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HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 11th of January 2022 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: Ben Robinson III, Roger Barger, John Tudor, and Tom Botkin were present. Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond, Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle, Madison County Jailer Steve Tussey, 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 Mike Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 12-14-2021:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on December 14, 2021.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Ben Robinson III-Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Proclamation-Madison County School Board Recognition:

Judge Taylor stated that Beth Brock, Samantha Burford, Lori Cobb, Becky Coyle, and Brandon Rutherford contribute greatly to this community through their service on the Madison County School Board. He proclaimed January 2022 as School Board Recognition Month, urging all citizens to honor the members for their service. Superintendent David Gillum thanked the court on behalf of the School Board. He stated that the School Board has done a tremendous job looking after the needs of the community kids, keeping them safe and in school, as well as the economic development within the county through their investment in work force development in the county's two Career Tech Centers.

IN RE: Kentucky Colonel Commissioning-Jeff Renner:

Magistrate Botkin presented Jeff Renner with a commission as a Kentucky Colonel. A Kentucky Colonel Commission is the highest title that can be bestowed on a citizen by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Renner is involved in a lot of civic activities and has been a good Samaritan around the Kirksville community. Renner lives at an intersection that is known for wrecks and vehicle break downs, and he has been the first one there to help and even drive people home when needed.

Renner was present to receive the certificate. He thanked the court for presenting this great honor. He stated that it is part of our civic duties to help others in need and to make our communities more prosperous; everything he has done has been what others would have done in similar situations.

IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-19—Zone Change 3506 Lexington Road:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Building Codes Director, presented the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-19—Zone Change 3506 Lexington Road for the court's approval. This ordinance is requesting the zone change from a UC-7 Agriculture to a UC-1 Single Family Residential which will be in conformity with the existing use and development of other properties nearby, as well as being consistent with the current Comprehensive Plan given the proximity of this property with I-75 and the capacity of the major roads in this area to accommodate commercial levels of traffic.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-19—Zone Change 3506 Lexington Road.

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Stewart Olds spoke on behalf of the applicants. He stated that this property is within the Urban Corridor area that the Comprehensive Plan directs that this type of development should occur in, has more than sufficient capacity for this area to be on sewer and water, and has good access to I-75.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2022-01—Madison County Clerk's 2022 Budget:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-01—Madison County Clerk's 2022 Budget for the court's approval.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2022-01— Madison County Clerk's 2022 Budget.

Kenny Barger, Madison County Clerk, stated that the Clerk's office runs a very cost effective and customer-focused office, and therefore is able to return as much money as they can back to the Fiscal Court. He is very blessed and appreciative of the staff he has that provides the best customer service possible, while adhering to policies that have been set forth. He also thanked the Fiscal Court for their continued support. The relocation of the Clerk's office will cause the expenditure amount to go down since they will be spending more money, which is necessary for the remodel of the Courthouse.

Magistrate Tudor told Clerk Barger that he appreciated his service and the efficiency of his staff. Not every Clerk's office in the State is able to return money to their Fiscal Court, and this Court appreciates every bit of money he is saving the county by doing that.

Magistrate Robinson was able to go to Frankfort to the State Department and stated that Barger and his staff is spoke of very highly there. He thanked Barger and his staff for their dedication and hard work.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2022-02—Madison County Sheriff's 2022 Budget:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-02—Madison County Sheriff's 2022 Budget for the court's approval.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2022-02—Madison County Sheriff's 2022 Budget.

Mike Coyle, Madison County Sheriff, thanked the court for their continued support. With the fees they collect and the support from Fiscal Court, the Sheriff's office can train their deputies, and will be able to offer support to other agencies in the State when needed. The budget that is being presented is much needed. They can't control the increase in costs, but they are good stewards of the money they receive. They are in the business to protect and serve, and this budget will help retain the deputies they have so they can continue with this service.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he is thankful for the deputies in the Sheriff's office. They are doing many things they don't have to do, but because of the lack of State Police in the State of Kentucky, our deputies are picking up the slack, and need the funding to be able to do that.

Judge Taylor asked the Sheriff how many State Troopers the county has serving us right now. The answer was 7 troopers, which equates to 1.2 troopers per shift if working 3 shifts 7 days a week. Ten years ago, the county had 14 troopers that were policing the county. At that time, the court wasn't subsidizing the Sheriff's office because the State Police was able to police the county. The three duties that the Sheriff's office constitutionally does is Court Security, serving papers, and collecting taxes, all of which they receive revenue from. Policing the county is not one of those duties but is much needed with the decrease in State Troopers in the county.

Magistrate Barger appreciates Sheriff Coyle and his deputies for all they do for the county.

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Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2022-03— Madison County Library Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-03—Madison County Library Board Appointment for the court's approval. Gus LaFontaine was recommended for the appointment. This appointment is until December 31, 2025. Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-03—Madison County Library Board Appointment for the appointment of Gus LaFontaine, which is until December 31, 2025.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2022-04— Madison County Library Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-04—Madison County Library Board Appointment for the court's approval. Jackie Couture was recommended for the appointment. This appointment is until December 31, 2025. Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-04—Madison County Library Board Appointment for the appointment of Jackie Couture, which is until December 31, 2025.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2022-05—ASAP Harm Reduction Grant Application FY22:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-05—ASAP Harm Reduction Grant Application FY22 for the court's approval. The Madison County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (ASAP) Board is wishing to apply for the FY22 ASAP Harm Reduction Grant through the Kentucky ASAP. The Court finds it to be in the public interest to continue to address our drug epidemic through education and awareness, and this resolution will authorize the Judge Executive to sign on behalf of the county.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2022-05—ASAP Harm Reduction Grant Application FY22.

Laura Nagle, Harm Reduction Specialist and Chair of ASAP Board, thanked the court for their support and encouraged anyone that had any questions about the work of ASAP to give her a call.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2022-06—Interim Circuit Court Building Architect Contract:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-06—Interim Circuit Court Building Architect Contract for the court's approval. This is a resolution to enter into a contractual agreement between Integrity Architecture, PLLC and Madison County Fiscal Court for the Madison County Temporary Court Facility Renovation Project located at 116 West Main Street, Richmond, Kentucky.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-06—Interim Circuit Court Building Architect Contract.

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Magistrate Tudor stated that our court systems are so backed up and will be hard to get caught back up due to the pandemic, and this renovation is very much needed to allow for 2 court rooms to operate at the same time. This renovation has been in the planning for 4 or 5 years, and it is now time to move forward with it.

Judge Taylor explained that the structure of the construction project has changed since they started on it in 2018. Last session, when they got the courthouse renovation as a Capital project, the contract for the Courthouse is with AOC and the Construction Manager, whereas the temporary space is with Fiscal Court, so the previous contract is different because it wasn't a capital project like it is now. All the temporary space and renovation costs will be reimbursed through the AOC.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2022-07—Interim Circuit Court Building Construction Contract:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-07—Interim Circuit Court Building Construction Contract for the court's approval. This resolution is to enter into a contractual agreement between D.W. Wilburn, Inc. and Madison County Fiscal Court for the renovation of 116 West Main Street, Richmond, Kentucky.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-07—Interim Circuit Court Building Construction Contract.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2022-08—Donate Surplus Vehicle to Graves County Fiscal Court:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-08—Donate Surplus Vehicle to Graves County Fiscal Court for the court's approval. This Resolution for the Madison County Fiscal Court to approve the donation of a Detention Center surplus vehicle to the Graves County Fiscal Court, Kentucky. The tornado damage left the Graves County Detention Center with the inability to transport inmates to neighboring counties.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-08—Donate Surplus Vehicle to Graves County Fiscal Court.

Judge Taylor stated that Jailer Steve Tussey received a call from the Graves County Jailer, and that they didn't have a transport vehicle due to the damage from the tornado.

Jailer Tussey explained that the Graves County Jail was part of the Courthouse, which was destroyed along with all their detention vehicles, and the Graves County Jail has had to relocate inmates to 8 other counties. The Madison County Jail has the good fortune of having surplus vehicles that the Sheriff's Office and RPD gave to them and wanted to pass one on to Graves County.

Magistrate Tudor thanked Tussey for stepping up and repaying the good deeds.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel—Fire Department:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief, recommended the promotion of David Rhodes from Part Time Firefighter to Firefighter 1 at a rate of \$7.50/hour effective January 19, 2022.

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Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the promotion of David Rhodes from Part Time Firefighter to Firefighter 1 at a rate of \$7.50/hour effective January 19, 2022.

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel—Road Department:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, recommended the hiring of Dewey Robinson as a Seasonal Snow Removal CDL Truck Driver at a rate of \$20/hour effective January 12, 2022.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring of Dewey Robinson as a Seasonal Snow Removal CDL Truck Driver at a rate of \$20/hour effective January 12, 2022.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel—Road Department:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, recommended the hiring of Brandon Robinson as a Road Department Truck Driver-Trainee at a salary of \$12/hour effective January 12, 2022.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring of Brandon Robinson as a Road Department Truck Driver-Trainee at a salary of \$12/hour effective January 12, 2022.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel—Road Department:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, recommended the hiring of Shelby Dunigan as a Seasonal Snow Removal CDL Truck Driver at a rate of \$20/hour effective January 12, 2022.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve the hiring of Shelby Dunigan as a Seasonal Snow Removal CDL Truck Driver at a rate of \$20/hour effective January 12, 2022.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- Our road crews have been out clearing the roads to keep everyone moving the best they can during the winter weather. Please remember that you can use our TRACKS program to see the progress our crews are making and when they may be in your area. Just type in madsioncountyky.us/tracks to access this program.
- We recently experienced severe weather and a tornado in the northeast region of the county resulting in significant damage. We are providing tree and limb debris pickup on the following roads:
 - Old Wilderness Trail North
 - Union City Road
 - Hackett Pike

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- Brookstown Road
- Nolan Road
- Walker Parke Road
- Doylesville Road
- Willoughby Road

This is only for tree limbs, not other storm debris. In order to have debris picked up, residents must schedule an appointment in advance. Appointments will be taken in three (3) rounds. The round selected will determine the citizens pickup window. To schedule your pickup visit www.madisoncountky.us or call 859-624-4739 with questions.

- Madison County is proud to welcome back the Kentucky Boys and Girls All A Basketball tournament. This year's tournament will be Wednesday, January 26th through Sunday, January 30th, at Eastern Kentucky University's Alumni Coliseum. Please remember that traffic may be heavy at certain times on ECU By-Pass and other areas
- If your child is wanting to play soccer in the Madison County Youth Soccer program this year, please visit musasoccer.com to register or for more information. Deadline to register is January 31st.
- Richmond Little League's 2022 registration is also open. Please visit richmondlittleleague.info to register online or in person signups will be Sunday, January 23rd, from 2 until 4 PM at the Richmond Mall.
- Berea's commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is in its final planning stages. Please see Berea College's website or local media for their definite plans.
- The Richmond Chapter of the NAACP is hosting a "March for the Homeless" on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 17th. Staging and line-up will begin at 2 PM in Richmond's First Christian Church parking lot at the corner of West Main Street and Lancaster Ave., with the march beginning at 3PM. Participants are asked to wear a mask. The organizers request those participating in the "March for the Homeless" bring some type of clothing item to be shared with the homeless in our area such as sweatshirts, long underwear, coats, gloves, and such. Financial donations are also being accepted. For more information, contact Mitch Brown at mitchbrown1097@gmail.com.
- Madison County Courthouse and its related offices will be closed Monday, January 17th, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Offices will re-open at 8 AM on Tuesday, January 18th.
- The court will be emailing out a survey to the employees within the next week on our recruiting and retaining issue. Department Heads and Elected Officials are encouraged to explain the importance of the survey to their employees.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Robinson would like to commend the road department on the great work they did on the county roads during the past snow event we had. There were some complaints on the state roads, but he received positive feedback on the county roads. He commented on the employee survey, stating that they can't get good results without participation, so he encouraged department heads to encourage employee participation and to inform employees that this survey is completely anonymous. He also thanked the Sheriff's department and staff for the great work they did as well during the snow event.

Magistrate Botkin stated he received calls about how very pleased people were with how quickly their roads were cleared off, and they wanted to relay that to Shepherd and the road crew. He also commended Kenny Barger on volunteering his time to drive a snow truck. On his website, he put up the state's map that shows the state snow route map and their response time. Unfortunately, there are some places within the county that are hard to get to,

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and the state makes the determination when they go out to run their routes whether it's safe for their drivers and equipment to go down some roads. The state prioritizes the roads with the interstate first, then their B route roads, followed by their C route roads, so it takes time to get out to the state roads in the county. He thanked Josh Bray for his help getting state salt trucks down to some of the county roads. Magistrate Botkin also stated that the Legislators are in session now and if you had an issue that you would like addressed to them, call your Legislators or call Tom and he will relay it.

Magistrate Tudor thanked the county employees and the community of Union City who got out and helped their neighbors during the storms and the cleanup.

Magistrate Barger appreciated what Scott and his crew did during the snowstorm and would like to see the state roads be as good. He also spoke about the great job that Glenna does in the Finance department.

Jailer Tussey reported on their jail numbers. Currently they are responsible for 437 inmates, 283 that are in the jail facility, 140 housed in 8 other counties, and about 50 that are on the home incarceration program. The staffing situation is dire; many staff, inmates, and contractors have tested positive for Covid. Therefore, if anyone does or needs to do business with the jail, please be patient with them.

Judge Taylor thanked the road department for being out during the last week with the snow and ice.

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 John Tudor to approve to pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for January 25, 2022, in Berea at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Roger Barger to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:37am.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE