

Meeting Date: 2/9/2021, 9:30AM
Meeting of: Madison County Fiscal Court
Meeting Type: Special Called
Meeting Location: Video Conference
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AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Prayer/Pledge
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report (only presented on the fourth Tuesday of month)

Order of Business

1. Proclamation
2. 1st Reading Ordinance 2021-01-General Obligation Bond 2021
3. Resolution 2021-19-DLG Utility Assistance Grant Application
4. Resolution 2021-20-Kit Carson Commons Project
5. Resolution 2021-21-Madison County Road Commissioner Appointment
6. Resolution 2021-22-Madison County Utilities Board Appointment
7. Resolution 2021-23-Public Service Incentive
8. Judge's Report
9. Comments from Magistrates
10. Comments from Department Heads
11. Comments from Audience
12. Pay Claims and Approve Transfers
13. Next Meeting – February 23, 2021
14. Adjournment


Reagan Taylor, County Judge Executive

Reagan Taylor
Judge Executive

Paul Reynolds
Magistrate District 1

Roger Barger
Magistrate District 2

John Tudor
Magistrate District 3

Tom Botkin
Magistrate District 4

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HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in special session on the 9th of February 2021 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, John Tudor and Paul Reynolds were present. Madison County Assistant 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.

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

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 01-26-2021:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the minutes from the specially called meeting on January 26, 2021.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Paul Reynolds-Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Proclamation:

Judge Taylor stated that the Kentucky Family Resource and Youth Services Centers are recognized as the nation's largest school-based family support initiative. Recent surveys report that educators, parents, and community members feel that the Family Resource and Youth Services Centers are a "necessary component of Kentucky educational programming" and "a program vital to students, empowering families, and helping to improve schools." He proclaimed February 10, 2021 as FRYSC Day and urged all citizens to honor the Madison County Family Resource and Youth Services Center for the service they provide to our students and families each day. Madison County Family Resource Center Directors were present for the proclamation.

Magistrate Botkin noted that his wife was down at Shannon Johnson, up in the front there for several years. He stated that he got to see some of the fine first-hand work that Dana Lowe was doing down there. When money was really tight, the legislator was talking about maybe cutting family services; Botkin expressed his discontent for this because he saw what they were doing down there first-hand. He noted that's a program that needs to be around forever and expressed his appreciation for all that they do.

Sean Quinlan, FYSC Director at Madison Southern, addressed the court to state that this is a great community who answers when there is a need. The community helps FRYSC help students. Quinlan thanked everybody for helping when they put out the call.

Magistrate Tudor expressed his appreciation for the Family Resource Directors, and service workers. He noted that his wife, a retired teacher who is back teaching, has always come home voicing her appreciation for the Family Resource Directors and what they do for the children in the community. With school not being in session, there are children who were missing some of the benefits that FRYSC provides (after-school meals, clothing, etc.,). He noted that he is glad for schools to be back in session now. It's just so good to be connected with the children through the Family Resource Centers.

Judge Taylor thanked the Directors, voicing his appreciation for their dedication. He stated that our resource directors are not just there during the school day; they are doing home visits in the evenings/weekends to make sure students have the resources they need. He stated his support for the program and noted that he will continue to advocate on their behalf.

IN RE: Agenda Amendment:

Judge Taylor asked the court's permission to amend the agenda to add number eight, Personnel—Animal Shelter.

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Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Paul Reynolds to amend the agenda to add number eight, Personnel—Animal Shelter.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Paul Reynolds-Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2021-01—General Obligation Bond 2021:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, presented the first reading of Ordinance 2021-01—General Obligation Bond 2021 for the court's approval. This ordinance will authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds, series 2021A, concerning the financing of various energy-savings improvements to certain county facilities.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-01—General Obligation Bond 2021.

Judge Taylor noted that the 2012 series bond will have an opportunity in September for refinancing. This bond was set prior to any of the current members of the court being elected. It concerns the debt from the annex, detention center, and the golf course. If interest rates hold, it will be in the best interest of the county to refinance. He voiced that he would like to reduce the term of that note to save some years and not take it all the way out to 2036. Interest rates and options will be reviewed when refinancing is available.

Magistrate Tudor stated that he believes it is a good idea to refinance if it becomes available. It is a good move for the county anytime that you can save money over the same term and reduce the payment or payoff a little bit quicker by refinancing.

Magistrate Botkin voiced that it is also good for the public to know that with the lower interest rate and refinancing there is a projected savings of \$378,612.00.

Judge Taylor noted that the other portion of this bond is actually paid for through the savings of the energy project that is currently in the works. It will not require any additional funds. Citizens may submit a public comment for the next reading.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Paul Reynolds-Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Resolution 2021-19—DLG Utility Assistance Grant Application:

Tom Webb, Grant Writer, presented Resolution 2021-19—DLG Utility Assistance Grant Application for the court's approval. The funds are designed to help Kentuckians that have been financially impacted by COVID-19 and are struggling to pay water, sewer, electric, gas, or other heating and cooling bills.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2021-19—DLG Utility Assistance Grant Application.

Magistrate Botkin noted that it is not always evident to all of us but throughout the community there are a lot of people that have been struggling through this. Everybody sits down at the table at bill time and some people wonder how they're going to pay the gas or how they're going to put food on the table. A program like this can help a lot of folks.

Judge Taylor agreed with Magistrate Botkin. He noted that this would be helpful to our community and our utility companies to be able to get caught up.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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John Tudor- Yes	Paul Reynolds-Yes
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IN RE: Resolution 2021-20—Kit Carson Commons Project:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, presented Resolution 2021-20—Kit Carson Commons Project for the court's approval. This resolution will authorize payment for the Kit Carson Commons Project which is funded through the Community Development Block Grant Funds that were awarded, in the amount of \$480,000.00.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Paul Reynolds to approve Resolution 2021-20—Kit Carson Commons Project.

Judge Taylor asked that Smith further explain how these Community Development Block Grants come in through the court's administration and are expended out.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Paul Reynolds-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-21—Madison County Road Commissioner Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2021-21—Madison County Road Commissioner Appointment for the court's approval. Jimmy Parsons was recommended for a reappointment, effective February 16, 2021. Parsons term will expire on February 22, 2025.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-21—Madison County Road Commissioner Appointment.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Paul Reynolds-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-22—Madison County Utilities Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2021-22—Madison County Utilities Board Appointment for the court's approval. Jody Foster was recommended for the board appointment. Foster's term will begin February 16, 2021 and expire on December 30, 2021.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2021-22—Madison County Utilities Board Appointment.

Judge Taylor thanked Robert Helton for his service on the Madison County Utilities Board; Helton passed a few weeks ago. He noted that Helton was a wonderful man, a good friend, a man of God, and a longtime community leader. Judge Taylor stated that he was very saddened by his loss and was praying for his family. If we could all be and grow up like him, we would live in a much better community and a much better world.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Paul Reynolds-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-23—Public Service Incentive:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, presented Resolution 2021-23—Public Service Incentive for the court's approval. A one-time public service incentive will be awarded to Madison County Fiscal Court employees and Madison County Sheriff's Office employees who are current, full-time, non-elected staff.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2021-23—Public Service Incentive.

Magistrate Botkin noted that most of our offices kept running around the clock and a lot of people put in a lot of extra time with no breaks, especially over in the Sheriff's department when they were hit with COVID. Employees had to pick up the slack and pull extra shifts. Botkin noted that he was thankful that there are extra CARES dollars that can be allocated for this public service incentive. He stated his appreciation for all of the employees.

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Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

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Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel—Animal Shelter:

Katie Tibbs, Animal Shelter Coordinator, addressed the court to recommend Jeffrey Lowery for a pay increase, within the classification. The current salary is \$13.50/per hour, with a recommended increase to \$15.00/per hour, effective February 17, 2021. Lowery will be taking on additional responsibilities.

Motion by Paul Reynolds seconded by John Tudor to approve the pay increase for Jeffrey Lowery to \$15.00/per hour, effective February 17, 2021.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Paul Reynolds-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- There are a few concerns with residents parking on the streets in subdivisions and cul-de-sacs. That can be very challenging for our snowplows to be able to get around our roads and to keep them clear of snow or ice, especially with the potential weather coming up in the next few days. If it is icy, our trucks really need to have access to our roadways, and they need to be clear. Sometimes cul-de-sacs are on the incline and they can't get turned around. Please remember to pull in your driveway or pull off the road so that the road department is not in a position where they can't clear the roads, or that it creates a potential accident.
- Madison County is once again honored to welcome the All "A" Basketball tournament. This year's tournament will be February 16th through the 21st at ECU's Alumni Coliseum. There will be new procedures in place this year due to the pandemic. Please be aware of the possibility of increased traffic on the by-pass those days. Please see the All "A" Classic's website or Facebook page for schedules and the most up to date information.
- Take a brief moment to help report Madison County's need for broadband internet to the Kentucky Broadband Initiative program by taking a short survey found on Madison County's website. When you go to the Madison County homepage, there is a green bar at the top. Just click "Test" and fill out the short form. This could help all of us get better broadband internet service in areas that need it the most.
- The Madison County Animal Shelter has numerous animals ready for adoption. Visit the Madison County Animal Shelter's webpage for up to date photos of available animals and adoption schedule.
- Although the COVID-19 rates are slowing, it is still very important to be mindful of wearing a face covering, social distancing and washing your hands frequently. More vaccination opportunities are coming out nearly every day, so please consider taking the vaccine to help end this dreadful pandemic.
- Madison County Courthouse and its related offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th, for the President's Day holiday. Office will re-open on Tuesday, February 16th, at 8am.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin thanked the state road department and the county road department. Botkin made some calls about some potholes that need patching; crews were sent out in a day or two and got that taken care of. Inclement weather is coming in so be wary of the snowplows; share the road and give them plenty of room. He provided an update concerning the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, phase one. That is being funded by the FCC. Madison County received \$3 million dollars for 1,293 homes that will be upgraded through a 10-year project. Charter Communications received \$2.6 million dollars to upgrade to 1077 homes, and are coming down 52, across Peggy

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Flats, and coming out 595. Broadband's coming to those areas. Charter has said that they anticipate the project to complete in six years. He stated that he was glad Senator McConnell was able to help get that money pushed down to us. Lastly, the guardrail has been put back over the CSX bridge over there on 2881.

Magistrate Tudor thanked the county's employees. Last year, the court was unable to give them any kind of raise or bonus. This one-time incentive will provide \$1,000.00 to county employees. City of Richmond and City of Berea were able to do that as well, and the county should not be left out. Our employees worked just as hard as any of the employees out there. He stated his appreciation for each and every one of them. Schools have started back now, and the buses are out. Watch for them and watch for kids loading and unloading off the buses. The teachers were able to get the first round of COVID shots this past week and they're back in school, and hopefully protected there. The second round will be coming within two to three weeks. He noted that he was notified last week about a tree being down on College Hill Road and that he drove out there and it had already been taken care of. Thank you to the state department for that. Also, he encouraged citizens to complete the broadband test.

Magistrate Barger thanked the road department for what they have already had to do this winter. He stated that he hopes there is enough help down there to run all the trucks. People need to understand that during the bad weather our trucks have to slow down a little bit just like everybody else. Be patient; they will get to your street. But sometimes it is hard to get there until they clean the road that's in front of them. Barger thanked the county's employees for working in these conditions.

Magistrate Reynolds had no comment.

Clerk Barger stated that his office opened back up to the public last Wednesday. Numbers are starting to go down every day, but it has been unbelievable what the office has been able to accomplish here with opening the new office across the street. Employees are spread out as much as possible so if there is another incident with someone being infected, the office will not have to shut down.

Judge Taylor noted that the federal funding Botkin mentioned earlier actually went directly to those private entities; it did not come through to the county for them to send it out. Concerning inclement weather, citizens are able to use the tracks program on the county's website to see our snowplows and where they are in live time.

Comments from Department Heads:

Dustin Heiser, EMA Director, encouraged citizens to stay at home through inclement weather. If you have to get out, make sure that you have blankets or extra clothing in your car. If you have a generator, make sure it is operating correctly so it does not back feed lines and injure any utility workers. If we do lose power, make sure those generators are outside of your house. If you're going to cook on a grill, make sure it is not in your garage either so that we do not have any situations there. Have your batteries in your flashlights and try to be safe. EMA will be monitoring the situation and keeping everybody up to date. Information will be posted to social media.

Comments from the Audience:

No comments from the Audience.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion made by John Tudor seconded by Paul Reynolds to approve pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for February 23, 2021 at 9:30am via Zoom Video Conferencing.

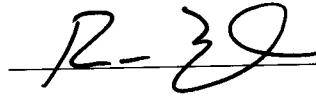
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IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Roger Barger to adjourn, seconded by John Tudor. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned
10:28 am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R-Taylor', is written over a horizontal line.

REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE