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Meeting of; Madison County Fiscal Court

Meeting Type; Regularly Scheduled

HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 12th of October 2021 at 9:30AM in the Council Chambers' Courtroom in Berea, Ky. 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.

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

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 09-28-2021:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the minutes from the special called meeting on September 28, 2021.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Proclamation—Kentucky Women in Agriculture:

Judge Taylor stated that there is a growing influence of women who serve as leaders and primary decision makers on Kentucky farms. Kentucky has over 40,000 female farm operators that make up nearly one fourth of all farm operations in the state. Kentucky Women in Agriculture, Inc. will be celebrating its 22nd annual conference in Lexington, Kentucky beginning October 17th and continuing through October 20, 2021. Judge Taylor proclaimed October 19th as Kentucky Women in Agriculture Day.

Babette Overman, President of Kentucky Women in Agriculture, was present for the proclamation.

IN RE: Proclamation—Madison County Extension Homemakers Association:

Judge Taylor stated that the Kentucky Extension of Homemakers Association, Inc. has more than 10,700 members in more than 720 clubs throughout the Commonwealth. This organization is dedicated to improving the quality of life for families and communities through education, leadership development, and volunteer service. The Madison County Extension Homemakers Association completed more than 10,000 hours of volunteer service in 2020-2021 and responded to the current pandemic by making 390 masks for schools, 46 quilts and 36 shawls for Cancer Care at Baptist Health. Judge Taylor proclaimed the week of October 10th through October 16, 2021, as Kentucky Extension Homemakers Week.

Marylene LeFurgy and Robin Harris were present for the proclamation.

Magistrate Tudor stated her appreciation for all the ladies in homemakers and agriculture. They play a vital part in today's economy and especially in the farming industry.

IN RE: Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame Update:

Emerson McAfee, member of Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame, addressed the court to give an update. McAfee detailed an opportunity for the county to purchase a Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame monument. He stated that he will be nominating three individuals for the Hall of Fame.

Magistrate Botkin thanked McAfee for his service. He stated that one of the things he noticed when he was going around campaigning through two different elections was the number of heroes he ran across.

Magistrate Barger stated that he thought there would be Madison County families of veterans who would be willing to donate for the monument in honor of their people.

Judge Taylor stated that he would talk with the mayors regarding the opportunity.

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IN RE: Resolution 2021-108—Kentucky Transportation Cabinet FY22 Flex Funds:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2021-108—Kentucky Transportation Cabinet FY22 Flex Funds for the court's approval. This resolution will adopt and approve the execution of a rural secondary program agreement between the Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, and accept all roads and streets referred to therein as being a part of the county road system.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2021-108—Kentucky Transportation Cabinet FY22 Flex Funds.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-109—CSEPP Emergency Preparedness Calendar:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2021-109—CSEPP Emergency Preparedness Calendar for the court's approval. This resolution will approve a contractual agreement for the 2022 CSEPP Emergency Preparedness Calendar.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-109—CSEPP Emergency Preparedness Calendar.

Magistrate Botkin noted that he would generally not approve something that is open-ended like this. However, due to circumstances, there are no bids, and a price will have to be negotiated.

Heiser stated that they consulted with the Treasurer's Office and thought that this was the best route going forward.

Magistrate Tudor stated that he felt confident Heiser will negotiate under reasonable terms.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-110—CSEPP Modular Utility Vaults Bid Award:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2021-110—CSEPP Modular Utility Vaults Bid Award for the court's approval.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2021-110—CSEPP Modular Utility Vaults Bid Award.

Magistrate Botkin asked if Heiser would explain what those vaults are.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-111—CSEPP FY17-18 Grant MOA Contract Extension:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2021-111—CSEPP FY17-18 Grant MOA Contract Extension for the court's approval.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-111—CSEPP FY17-18 Grant MOA Contract Extension.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-112—CSEPP FY19 Grant MOA Contract Extension:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2021-112—CSEPP FY19 Grant MOA Contract Extension for the court's approval.

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Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2021-112—CSEPP FY19 Grant MOA Contract Extension.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-113—CSEPP FY20 Grant MOA Contract Extension:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2021-113—CSEPP FY20 Grant MOA Contract Extension for the court's approval.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-113—CSEPP FY20 Grant MOA Contract Extension.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-114—Purchase Sheriff's Cruisers for 2022 Budget Year:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2021-114—Purchase Sheriff's Cruisers for 2022 Budget Year.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2021-114—Purchase Sheriff's Cruisers for 2022 Budget Year.

Magistrate Botkin asked that Sheriff Coyle explain to the public why the court is approving \$240,000 on next year's budget.

Sheriff Coyle stated his appreciation for the court. He stated that he takes pride in being a good steward of the taxpayer's money. He explained why the department needs to purchase cruisers for the 2022 budget year. There are at least 15 cruisers that have way over 150,000 miles. The automobile industry is so uncertain. Vehicles were ordered in January of 2021 and the department just received two at the end of September.

Magistrate Tudor stated his appreciation for Sheriff Coyle and the job he does.

Sheriff Coyle acknowledged Scott Shepherd for all his help.

Magistrate Barger stated that you are only as good as the equipment that you have to work with; that holds true in the Sheriff's department.

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 Miranda Coldiron as a full-time Office Assistant at \$12.00/per hour, effective October 13, 2021.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to hire Miranda Coldiron as a full-time Office Assistant at \$12.00/per hour, effective October 13, 2021.

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 2021 Kentucky River Sweep event has been cancelled. The Park was hit hard by spring flooding and will not be available to host the event this year. They anticipate rescheduling the event in early spring of 2022.
- Berea Parks & Recreation is having a free movie night Friday, October 15th at Memorial Park. The movie featured is Hocus Pocus and will start at 7:15pm. Bring a blanket and a chair.

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- The Madison County Extension Office will be holding a seminar entitled “Healthy Trees” on Saturday, October 16th, from 9am to 1pm at the Berea Farmers Market next to the Mitchell Tolle Building in Berea. It is recommended to bring a chair just in case seating runs out.
- October is “Adopt a Shelter Animal Month.” The staff at the Madison County Animal Shelter stand ready to help you find a new pet. Contact the Madison County Animal Shelter at 624-4744 or stop by their facility at 1386 Berea Rd. Their hours are Monday through Friday 8am-4:30pm.
- Trick or treat times for this year for all of Madison County, including the cities of Richmond and Berea, will be Sunday, October 31st, from 6 until 8pm. Please be extra mindful of kids being out that evening. Parents, please be sure your children have some type of reflective material on for better visibility.
- Richmond’s Halloween Hoe-Down will be Thursday, October 28th, from 6 until 8pm at Lake Reba. It will not be in downtown Richmond. This has been a rather large event in the past so it’s best to come early. To set up a booth, volunteer, or for more information, please contact Richmond Parks.
- Berea’s Halloween at the Park will be Sunday, October 31st, from 6 until 8pm, at Berea’s City Park. To set up a booth, volunteer, or for more information, please contact Richmond Parks.
- Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, November 7, at 2am, so you’ll get an extra hour of sleep. Also, this is an excellent time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- The Kirksville Community Center’s annual Christmas Gathering Craft Show will be Saturday, November 13th, from 9am to 2pm, at the center in Kirksville.
- Although it’s hard to believe, Richmond and Berea’s Christmas parades are just six short weeks away. Now is the time for your organization, church, or club to be thinking about what to have in the parades this year. Berea and Richmond Parks Department’s will be putting out registration information soon, so watch their websites and Facebook pages and please register early.
- The Madison County Courthouse and its related offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11th, for the Veterans Day holiday. Offices will re-open on Friday, November 12th, at 8am.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin gave his phone number for anyone who needs to contact him. Botkin stated that Sheriff Coyle and Jailer Tussey rise above every time. We’re in tough circumstances and appreciate all that they do. Thank you to Scott, Finance, Chris, IT, and Dustin.

Magistrate Tudor thanked Speedy Denny who was the one who created the Millstone Park in Downtown Richmond. The festival went on Saturday and was a big event. It’s good to get people out and to get to enjoy the fresh air again. If you haven’t been, go by the park. He stated that he has talked with Scott Shepherd, and the litter abatement program is still going on. That’s where the court offers \$100/per mile for any group that’s willing to get out and pick up trash.

Magistrate Barger thanked Scott Shepherd and Willie Willis for the job they do in assisting all the magistrates with these roads. They know these roads and how much wear and tear they get. He stated his appreciation for their help and advice. He stated that due to spam phone calls, he has quit answering his phone if it does not look like a familiar number. Therefore, if he does not answer, leave a message and he will call you back.

Judge Taylor acknowledged that the county has had a couple of busy weekends at the road department and at solid waste. The county had their household Hazardous Waste Event a couple of weeks ago and had a good turnout. This past weekend was the tire amnesty. There were a ton of tires that came in over those three days. He stated that he was glad they were able to provide those services to our citizens.

Clerk Barger stated that Barger’s Briefings came out on Friday night discussing taxes and the upcoming election.

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Comments from Department Heads:

Chris Iseral, IT Director, addressed the court to say thank you to Jonathan Poynter for his service over the past six years. Today is his last day with the county.

Comments from the Audience:

No comments from the Audience.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

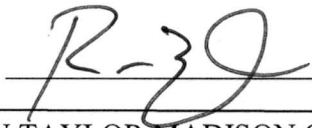
Motion made by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for October 26, 2021, in Berea at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Roger Barger to adjourn, seconded by John Tudor. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned 10:45am.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE