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HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in special session on the 15th of December 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 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 recognized Boy Scouts Troop 401, and asked Landen Higginbotham to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 11-24-2020:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve the minutes from the specially called meeting on November 24, 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: Central Kentucky Regional Airport/Eastern Kentucky University Partnership:

Ethan Witt, ECU Representative, addressed the court to discuss the Central Kentucky Regional Airport/Eastern Kentucky University Partnership. ECU is home of the Commonwealth's only four-year flight training program, which is based out of Central Kentucky Regional Airport. The university also serves as the airport's fixed base operator; this means that they are responsible for contracting with the airport board to manage the day-to-day business operations. The airport manager, Jason Bonham, is an ECU employee. There are currently 300 students enrolled in the program. The university has seen a doubling in that enrollment over the last three years alone, as the demand for pilots and airport managers has skyrocketed. Witt indicated that ECU expects the demand will still be there for future graduates after the pandemic. The General Assembly really saw the potential of this program and the importance it has for the entire commonwealth. In the last legislative session, they made an 8-million-dollar investment into ECU aviation. This is going to enable the program to go to the next level as ECU continues to compete for students on a national basis. Most of that money is going to go to plussing up aircraft fleet. The hope is to reach 30 aircraft; currently, there are 22 aircrafts based at the airport. Students split their time between main campus and the airport. The new facility that will be constructed is going to change the face of the aviation program and the airport, enabling more program offerings (flight simulators and classroom instruction). There are several obstacles that are being worked through; one of which is building on land in which ECU has no ownership interest. The airport is currently a joint venture between both cities and the county, which make up the municipal airport board, with their appointees. After careful consideration and research, it was determined that the most logical step forward is one that was recommended by the FAA, and that's the notion of a co-sponsorship. Basically, what that would do is it would permit the FAA to recognize ECU as a fourth ownership entity. This would require a statutory change needed at the state level. Currently, the state statute does not recognize a public university as being able to have an interest in a municipal airport. ECU has been working with Representative Frazier, Senator Carpenter, and a few other members of the general assembly on what will be a very narrow statutory change that is hopefully passed in this upcoming season. This statutory change would enable ECU to engage in conversation with the local governments about what the future relationship may look like, and what specifics will involve. Once an agreement is reached, ECU will take it to the FAA in a joint proposal, ultimately seeking the FAA's recognition of that new arrangement.

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Magistrate Botkin stated that he couldn't be happier to have a partner like ECU out at the airport, that already has their flight training program based out there. He expressed his support for the proposal. Botkin stated that this is a good step and a natural step that will allow them to use some funds that the court is not able to obtain.

Witt stated that he expects the bill to be filed in the first week of session.

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 20-24—Zone Change 2761 and 2725 Lexington Road:

Bert Thomas, Director of Planning and Building Codes, presented the first reading of Ordinance 20-24—Zone Change 2761 and 2725 Lexington Road for the court's approval. With no opposing view presented to the application, findings of fact were made by the planning commission. The number one existing zoning classification is inappropriate, and the proposed zoning classification is appropriate for the following reasons: the area is one of increasing economic activity with several adjoining or proximate properties being zoned similarly to the classification proposed by the applicant, and the use of this property as it was presently zoned was not feasible given the track's small size, being too small for agriculture. The properties are within the Urban Development Corridor, with supporting infrastructure and economic development as contemplated by the comprehensive plan, making UC3 the most appropriate zoning classification. It is recommended that 2761 and 2725 Lexington Road be rezoned from UC7 to a UC3.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the first reading of Ordinance 20-24—Zone Change 2761 and 2725 Lexington Road.

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 20-25—Road Fund Budget Amendment:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, addressed the court to present the first reading of Ordinance 20-25—Road Fund Budget Amendment for the court's approval. Smith requested that the Road Fund budget be amended by \$223, 019.00 to include unbudgeted receipts.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve the first reading of Ordinance 20-25—Road Fund Budget Amendment.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-127—Madison County Planning Commission Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 20-127—Madison County Planning Commission Board Appointment for the court's approval. Drew Alexander was recommended for the board appointment. His term will go through December 30, 2024.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 20-127—Madison County Planning Commission Board Appointment.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-128—Madison County Planning Commission Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 20-128—Madison County Planning Commission Board Appointment for the court's approval. Shannon Pennington was recommended for the board appointment. His term will go through December 30, 2024.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 20-128—Madison County Planning Commission Board Appointment.

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Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-129—Central Kentucky Regional Airport Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 20-129—Central Kentucky Regional Airport Board Appointment for the court's approval. Steve Tussey was recommended for the board appointment. His term will go through January 1, 2025.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 20-129—Central Kentucky Regional Airport Board Appointment.

Magistrate Botkin stated his appreciation for Tussey's willingness to serve on the board.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-130—Madison County Road Supervisor Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 20-130—Madison County Road Supervisor Appointment for the court's approval. Willie Willis was recommended for the Madison County Road Supervisor appointment. His term will go through January 1, 2023.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 20-130—Madison County Road Supervisor Appointment.

Magistrate Tudor stated that Willis knows his job and that the court is lucky to have someone with his capabilities to continue as our Road Supervisor.

Magistrate Botkin noted that Willis is good to respond to the court and constituents whenever they need something. He stated his appreciation for Willis's willingness to serve.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-131—Kit Carson Commons Project:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, presented Resolution 20-131—Kit Carson Commons Project for the court's approval. Approval of this resolution will authorize payment for the Kit Carson Commons Project. A CDBG grant was received in the amount of \$480,000.00.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 20-131—Kit Carson Commons Project.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-132—CSEPP Everbridge Mass Notification System Renewal:

Dustin Heiser, EMA Director, addressed the court to present Resolution 20-132—CSEPP Everbridge Mass Notification System Renewal for the court's approval. The Madison County Fiscal Court has a contract with Everbridge expiring December 19, 2020; there is an optional additional three years with no increase in cost to the county. Heiser recommended that the court extend the contract.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 20-132—CSEPP Everbridge Mass Notification System Renewal.

Heiser was available for questions.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

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John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-133—CSEPP AMK Design and Optimization:

Dustin Heiser, EMA Director, addressed the court to present Resolution 20-133—CSEPP AMK Design and Organization for the court's approval. This resolution would approve a sole source contract with AMK Services for design and optimization planning.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 20-133—CSEPP AMK Design and Optimization.

Magistrate Botkin asked for further details concerning fleet mapping.

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 that the court amend the agenda to include Resolution 20-134 and Resolution 20-135.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to amend the agenda to include Resolution 20-134 and Resolution 20-135.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-134—ES&S Agreement with Madison County Clerk:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 20-134—ES&S Agreement with Madison County Clerk for the court's approval. This agreement is for the purchase of ExpressVote BMD equipment and software from ES&S. The device allows voters to use a touchscreen to select candidates and prints out a ballot summary card that the voter can examine for accuracy before depositing it in the ballot box or scanner. The Madison County Clerk will be purchasing this equipment as a result of the 2020 Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) grant.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 20-134—ES&S Agreement with Madison County Clerk.

Clerk Barger explained that the grant funding would allow for the county to go to all ExpressVote machines, eliminating the need for pre-printed ballots. This is a cost savings to the county. The election office was able to use the equipment during early voting in the past election. Over the course of three weeks, 19,000 people voted on 12 machines. Currently, there are 50 ExpressVote machines. The CTCL grant will allow for the purchasing of 120 ExpressVote machines. The office will also be purchasing ExpressVote Card Printers. When voters check in on the iPad, the ExpressVote Card Printer will print a barcode on the ExpressVote card that will be used as the voter's ballot when inserted in the machine; this barcode will trigger the automatic selection of ballot styles. This will aid in eliminating human error.

Judge Taylor stated that this is something the court should be proud of. Tom Webb wrote this grant on behalf of the Madison County Fiscal Court, and it just goes to show the return on investment of having a grant writer.

Clerk Barger stated that Madison County will be on the front edge of the most convenient and secure voting process in the state of Kentucky.

Judge Taylor thanked Clerk Barger for his due diligence.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 20-135—C. R. Daniels, Inc. Agreement with Madison County Clerk:

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Judge Taylor presented Resolution 20-135—C.R. Daniels, Inc. Agreement with Madison County Clerk for the court's approval. This agreement is to purchase forty (40) Dandux ReadyVote QuadExpress Voting Multicards, including freight. C.R. Daniels, Inc. is the sole manufacturer and marketer of this product. The Madison County Clerk will be purchasing this equipment and software as a result of the 2020 Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) grant.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 20-135—C.R. Daniels, Inc. Agreement with Madison County Clerk.

Clerk Barger explained that this equipment will serve as a voting booth, privacy screen, and storage cart for all the supplies needed to go in and out of the polls. The cart will attach to ExpressVote machines. This will be cheaper than buying a storage cart.

Magistrate Tudor thanked Clerk Barger for his due diligence.

Clerk Barger stated that these carts will revolutionize how election equipment is delivered. Faster delivery will aid in delivering to more locations.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel—Fire Department:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief, addressed the court to recommend that they promote Chandler Clark from a Firefighter 1 at \$7.50/per hour to a Firefighter II at \$8.00/per hour, effective December 23, 2020. Clark completed his 400-hour certification.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to promote Chandler Clark to a Firefighter 2 at \$8.00/per hour, effective December 23, 2020.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel—Fire Department:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief, addressed the court to recommend that they promote Matthew Frost from a Firefighter III at \$8.50/per hour to a Firefighter IV at \$9.00/per hour, effective December 23, 2020. Frost completed IFSAC Instructor I and is no able to teach in the department.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to promote Matthew Frost to a Firefighter IV at \$9.00/per hour, effective December 23, 2020.

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:

- The Richmond Police Department's Feed Our Families Food Drive is going on now through the end of the year. Please place non-perishable food items at the Richmond Police cruiser at Richmond's Wal-Mart and they will take care of the rest.
- If you have a golfer in your family a 2021 season pass to Battlefield Golf Course would be the perfect gift this Christmas. Just contact the staff at Battlefield Golf Course at 624-8005 and they will get you taken care of.
- The walking trails at all of our county parks are open during the winter. The parks may close during inclement weather.

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- Please be vigilant over the holidays in regard to protecting yourself and others from the COvid-19 virus. Please wear a mask or other face covering, social distance, and wash your hands frequently.
- The Madison County Courthouse and its related offices will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday. Offices will re-open on Monday, December 28th at 8am.
- The Madison County Courthouse and its related offices will also be closed Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st for the New Year's holiday. Offices will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 8am.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin wished all of the county employees a Merry Christmas. He thanked everyone on the conference call and their employees for their service to the county throughout the year. Botkin asked that everyone remember our soldiers, sailors, airman's, and marines that are all around the world and who will be away from their families this year. Remember our first responders working Christmas as well.

Magistrate Tudor stated that everybody's pretty much echoed what his sentiments are. He asked all of Madison County to keep Magistrate Combs in their prayers. Tudor noted that he is looking forward to him coming back and being with the court as soon as possible. Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all of the county employees and the citizens throughout the county; stay safe during this holiday season. The reason for the season is the birth of Jesus Christ.

Magistrate Barger stated that it has been a difficult year for everybody in one way or another; we have all come through it the best we can. Barger wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked that they never forget the reason for the season.

Jennie Haymond, Madison County Attorney wished the court, county employees, and citizens a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Coming off such a difficult year, hopefully everyone will get to experience some of the positive and good parts that come through the holiday season, with family and friends.

Clerk Kenny Barger stated that right after Thanksgiving his office went back to half-staff. If this step had not been taken and there was an employee who tested positive for the Coronavirus, then it would have closed the office for six to seven days until everybody got tested. Barger stated that if the office were closed for a week that it would take six months to get out from under the work everyone would come back to. All the motor vehicle staff is working, but half of them are in Richmond and the other half is in Berea. The Richmond office is administering appointments, while the Berea office is handling mail and phone calls. Residents may drop off their payment and supporting documentation for a registration renewal at the Dropbox, located in the Richmond lobby (8am-4pm). Residents may also pay complete the transaction over the phone, by mail, or online. Barger wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Jailer Tussey stated that the jail is currently at 280 inmates, with that number fluctuating daily. The target number is anything under 300. Right now, there are 80 inmates being housed in other counties; 95 are in the home incarceration program. Tussey noted that he appreciated the opportunity to serve the county as jailer and on the airport board. Tussey wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Comments from Department Heads:

No comments from Department Heads.

Comments from the Audience:

No comments from the Audience.

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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 January 12, 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 10:53am.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE