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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 26th 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 Minister Patrick Messer from First Christian Church to lead the court in prayer. There was a moment of silence in honor of Magistrate Reynolds and his family. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 10-12-2021:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on October 12, 2021.

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:

Melanie Johnson, Finance Administrator, addressed the court to give the monthly treasurer's report (see on file).

IN RE: Certificate of Retirement—Willie Willis:

Judge Taylor presented a Certificate of Retirement to Willie Willis. Willis has been the Road Supervisor for the past seven years. He has been with the county since May of 1995. Willis was recognized for outstanding achievement and having been dedicated to the citizens of Madison County for 26 years. The certificate was signed by all members of the Fiscal Court.

Willis thanked the court for the certificate, and the previous administration for hiring him. He thanked Judge Taylor for putting his trust in him the past six and a half years or so. Willis stated that he has been looking forward to this day, but it is also a little scary. He has never not had a job since he was 15.

Judge Taylor stated his appreciation for Willis and his willingness to step into a role of leadership. He noted that he was proud of Willis and that it is bittersweet, but he is a very talented person.

Magistrate Tudor congratulated Willis and stated that it has been a pleasure working with him. He stated that anytime he needed something and called Willis that he was always willing to work with him anyway he could. Madison County has been better off in the Road Department since Willis has been there. He will be hard to replace.

Magistrate Botkin stated that the certificate he's got there is kind of like the dash on a tombstone; there's a lot that goes in there that you can't put down on that piece of paper. Botkin noted that Willis has always been there, and he has always been responsible and responsive. He stated his appreciation for his service to the county.

Magistrate Barger stated that he would not forget all that Willis has done for him and the county. Barger voiced his appreciation for Willis.

Clerk Barger stated that he has known Willis since he was 10 or 11 years old. He did a lot for Barger's father and his business, and he's done the same for the county. Whenever Willis does something, it might not be done when you want it done, but when it's finished it's exactly like it should be and it's right. You won't break him off that. Barger stated his appreciation for Willis and thanked him for his service.

IN RE: Resolution 2021-115—Litter Abatement Grant Funds for Calendar Year 2022:

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Scott Shepherd, Road Department Administrator, presented Resolution 2021-115—Litter Abatement Grant Funds for Calendar Year 2022 for the court’s approval.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-115—Litter Abatement Grant Funds for Calendar Year 2022.

Magistrate Tudor stated that Shepherd does an outstanding job running this program. We need this program to continue; thank you to Shepherd for the successful operation.

Magistrate Botkin shared that he saw where several groups had raised money doing the litter pickup and the county’s looking better for it. We appreciate that; it’s a good program.

Shepherd noted that everyone is trying to work together, and things are going well.

Judge Taylor stated that one of the things he loves about this program is the fact that it gets the community involved.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Resolution 2021-116—Emergency Management Agency/Baptist Health Richmond MOU:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2021-116—Emergency Management Agency/Baptist Health Richmond MOU for the court’s approval.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-116—Emergency Management Agency/Baptist Health Richmond MOU.

Magistrate Botkin stated that the county is very fortunate to have a partner like Baptist Health.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Resolution 2021-117—Kit Carson Commons Project:

Melanie Johnson, Finance Administrator, presented Resolution 2021-117—Kit Carson Common Project for the court’s approval.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2021-117—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: Personnel—EMA/CSEPP:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, addressed the court to recommend that they hire Ronald Evan Alexander as a full-time EOC Technician at \$16.41/per hour, effective October 27, 2021.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to hire Ronald Evan Alexander as a full-time EOC Technician at \$16.41/per hour, effective October 27, 2021.

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 William VanWinkle as a CDL Trainee/General Laborer at \$10.00/per hour, effective October 27, 2021.

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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: Judge’s Report:

- Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley’s State of the City address will be Thursday, October 28th at 6pm at the Russel Acton Folk Center located at 212 West Jefferson Street in Berea.
- 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. Please contact Richmond Parks for more information.
- The Kentucky Crusade will be hosting a Chili Cook-off fundraiser at Lake Reba, Pavilion A on Saturday, October 30th at 2pm. Enjoy all the chili you can eat for \$5.00. All Madison County first responders can enjoy a free meal. Contact Neal Sears at 859-551-6120 to submit your entry form or for more information.
- Trick or treat times this year for all of Madison County, including the cities of Berea and Richmond, will be Sunday, October 31st, from 6 until 8pm. Please be mindful of kids being out that evening. Parents, please be sure your children have some type of reflective material on for better visibility.
- Berea’s Halloween at the Park will be Sunday, October 31st, from 6 until 8pm, at Berea’s City Park. For more information, please contact Berea Parks.
- The 2021 Officer Daniel Ellis Memorial 5k will be at White Hall State Historic Site on Saturday, November 6th at 8:30am.
- Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, November 7th, 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 Richmond Chamber of Commerce’s 2021 Awards Banquet will be Thursday, November 11, 2021, at Eastern Kentucky University’s Keen Johnson Building. The reception begins at 5:30pm, with dinner at 6:30 and the ceremony at 7. Please contact the Richmond Chamber of Commerce for required tickets.
- The Kirksville Community Center’s annual Christmas Gathering Craft Show will be Saturday, November 13th, from 9am to 2pm, there at the center in Kirksville. Email questions to kirksvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com or see their Facebook page.
- Richmond and Berea’s Christmas parades are just four short weeks away. Richmond’s Christmas parade will be Friday, December 3rd, and Berea’s on Saturday, December 4th. Deadlines to participate are approaching fast. Berea and Richmond Parks Departments have registration information on their websites and Facebook pages.
- The Madison County Courthouse and its related offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11th, for the Veterans Day holiday. Offices will reopen on Friday, November 12th, at 8am.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin noted that the state is scheduled to work down on Highway 595 in Kirksville. They’re doing some culverts and some different things like that. They’ll also be out in Kingston on Highway 421 to do some culverts and patching of places down there. He stated that there is a speed limit down there, but you’d never know it. Botkin asked that people slow down if they see those guys out there because they want to go home to their families as well. Blacktopping will start soon and flex funds from the state will be used on the county’s roads. Botkin listed the roads that will be getting blacktop. They were going to do it this week, but it looks like rain may push that to next week or soon as they can get over there. Botkin provided his phone number for anybody that needs to reach him.

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Magistrate Tudor stated that he received several calls this week about speeding and will talk with Sheriff Coyle about patrolling the little area of Concord and Todd Road. Slow down and be careful out there. Tudor shared which county roads will be receiving blacktop. He thanked Melanie for coming this morning. It's good to see that number two in all the positions that we have step up and do just as wonderful of a job as number one. He stated his appreciation that we have backups in each of the departments that cover just as well as the team leads do. Tudor shared that First Christian Church will be having a trunk or treat in their parking lot the same night as the Halloween Hoedown. If you're out downtown and can't get out to Lake Reba, come by and kids get some candy.

Magistrate Barger shared that he had a gentlemen call him stating that he needed his road blacktopped but was willing to accept it for the next year or the year after. Barger stated that he appreciated that because most people want it tomorrow. He stated in honor of Willis's retirement that he would take him to lunch today and voiced his appreciation for him.

Clerk Barger stated that early voting for the 89th house district is going to start on Thursday (8:00am-4:30pm) at his Berea Branch located at 304 Chestnut Street. This will be available through Saturday. Election Day will be held at the Russel Acton Folk Center located at 212 W. Jefferson Street. Normal voting hours (6:00am-6:00pm) will be observed on Election Day. If you don't know your district, you can review your registration at govoteky.com. Also, Barger's Briefings will be back on November 11. If you haven't seen any of those or want to go back and look at the old ones, they are on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Sheriff Coyle shared that the families of Magistrate Combs, Sheriff Winkler and Magistrate Reynolds reached out to have the Honor Guard perform their duties. It's a great honor to be able to perform those duties. Sheriff Coyle recognized the members of Honor Guard.

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 November 9, 2021, in Berea at 9:30am.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from John Tudor to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned 10:11 am.



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