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Meeting of; Madison County Fiscal Court

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HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 9th of November 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 Pastor Kevin Slemph from Berea Baptist Church to lead the court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked any veterans in the room to stand and be recognized. Judge Taylor asked Magistrate Botkin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 10-26-2021:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on October 26, 2021. Judge Taylor asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that the meeting was regularly scheduled and not specially called.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Proclamation—Nurse Practitioner Week:

Judge Taylor stated that nurse practitioners serve as trusted health care providers for patients in our state and county. They are the forefront of efforts to combat COVID-19, leading efforts to test, diagnose and treat patients, and prevent the spread of the virus. Nurse practitioners work to expand access to care in underserved communities, end health disparities, and fulfill gaps in the healthcare system. Patients depend on more than 9,600 licensed nurse practitioners in Kentucky to diagnose, manage, and treat their chronic and acute health care conditions. Utilization of nurse practitioners through modernized state laws and improved policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective, and higher-quality health care system. Therefore, Judge Taylor proclaimed the week of November 7th through November 13th, 2021, as Nurse Practitioner Week and urged citizens to honor all nurse practitioners for their dedication and service to our communities.

Kathy Halcomb, Nurse Practitioner, thanked the court for the proclamation.

IN RE: Blue Grass Army Depot Update—Craig Williams:

Craig Williams, Host Community Liaison, addressed the court to give a Blue Grass Army Depot Update. As of October 29, 2021, 178.6 U.S. tons of agent have been destroyed. Williams discussed the status of the operation, operations projection, current employees (acquisition and payroll) and the economic impact post demilitarization. He stated that BGCAPP is on track to complete agent destruction operations by September 2023 with secondary waste processing through 2025.

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2021-15—Zone Change 10228 Battlefield Memorial Highway:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Building Codes Director, presented the first reading of Ordinance 2021-15—Zone Change 10228 Battlefield Memorial Highway for the court's approval. The Madison County Planning Commission recommended that the court approve the Land Use Change request from C-7 to RC-4.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-15—Zone Change 10228 Battlefield Memorial Highway.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2021-16—Zone Change 10242 Battlefield Memorial Highway:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Building Codes Director, presented the first reading of Ordinance 2021-16—Zone Change 10242 Battlefield Memorial Highway. The Madison County Planning Commission recommended that the court approve the Land Use Change request from C-7 to RC-4.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-16—Zone Change 10242 Battlefield Memorial Highway.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-118—God’s Outreach Food Distribution Center CDBG Project:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, presented Resolution 2021-118—God’s Outreach Food Distribution Center CDBG Project for the court’s approval. This resolution will authorize the submission of an application for the God’s Outreach Food Distribution Center Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2021—118—God’s Outreach Food Distribution Center CDBG Project.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-119—CSEPP Everbridge Mass Notification System Renewal:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2021-119—CSEPP Everbridge Mass Notification System Renewal for the court’s approval.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2021-119—CSEPP Everbridge Mass Notification System Renewal.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-120—Federal Disaster Assistance Applicant Agent:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2021-120—Federal Disaster Assistance Applicant Agent for the court’s approval. This resolution designates an applicant agent for federal disaster assistance.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-120—Federal Disaster Assistance Applicant Agent.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-121—Joint Information Center Basement HVAC Replacement:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2021-121—Joint Information Center Basement HVAC Replacement for the court’s approval.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2021-121—Joint Information Center Basement HVAC Replacement.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2021-122—Emergency Management Agency/CSEPP SCALECARE Renewal Bid Award:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2021-122—Emergency Management Agency/CSEPP SCALECARE Renewal Bid Award for the court's approval.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2021-122—Emergency Management Agency/CSEPP SCALECARE Renewal Bid Award.

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:

- Congratulations to Timmy Truett on winning the race for Kentucky House District 89 seat. This district covers much of southern Madison County. We look forward to working with Representative Truett.
- The Richmond Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet will be held at ECU's Keen Johnson Building in Richmond on Thursday, November 11th. The reception begins at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:30pm, and awards at 7:00pm.
- Kiwanis Club of Berea's Annual Charity Auction will be online beginning Wednesday, November 10th at 9am and ending Friday, November 19th at 6pm. Visit www.fordbrothersinc.com to view the auction items.
- CASA's Giving Tree Event will be held at Dreaming Creek Brewery on Friday, November 12th from 5pm to 7pm. Contact Victoria Benge at 859-353-8608.
- The Kirksville Community Center's annual Christmas Gathering Craft Show will be Saturday, November 13th, from 9am to 2pm, at the center in Kirksville. Email questions to kirksvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com or see their Facebook page.
- MORE is hosting a Heroin(e) Movie Screening Event at ECU's O'Donnell Auditorium on November 17th at 7pm. Doors open at 6:00pm. MORE hopes this event will increase awareness of opioid use disorder/substance use disorder, reduce stigma, and improve knowledge about where to go for help.
- Operation Stars and Stripes is a community service project asking the community to drop off signed Christmas cards at the Battle of Richmond Visitors Center by November 22nd. Be sure to include your city and state when signing the cards. Military Missions in Lexington will include the cards in their care packages they send to military personnel.
- Santa Claus will be visiting Pleasant View at Richmond Battlefield Park on Sunday, November 21st from 2pm to 4:30pm. The event is free, but we do ask that families bring a pack of new, pre-packaged, athletic type socks for Project Warm Feet. This is a great opportunity to get a photo with Santa for your Christmas cards.
- Project Warm Feet is a community service project to collect socks for the less fortunate. The collection event will kick off December 1st and continue through December 20th. The socks will be delivered to Salvation Army in Richmond to be distributed.
- The Berea Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet will be held at the Boone Tavern Event Center in Berea on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:30pm.
- Richmond's Christmas parade will be Friday, December 3rd, beginning at 6pm. This year's theme is "Christmas Around the World." There is still time to register your organization, church, or business to participate in the parade by contacting Richmond Parks & Recreation.

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- Berea's Christmas parade will be Saturday, December 4th, beginning at 6pm. This year's theme is "Christmas Past and Christmas Present." There is still time to participate by contacting the Berea Chamber of Commerce.
- The Salvation Army needs bell ringers for their 2021 Red Kettle campaign. If you would like to help this year, contact the Richmond Salvation Army facility on East Main Street or call 624-5826.
- 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 commented on the Operation Stars and Stripes project that was mentioned in the Judge's report; he shared that he was in Desert Storm a long time ago and one of the things that he received was Christmas letters. That was a big uplift during that time. Botkin corresponded for years later with some of those folks and got to know them a little better. That was a really good program. Botkin asked everyone to support that. We've got service members all over the world that won't come home. A lot of those don't have family with them; they are single, and they appreciate just hearing anything from home. He shared that he has reached out to Timmy Truett in the 89th district on behalf of our first district, which is vacant. He stated that he would show Truett the pertinent projects that the court is interested in. Botkin commended our Road Department. Those guys were getting a couple trees cut down that were dead right on the roadside. He stated his appreciation for Brandon McIntosh's help at the state road department. Botkin commended Judge Taylor for his leadership as KACO President. Leadership is not something that can be taught. Botkin noted that there were outstanding speakers this time at the conference. They got to hear from Lieutenant Colonel Robert Deering who was directly with the Vice Presidents during the attack on the country during 9/11. Veterans Day is coming up on Thursday. To all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coast guard, and now we include our Space force, we certainly appreciate you. Madison County is full of heroes. So, if you know a veteran, pat them on the back. Botkin shared that there will be blacktop going in Deer Creek this week and Spring Lake down in Kirksville.

Magistrate Tudor shared that the KACO conference he attended recently was really good. There were topics anywhere from solar farms to broadband to drug abuse. To experience how some of the other counties are dealing with issues makes a difference and gives a little insight on what can and can't be done. Tudor stated that Greens Crossing will be the last blacktop project in the third district for this year. He shared that he was pleased to get that done before winter. Just a little tip for homeowners, unscrew your outside water faucets. We're having some freezing weather and don't want some pipes freezing.

Magistrate Barger stated that the bridge at Tates Creek and Maple Grove is coming along; they've got the abutments in, the base down, and it looks like they're doing the rebar and getting ready to pull the concrete for the actual bridge. The old bridge has been torn out. They should be finished with that project sometime in December. He noted that he attended a KACO conference in Louisville this past week. Judge Taylor was president of KACO, and he had to pass the gavel on to the president elect. Barger stated that he enjoyed going to these conferences and shared that you learn more from the guy in the next county than you do from the speaker, most of the time.

Jennie Haymond, County Attorney, stated that she got to attend the KACO conference, and it was very good; Judge Taylor deserves a lot of recognition for the hard work that he's done in that. Thank you to all our servicemen, military, veterans, and current serving for all they've done for us. Haymond shared that her father is a veteran, and both her sister and brother are active military.

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Clerk Barger shared that Barger's Briefings will be coming out soon. Topics will include Veterans Day, information about VET Center, the Special Election (89th house district), high school students registering to vote, and filing for office. Briefings premiere on Facebook and YouTube.

Judge Taylor thanked everyone for their kind words regarding his departure as president of KACo. He stated that he was very thankful. Taylor acknowledged all staff and department heads that were able to come up on Thursday to hear Meagan Johnson, Generational Expert. It was beneficial to have her at the conference to help everyone understand the differences between generations.

Comments from Department Heads:

No comment from Department Heads.

Comments from the Audience:

No comments from the Audience.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

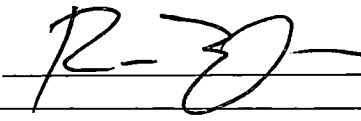
Motion made by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for November 23, 2021, in Berea at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Tom Botkin to adjourn, seconded by Roger Barger. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned 10:49am.

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REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE