appreciated Wesley's willingness to come on today.

Magistrate Tudor stated his appreciation for Wesley joining the court today and that he looks forward to working with him in the future.

IN RE: Resolution 20-120—Battlefield Golf Course Fee Schedule:

Gary Vanderoef, Battlefield Golf Club Director, addressed the court to present Resolution 20-120—Battlefield Golf Course Fee Schedule for approval. The last change to the fee schedule was made in 2016. The proposed rates will become effective on January 1st, 2021.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 20-120—Battlefield Golf Course Fee Schedule.

Magistrate Botkin questioned what type of revenue is expected with the proposed changes.

Vanderoef stated that his department is estimating at least \$40,000.00 more for the fiscal year. As a side note, Battlefield Golf Club is approximately \$35,000.00 ahead of last fiscal year, without the increase.

Magistrate Tudor asked for Vanderoef to share the increases with the court.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-121—FD39 Discretionary Funds-Carvers Ferry Road:

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Willie Willis, Road Superintendent, addressed the court to present Resolution 20-121—FD39 Discretionary Funds-Carvers Ferry Road for approval. If approved, this resolution will adopt and approve the execution of a memorandum of agreement between the Madison County Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, and Department of Highways, in the amount of \$55, 473.00 for slide repairs on Carvers Ferry Road.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 20-121—FD39 Discretionary Funds-Carvers Ferry Road.

Magistrate Barger noted that all of the magistrates have roads in each district that have needs. He stated his appreciation for receiving the funds to help on Carvers Ferry Road. There are quite a few houses on this road to be out in the country like it is; it is well traveled. Again, Barger stated his appreciation for the state funding this project.

Judge Taylor expressed his appreciation for the relationship that Madison County maintains with the State Transportation Cabinet and Secretary Gray.

Magistrate Botkin questioned if the repair had already been made.

Judge Taylor stated that repairs could not be done until the resolution was approved. There were some repairs made on Stoney Run that had been approved several meetings ago; this project has been completed.

Magistrate Tudor stated that this is discretionary money that will not require the county to match any funds.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-122—Animal Shelter Fee Schedule:

Katie Tibbs, Animal Care Coordinator, addressed the court to present Resolution 20-122—Animal Shelter Fee Schedule for approval. The last fee schedule changes were made in 2016 and 2017 to include microchipping in the adoption fee, and to provide a discounted adoption fee for Madison County Fiscal Court employees. The updated fee schedule being proposed is consistent with surrounding and similarly populated counties. The proposed rates will become effective on January 1st, 2021.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 20-122—Animal Shelter Fee Schedule.

Magistrate Botkin questioned why there were no increases to claiming fees.

Tibbs stated that their department felt that no change was needed concerning claiming fees.

Judge Taylor questioned how often dogs are claimed.

Tibbs responded that it does not happen very often. Looking at the calendar year of 2019, only 97 dogs were reclaimed, while there were 382 strays.

Magistrate Tudor questioned if dogs without any identification would be considered as an unclaimed dog.

Tibbs stated that stray dogs would be considered as unclaimed. Strays typically do not have any identification or any way to contact a potential owner.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-123—Comprehensive Plan Update:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 20-123—Comprehensive Plan Update for the court's approval. This resolution will approve an agreement between the Madison County Fiscal Court and Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group LLC (TSWDG) for a Comprehensive Plan Update (the project) for professional planning services for this project.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 20-123—Comprehensive Plan Update.

Magistrate Botkin questioned if tasks A through I (listed on page 10 of the proposed agreement) would need to be approved individually. Second, he inquired if those are things the county has asked for or if those things are just in a general type contract of that nature.

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Judge Taylor responded that the aforementioned tasks are optional things. There's a process to this comprehensive plan where you engage the community members and gather information concerning what is needed in the plan. These additional things may be things the county would add later because it didn't maybe get the results or the participation that might have been needed.

Scott Siefker was available for further questions.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-124—Treasurer's Report to Pre-Approve Claims and Transfers:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, addressed the court to present Resolution 20-124—Treasurer's Report to Pre-Approve Claims and Transfers for approval. This resolution will approve the treasurer's request to pre-approve the claims and transfers through December 15, 2020.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 20-124—Treasurer's Report to Pre-Approve Claims and Transfers.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-125—CSEPP EOC Sewer Line Replacement Bid Award:

Dustin Heiser, EMA Director, addressed the court to present Resolution 20-125—CSEPP EOC Sewer Line Replacement Bid Award for approval. This will approve the bid award to CKSM Incorporated Mechanical for EOC Sewer Line Replacement, and installation of new floor.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 20-125—CSEPP EOC Sewer Line Replacement Bid Award.

Magistrate Barger inquired what the estimate for the project would be.

Judge Taylor stated that it would cost \$97,000.00.

Heiser provided further detail concerning the project.

Judge Taylor questioned if other bids were received.

Heiser stated that there was only one bid that was received.

Magistrate Tudor questioned if the flooring that was going to have to be torn out was the concrete floor.

Heiser stated the floor that was going to be replaced was Terrazzo and that it would be about 100ft.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-126—Fayette & Madison County Emergency Management MOA:

Dustin Heiser, EMA director, addressed the court to present Resolution 20-126—Fayette & Madison County Emergency Management MOA for approval. This agreement will aid in the resolution of public safety, health, and welfare of a community stricken by an emergency or disaster, regardless of whether that community is located in Fayette or Madison County.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 20-126—Fayette & Madison County Emergency Management MOA.

Magistrate Botkin questioned if the county had an agreement with Lexington Metro.

Heiser responded that this is a brand-new agreement. The Lexington Fire Department is part of the Bluegrass Emergency Response Team that Madison County participates in. At one time the state had a statewide mutual aid agreement which kind of covered this; that has changed, and that agreement is not in place anymore. Heiser stated this is why he is working with surrounding counties to enter into agreements for mutual aid.

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Magistrate Botkin commended Heiser for his efforts in setting up these agreements with surrounding counties.

Magistrate Tudor noted that it's good to have this agreement in writing. He inquired about what disasters the agreement would include.

Heiser responded that fire, rescue, and emergency management services would be included.

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 Shane Thornton as a CDL Driver/General Laborer at \$14.00/per hour, effective November 30, 2020.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to hire Shane Thornton as a CDL Driver/General Laborer at \$14.00/per hour, effective November 30, 2020.

Magistrate Tudor stated that he was glad to see that Thornton is a CDL Driver already so that they don't have to worry about training.

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:

- You are encouraged to shop local this coming Saturday, November 28th, during the Shop Small Business Saturday. If you are not comfortable with venturing out, contact your favorite small, local business and they may be able to work out delivery or other shipping options.
- Richmond's Reverse Christmas Parade will be Friday, December 4th, from 7 until 10pm at Lake Reba.
- Berea's Christmas parade scheduled for Saturday, December 5th, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. Instead of a parade, the Berea Chamber of Commerce is hosting a decorating contest for Christmas 2020. Entry categories include churches, non-profits, businesses, industries, and neighborhoods. For more information, please contact the Berea Chamber of Commerce.
- The restrooms at all Madison County parks have been closed for the season and will re-open in the spring of 2021.
- Please take due notice of the importance of wearing a mask when in public regardless of the situation; social distance at all times and practice good hand washing. All of us need to do our part to help ebb the tide of the COVID-19 virus.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin stated that blacktopping was finished in the fourth district. Madison County received funding to finish up the blacktopping on Menelaus this year. Congleton is finished; the county may or may not do striping over there. They also finished a piece over on Possum Kingdom. The state and Brandon are doing a really good job on cutting back our roadways right now. They have been over on 421 out in that side of the county. Botkin spoke with Brandon a few weeks ago and was told the state would be heading down toward 595, Walt Meadow, 52, and 876. The guardrail over at CSX on Menelaus needs to be put back up; however, it is cleared up and ready for the state to go back in there and do that. Botkin wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and asked that everyone remember our military personnel and first responders who will be working the holiday. Keep those people in your prayers when your families are getting together. We've got a lot to be thankful for in this country.

Magistrate Tudor wished everybody a happy Thanksgiving and asked that they be thankful for our blessings. He noted that we're under a stressful situation with COVID right now and it's hard to get together as families and

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friends. He asked that everyone please follow the guidelines. Use masks and try to stay apart; let's try to hurry up and get COVID under control. He stated that we would get through this and that we will come out on the other side better. Just be thankful for your family, your friends, everything that we experience and share in Madison County, and be thankful for God in this country. Most of the blacktopping is done in Madison County. Tudor expressed thanks to Judge Taylor, the road department, the state, and the Allen Company, for their efforts in getting blacktopping completed.

Magistrate Barger stated that Madison County has dedicated employees in good times, and in bad times. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Barger stated that he knows it is a trying time but suggested cutting down the number of people at Thanksgiving celebrations. He stated that he was glad to get the Jolly Ridge Road blacktopped. Barger stated his appreciation for the road department for taking care of that.

Clerk Kenny Barger stated that the election seems like ancient history, but it's only been two weeks. The election went off without a hitch; everything went smoothly. Barger stated his appreciation for his employees and all of those who volunteered for early voting and election day. Voting by mail went great. The office had a re-canvas in the City Commissioner race; everything has been sent up, certified, and put to bed. He stated that now his office is getting ready, looking at equipment, and getting everything straightened out because there is a dead (election) year coming up next year. Barger will use this time to make improvements and make the election process even better. Effective November 30th, the Madison County Clerk's Office will be closed to the public, only offering appointments for limited services. The Berea branch will be closed until further notice. Appointments will be available for title transfers, marriage licenses, passports, and the notary completion process at our Richmond office. The deed room will remain open if title searchers need to come in and search; those needing to record documents may drop it off at our window facing Second St. He stated that he felt the office has pushed their luck being open to the public, especially having 19,000 people come through the two offices in three weeks to vote. Barger noted that he was making these changes to go half-staff. He stated that if he didn't make this move and an employee were to test positive that the office would have to be closed completely for two weeks. The Madison County Clerk's Office is one of the few offices in the state that has remained open to the public thus far. There are several offices in the state that have not been open to the public since March. Individuals that have a renewal may complete the process over the phone (859-624-4703). Our website is www.madisoncountyclerk.us; all the information concerning options for renewals is provided on the site. The office is currently transitioning the ballot drop box here at the courthouse into a drop-off box for renewals.

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.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for December 15, 2020 at 9:30am via Zoom Video Conferencing.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Tom Botkin to adjourn, seconded by Roger Barger. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned 10:46am.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

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