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HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in special session on the 25th of May 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, Paul Reynolds, and John Tudor were present. Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond, Madison County Property Value Assessor Billy Ackerman and Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger were also present.

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

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

IN RE: Approval of Budget Work Session Minutes 05-04-2021:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the minutes from the budget work session on May 4, 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: Approval of Meeting Minutes 05-11-2021:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Paul Reynolds to approve the minutes from the specially called meeting on May 11, 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: Treasurer's Report:

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

Magistrate Tudor stated that as the county enters the last month of this fiscal year that the expenditures are lower than the revenues, so it looks like we are in pretty good shape.

IN RE: Madison County Beef Day Proclamation:

Judge Taylor stated that Madison County is the home to over 71,000 head of beef cattle on 780 beef cattle farms. Madison County is the second largest beef cattle county in the state of Kentucky. Beef cattle is an important part of our environment by being very efficient converters of forages to food and providing essential elements to our soils and forage production. Madison County wants to recognize the economic and nutritional value of beef promotion and beef consumption to the enjoyment and good health of our citizens. Judge Taylor proclaimed the fourth Thursday of every May in Madison County as Beef Day.

Judge Taylor encouraged residents to visit the Richmond Ag Credit Office on Thursday, May 27th, to get a free hamburger. This will be a drive-thru event.

IN RE: PVA Reassessment Update:

Billy Ackerman, PVA, addressed the court to give a reassessment update. Ackerman stated that residents who do not feel that their assessment reflects the fair market value may contact the PVA office. He explained that residents can go online to madisoncountypva.com to complete a conference online or they can call the office to set up an email conference, phone conference, or in-person conference. Ackerman noted that there are multiple residents who have been reassessed twice in a four-year period. He attributes these increases to the growth of the market

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as well as being conservative in past reassessments. By June 15th, residents need to have contacted the PVA office; that is a hard deadline set by the state. After that, residents will have one day to file an appeal at the County Clerk's Office. But residents must meet with the PVA office prior to June 15th to have an adjustment made for this calendar year.

Magistrate Botkin asked Ackerman to explain the reassessment process.

Ackerman detailed the laws governing reassessments.

Judge Taylor asked how many parcels of land we have in Madison County.

Ackerman responded that there are 36,000 parcels, which includes multi family, farm, residential, and commercial. Of those 36,000 parcels, half are getting reassessment notices.

IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-03—Zone Change 2713 Robbinsville Loop:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Building Codes Director, presented the second reading of Ordinance 2021-03—Zone Change 2713 Robbinsville Loop. The Madison County Planning Commission made the recommendation to approve the Land Use change request from RC-3 to RC-4.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Paul Reynolds to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-03—Zone Change 2713 Robbinsville Loop.

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: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-04—CARES Budget Amendment:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, presented the second reading of Ordinance 2021-04—CARES Budget Amendment for the court's approval. The Madison County Fiscal Court has realized unbudgeted receipts in the amount of \$1,072,305.71.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-04—CARES Budget Amendment.

Magistrate Botkin asked what the total was on the CARES money.

Smith responded that the first total was for \$3,165,000.00.

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 2021-05—Fiscal Court Budget for 2021-2022:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, presented the first reading of Ordinance 2021-05—Fiscal Court Budget for 2021-2022 for the court's approval.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Paul Reynolds to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-05—Fiscal Court Budget for 2021-2022.

Magistrate Reynolds stated that on the comparison budget that was provided there were some things that were added like 015120-17940000 for part-time firefighters. He questioned if this was new.

Smith responded that the addition is for a new program the Fire Department has started to help get recruits. This program is aimed at helping to fill in the gaps to avoid overtime.

Magistrate Reynolds questioned if 02-6105-177 Mowing Supervisor was a new position.

Smith responded that it was a new position.

Magistrate Reynolds stated that he noticed the sales tax for the golf course was switched over to the General Fund.

Smith stated that there is one tax ID number for the county. Sales tax is collected at the Animal Shelter and Battlefield Golf Course; that is why the line item was moved to the General Fund.

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Magistrate Reynolds stated that based on the budget comparison and prisoners being moved out that overtime needs to be reduced.

Tom Jones, Chief Deputy, stated that overtime was set in result of part-time being lowered. Also, the jail is in a crunch for hiring people. Currently, they are seven positions short.

Magistrate Reynolds noted that last month Jailer Tussey stated he had a full staff. He questioned what caused the change.

Jones responded that usually when people leave the reason given is money.

Magistrate Reynolds asked what the pay is for those employees.

Jones stated that the pay is \$11/per hour.

Magistrate Reynolds questioned if raising the rate of pay four dollars would make them stay.

Jones stated that it would probably help a bunch.

Magistrate Reynolds stated that it would be a lot cheaper to increase the pay than to pay time and a half.

Smith noted that increasing the pay four dollars per hour would more than likely cost more than what is budgeted for overtime. She stated that the classification table is changing from \$11/per hour to \$12/per hour to keep employees, but it is a fight everywhere for all employers right now.

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: Jail Fund—Overtime Adjustment:

Motion by Paul Reynolds to reduce jail overtime \$50,000.00 and ask the jailer to keep overtime records and discuss how it is going in six months.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he would second the motion if it were amended to evaluate overtime records in two months rather than the proposed six months.

Magistrate Reynolds agreed to make the amendment to his motion.

Motion by Paul Reynolds seconded by Tom Botkin to reduce jail overtime \$50,000.00 and ask the jailer to keep overtime records and discuss how it is going in two months.

Magistrate Tudor questioned if the county could keep the \$50,000.00 in a line item so that it could be amended into this budget if needed.

Judge Taylor stated that the \$50,000.00 will go into reserves.

Smith stated that the \$50,000.00 will go into a line item. It can be changed to go into reserves, which would be much easier than trying to take it completely out of the Jail Fund altogether. She stated that the \$50,000.00 from that line item can be moved down to reserves. The court will have to approve anything that is moved out of the reserves.

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 2021-06—ARPA Budget Amendment:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, presented the first reading of Ordinance 2021-06—ARPA Budget Amendment for the court's approval. The Madison County Fiscal Court has realized unbudgeted receipts in the amount of \$9,030,817.50.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-06—ARPA Budget Amendment.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

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IN RE: Resolution 2021-54—Employee Classification Schedule 2021-2022:

Colleen Chaney, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2021-54—Employee Classification Schedule 2021-2022 for the court's approval.

Motion by Paul Reynolds seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-54—Employee Classification Schedule 2021-2022.

Magistrate Botkin noted that when the classification schedule was started the goal was to reward employees who had longevity and who were working. You can show up and draw a check or you can strive to do better. A lot of time and effort was put into this classification to compare other counties and other cities. He stated that sometimes when he looks at it, we are still not up to par with where we could be with industry. This was a step to bring things more in line and give our employees incentives and it has done just that over the years. Botkin expressed his appreciation and thanked everybody who spent time working on this.

Chaney stated that regarding the previous discussion concerning the budget that there are two changes that are going to be important in the discussion of overtime as it relates to the classification schedule. In the detention center grouping some of the titles have been modified. This will move what are now going to be classified as "majors" from hourly employees to salaried employees. Those are individuals that are getting a lot of at-home phone calls or night phone calls that are causing the overtime spike. In addition, there is a lot of cleanup in some of the other areas as well. Next year, we are going to do a full classification using the compensation models put out by KLC KACo and some other comparison organizations. There will be additional modifications next year based on discussions over this year with the budget.

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 2021-55—Safety City MOA:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief, presented Resolution 2021-55—Safety City MOA. This will approve a memorandum of agreement between Madison County Fiscal Court and Madison County Health Department to coordinate Safety City programs.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-55—Safety City MOA.

Judge Taylor recognized a special guest, Lloyd Jordison, Health Education Director at the Madison County Health Department. Jordison works with the Fire Department on Safety City by scheduling a lot of the events and stuff that take place out there. Judge Taylor stated his appreciation for Jordison and all that he does for the community. Jordison announced that tomorrow, Wednesday, and Thursday that the health department will be providing vaccinations 10am-7pm at Hitachi in Berea. It will be a drive-thru and will not cost anything.

Magistrate Tudor stated that this agreement has been ongoing for several years. They take busloads of young kids out there and train them in fire prevention and all kinds of safety aspects that they may not be getting at home. Tudor noted that he thinks this is good for the young people and it is well used out there.

Jordison stated that it has been a challenge this year with COVID; it reduced the number of kids that were out there. He noted that there are other classes available like the Stop the Bleed course as well as a parenting class.

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 2021-56—Southern Health Partners Health Services Agreement:

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Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2021-56—Southern Health Partners Health Services Agreement for the court's approval. For Southern Health Partners (SHP) to remain competitive while providing exceptional patient care services, they will need to increase their service rates for the upcoming 2021-2022 contract period. There will be a 2% annual increase, which will amount to \$659.60 more per month.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Paul Reynolds to approve Resolution 2021-56—Southern Health Partners Health Services Agreement.

Magistrate Botkin stated that there is no competition for health care in jail systems. Through conversations with Jailer Tussey, Southern Health Partners have done an excellent job over there. He noted that he is not knocking their services, but it is almost like ransomware that there is an automatic 2% increase every single year regardless. There is a per diem rate of \$1.42 if we have more than 375 people over there. What if it drops below 300 people? Health care costs across the board have risen every single year. He stated that the county must provide medical services at the jail but that he is not happy about it or that there is a 2% increase every single year.

Judge Taylor stated that he did not disagree. He noted that he did not understand why Medicaid cannot be used when somebody is incarcerated and why that must be on the backs of the county.

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: Agenda Amendment:

Judge Taylor asked for the court's permission to amend the agenda because Resolution 2021-57 was printed incorrectly. It is not an IPAWS MOA, it is an IPAWS Digital Alert Services Agreement.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to amend the agenda to correct Resolution 2021-57 to IPAWS Digital Alert Service Agreement.

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 2021-57—EMA/CSEPP IPAWS Digital Alert Services Agreement:

Dustin Heiser, EMA Director, presented Resolution 2021-57—EMA/CSEPP IPAWS Digital Alert Services Agreement for the court's approval. This resolution will approve the county to enter into a maintenance agreement with Digital Alert Services for the county's IPAWS systems.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-57—EMA/CSEPP IPAWS Digital Alert Services Agreement.

Magistrate Botkin questioned if the surveys Heiser sent out over the last several weeks were related to this.

Heiser responded that the survey sent is for a separate project that he is working on. But it does have effects on how EMA communicates to people and how to do a better job of that.

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 2021-58—Sermon Court Adoption:

Willie Willis, Road Superintendent, presented Resolution 2021-58—Sermon Court Adoption for the court's approval. Willis recommended that the court adopt Sermon Ct. (314 feet long by 22 feet) for county maintenance.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2021-58—Sermon Court Adoption.

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Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Paul Reynolds-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-59—Waste Management Waste Tire Grant Funds Application:

Tom Webb, Grant Writer, presented Resolution 2021-59—Waste Management Waste Tire Grant Funds Application for the court's approval. Madison County is applying for \$4,000.00 under the Kentucky Waste Tire Grant Fund.

Motion by Paul Reynolds seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-59—Waste Management Waste Tire Grant Funds Application.

Magistrate Tudor questioned if the county had received the grant each time it was applied for.

Webb responded that since he has been with the county, they have received it every single year.

Magistrate Tudor questioned if there was a certain number of tires that can be turned in.

Webb responded that it is up to the award of the grant, which is \$4,000.00.

Magistrate Tudor questioned what the county does if they get extra tires.

Scott Shepherd, Road Department Administrator, responded that he has not turned down a tire. He stated that they may be over a couple thousand this year, but it is a lot cheaper for them to bring it in and keep them off the roads and streams. It is a great program that is working well and is not causing a stockpile. In the last couple years there have been very few tires found that have been dumped since the county has agreed to take those tires.

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 2021-60—COPS Grant Application FY2021:

Tom Webb, Grant Writer, presented Resolution 2021-60—COPS Grant Application FY2021 for the court's approval. This resolution will approve the application and administration of the U.S. Department of Justice FY2021 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Grant. This grant will advance public safety through community policing by funding additional full-time career law enforcement positions.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-60—COPS Grant Application FY2021.

Magistrate Botkin questioned if this is the first time the county is applying for this.

Webb responded that this is the first time the county has applied for the grant while he has provided grant writing services.

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: Personnel—Road Department:

Scott Shepherd, Road Department Administrator, addressed the court to recommend that they authorize an interim promotion for Shane Thornton who has acted as interim Mowing Supervisor. His proposed pay is \$14.50/per hour. Thornton will be back paid to April 14, 2021 which is when he began as interim Mowing Supervisor. The position of Mowing Supervisor was created because the Road Department got new equipment this year and, in the past, they have had a hard time making people accountable for the use and abuse of this equipment. Shepherd deemed it necessary to create this new position to have one person that could answer who was on the mower, where they were at, and what the job looked like when they were done.

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Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to authorize an interim promotion for Shane Thornton at \$14.50/per hour, and to back pay him to April 14, 2021.

Magistrate Tudor questioned if Thornton would have other responsibilities.

Shepherd responded that Thornton will be on the mower everyday with the crew. This gives him a little bit of supervisory power over who is with him and he can report directly back to Matt Grant to let him know if there is a problem with employees or equipment. When mowing season is over, Thornton will be responsible for maintaining the parks, trash collection, and any maintenance that needs to be done. He will still hold his CDL license and have a snow truck route in the wintertime.

Magistrate Botkin noted that this is a good move down there because there have been problems in the past years concerning accountability with some of the equipment down there. Hopefully, this will alleviate some of that.

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:

- The Richmond Area Arts Council Summer Concert series begins on Friday, May 28th and runs through the end of August at the Richmond Centre. Please see the Richmond Area Arts Council for a list of performers and further details.
- Berea Cemetery's Memorial Day Service will be Sunday, May 30th beginning at 2pm. Please bring a lawn chair.
- Richmond Cemetery's Memorial Day service will be Monday, May 31st beginning at 10am at the back gate near the Veteran's Memorial. Seating will be limited so please bring a lawn chair.
- Madison County Memorial Garden's Memorial Day service will be Monday, May 31st beginning at 1pm. Again, seating will be limited so please bring a chair.
- There will be a Veterans Stand Down event on Friday, June 4th from 10am to 2pm, at the Bluegrass Area Development District offices, 699 Perimeter Drive (just off Alumni Drive), Lexington. Veterans will be able to get assistance with VA benefits and services, health screenings, legal services, & career fair, as well as other services. Veterans need to bring their VA ID card or their DD-214 to this event.
- The Kentucky Special Olympics 2021 Summer Games will be Saturday, June 5th at Eastern Kentucky University. If you would like to volunteer, please visit the Kentucky Special Olympics website.
- The Madison County Courthouse and its related office will be closed Monday, May 31st, for the Memorial Day holiday. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, June 1st at 8am.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin thanked Colleen, Robyn, Chris, and everyone else for sending out the reminders for the open enrollment for insurance and helping with the process to make it relatively painless. Just as an update, the state is doing some slope mowing on 595 in the Kirksville area; it really needs it, and they are doing a good job. They are also doing some milling work over on White Station. He stated that he did not know if that got completed or not, but just be aware that could be happening if they did not finish. Blacktop went down in the fourth district and it looks good. There have been a few positive comments on that. Botkin stated his appreciation for everything Glenna does in preparing the budget. There are a lot of people and a lot of hands involved in that. He reminded everyone about Memorial Day this weekend. There are a lot of soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guard folks who gave their life so that we can have this court meeting today and run around in a free country and speak our voice. We appreciate all of them. Botkin encouraged everyone to thank those who have served. He noted that when he was in the military at the main gate of almost every installation at the holidays there was a crashed-up vehicle there and a sign right beside it as you were going out of the gate that said you are now entering the most

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dangerous place in the world, the public highway. A lot of people will lose their lives on highways; let it not be none of our Madison County citizens. Be careful and enjoy your weekend.

Magistrate Tudor thanked one of the county's new employees, Morgan Elliston, who worked with Tudor to get him signed up on his health plan. School is out and kids will be out playing; be careful driving and watch out on your roads, especially your county roads. A big congratulations to all our eighth grade, high school, and college graduates. Good luck in the future; go out in the world and make us all proud. The mowing has started, and Tudor has received a few calls on some bags being cut up on the side of the roads. Our Solid Waste Coordinator needs to be a little more diligent in getting the trash bags picked up after the trash is collected. Sometimes, they still lay there, and the weeds grow up on them and then when they go to mow, they get cut up and spread out again. Please do not litter.

Magistrate Barger thanked Glenna and her staff for the budget work that they do. They do a great job and are always accurate and informational. He noted that Willie and Scott are doing a fine job at the Road Department. He stated his appreciation for all the workers down there. They are going into a season that was backed up because of the limb pickup but all the blacktopping is being done quicker this year than in several years. It is good to get it out of the way so they can go on to other things. Barger encouraged the public to attend some of the memorial services that were mentioned in the Judge's Report. He stated his appreciation for the ones that have already gone on that defended this country and worked to make this country what it is.

Magistrate Reynolds questioned what the county's policy was for businesses that put out these advertisements on the right of way of the county. Reynolds thanked the people who fought for our country and stated that he appreciates them and their families.

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 June 8, 2021 at 9:30am via Zoom Video Conferencing.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from John Tudor to adjourn, seconded by Paul Reynolds. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned 11:02 am.



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