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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 special called session on the 22nd of March 2022 at 10:30AM in the Fiscal Courtroom in Richmond, Ky. Present was the Honorable Reagan Taylor in the chair presiding and the following members of the Fiscal Court: Roger Barger, John Tudor, Tom Botkin and Ben Robinson III were present. Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond, Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle, Madison County Chief Deputy Tom Jones, 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 Michael Johnson from the Richmond Church of Christ to lead the court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Mike Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 3-8-2022:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on March 8, 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: Treasurer's Report:

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

IN RE: Distribution of 2022-2023 Jail Budget:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, addressed the court to present the distribution of the 2022-2023 Jail Budget (see on file).

IN RE: Proclamation—Prevent Child Abuse Month:

Judge Taylor, in joint collaboration with the City of Berea and the City of Richmond, proclaimed April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and called upon all citizens to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Victoria Benge, Executive Coordinator with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), thanked the court for their support. She stated that in 2021, there were 432 abused and neglected kids in Madison County. On Monday, April 4th from 9:00AM to 10:00 AM, they will be placing 432 pinwheels on the courthouse lawn in recognition of each abused or neglected child from 2021. She encouraged everyone to come out in support of child abuse prevention. Benge explained that CASA is a non-profit organization that pairs children or sibling sets up with volunteers who advocate and stay with them through permanency, which is about 2 years.

County Attorney Jennie Haymond stated that Benge and her volunteers are vital to what is done in Family Court, and the role that the volunteers play in the lives of these children is immeasurable.

IN RE: Proclamation—Doctors' Day:

Judge Taylor proclaimed March 30th, 2022, as National Doctors' Day and urged citizens to honor all doctors for their dedication and service to healing our communities.

Dr. Morgan Blanton and Dr. Erica Gregonis spoke to the court on behalf of National Doctors' Day. Dr. Blanton expressed her appreciation for this honor. Dr. Gregonis, Chief Medical Officer at Baptist Health Richmond, thanked the court as well and stated that this recognition is important to all doctors, especially after the past couple of years with Covid.

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County Attorney Jennie Haymond also spoke of the role the Hospital plays in Family Court and in the lives of children they see during those cases. She stated that Richmond is truly blessed in having the Baptist Health of Richmond Hospital and their staff here.

IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2022-03—Federal Grants Fund Budget Amendment:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, presented the second reading of Ordinance 2022-03—Federal Grants Fund Budget Amendment for the court's approval. This Ordinance is related to the budget amendment of the Madison County Federal Grants Fund Budget to amend the budget by \$1,000,000.00 for the God's Outreach Distribution Center.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2022-03— Federal Grants Fund Budget Amendment.

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 2022-40—Madison County Detention Center Contractual Medical Services Agreement:

Tom Jones, Chief Deputy, presented Resolution 2022-40— Madison County Detention Center Contractual Medical Services Agreement for the court's approval. This Resolution is to approve a Contractual Medical Services Agreement between the Madison County Detention Center and West Kentucky Correctional Healthcare, LLC to provide quality healthcare services and cost-effective medically necessary services to maintain a level of quality in accordance with the current standards established by KY Jail Health Standards.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-40— Madison County Detention Center Contractual Medical Services Agreement.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation to the Detention Center for their hard work on this contract.

Magistrate Tudor asked how the services look compared to the previous contracts they have had in the past. Jones stated that the services look about the same. The other jails that use West Kentucky Correctional Healthcare, LLC all gave good reviews and provided positive references. The company even came to speak to the jail staff, and they were very impressed with them.

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 2022-41—Indigo Run Subdivision Phase 4 Adoption:

Scott Shepherd, Road Department Supervisor, presented Resolution 2022-41— Indigo Run Subdivision Phase 4 Adoption for the court's approval. This Resolution is for Madison County Fiscal Court to adopt Planters Row Drive in Indigo Run Subdivision (Phase 4) for County maintenance.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2022-41— Indigo Run Subdivision Phase 4 Adoption.

Magistrate Tudor asked if this road has poured curbs. Shepherd stated that yes it does.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

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IN RE: Resolution 2022-42—CSEPP Planner Services Contract Renewal:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2022-42— CSEPP Planner Services Contract Renewal for the court's approval. This Resolution approving a contract extension for Bullpen, Inc. for CSEPP Planner Services.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-42— CSEPP Planner Services Contract Renewal.

Judge Taylor stated that Tom at Bullpen, Inc. has done an excellent job with the couple different contracts they have with the County, and his knowledge and expertise is appreciated.

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 2022-43—Election Systems & Software, LLC Election Equipment Purchase Approval:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-43— Election Systems & Software, LLC Election Equipment Purchase Approval for the court's approval. This Resolution is approving an agreement between the Madison County Clerk and Election Systems & Software, LLC ("ES&S") for the purchase of Express Vote BMD (Ballot Marking Device) equipment and software from ES&S.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2022-43— Election Systems & Software, LLC Election Equipment Purchase Approval.

Clerk Barger stated that this Resolution is for the warranty and maintenance of additional pieces of equipment that the County Clerk's office is purchasing. The equipment allows the Clerk's Office to go to all Express Vote during elections instead of purchasing pre-printed paper ballots. It will be hard to find paper to use for ballots in the near future and pre-printed ballots cost more than the Express Vote cards. Clerk Barger also stated that he has been working with the State Board of Elections on getting HAVA (Help Americans Vote Act) federal money to get reimbursed for the purchase of this equipment.

Clerk Barger informed the Court that Madison County will be a pilot county in the General Election to do Risk Limiting Audits. The Audit entails pulling a sample of ballots out of the machines and recounting those to make sure the margins in those races are within a certain percentage based on the election results.

Magistrate Tudor asked if there would be an option to vote on the machine or using a paper ballot. Clerk Barger explained that there would not be pre-printed paper ballots. Like in the last Presidential Election, you check in, receive a blank Express Vote card, make your selections on the Express Vote machine, check the selections, print the card out, and then feed it into the scanner. These machines provide a more secure election compared to the pre-printed ballots. The Express Vote machines are easier for people to use that may have issues writing or reading in comparison to pre-printed ballots.

Magistrate Botkin commended Clerk Barger on the election process. Madison County has been far ahead of some of the other counties in the state in having these voting machines that increase the security and accuracy of the voting process. He also stated that the legislation change that allows voters to go to any voting location in the county to vote is so much better for the citizens.

Judge Taylor asked Clerk Barger to talk about the Election Board. Clerk Barger explained that the elections are run by the Board of Elections, which comprises of the Sheriff (or someone appointed by the Sheriff if he is running for re-election), the County Clerk, a Democratic Representative chosen by the local party, and a Republican Representative chosen by the local party. The Board of Elections has also voted to give the day-to-day running of the elections to the staff in the Clerk's Office instead of hiring outside personnel.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

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John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2022-44—Broadband Expansion Agreement:

Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, presented Resolution 2022-44—Broadband Expansion Agreement for the court's approval. This Resolution is to approve a Broadband Partnership Agreement between Madison County, Kentucky and All Points Partners Madison, LLC with the desire to develop and execute a comprehensive strategy for achieving universal broadband access for all residents and businesses in the County.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2022-44— Broadband Expansion Agreement.

Iseral thanked the Broadband Task Force for all their hard work and due diligence on getting this agreement. He explained that this agreement is to enter into a partnership with the purpose to bring quality, affordable broadband internet service to Madison County's most rural and unserved citizens. All Points Partners will identify every individual location that is unserved or underserved in the county through aggressive field surveys. This agreement is Phase 1 to bring internet service to all citizens in Madison County.

Magistrate Botkin asked if All Points Partners will be going door to door to check on the services provided. Israel explained that they won't be going door to door but are able to drive and look at the telephone poles to see what is attached to those poles to determine if those individuals are attached to an internet service or not. Once they return with the addresses of those that are under or unserved, the County can then move forward with a Grant process and cost information to get a plan of action to present to Court.

Judge Taylor stated that even though quality internet service has always been a concern, Covid brought the importance of having internet service to the top of the list. Without the data that All Points will provide, the County could not get a clear idea on the cost of providing broadband service to those under or unserved.

Magistrate Robinson asked Iseral what he envisioned this data would look like. Iseral explained that it would be address point specific, and they will be able to overlay those addresses with existing maps from current providers, and then will be able to planning the route that All Points will be able to serve.

Magistrate Tudor asked if All Points would contract out the broadband service. Israel stated that they would actually own their own network in later Phases. So, they would be another provider who will build from the outskirts of the county inward and will not pick and choose the addresses they choose to provide service to.

Clerk Barger explained that it is an awesome opportunity and will eventually provide a new service package for the County.

Magistrate Barger stated he had a constituent that their neighbor had internet service, but they didn't. All Points would eventually cover all individuals and would not pick and choose addresses to cover like it is now.

Magistrate Botkin thanked all the members that were on the Broadband Task Force; Jill Williams, Dustin Heiser, Bert Thomas, Clerk Barger, Judge Taylor, Chris Iseral, and Glenna Smith; who worked for months to make this decision.

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 2022-45—GIS Professional Services Contract:

Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, presented Resolution 2022-45—GIS Professional Services Contract for the court's approval. This Resolution is to allow Megan S. Tucker (Contractor) to temporarily provide GIS services during an employment vacancy in the GIS Coordinator position within the Department of Information Technology. This Contract shall auto renew each month but shall not exceed six months.

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Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-45— GIS Professional Services Contract.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he is sad to lose Megan but is thankful that she is willing to be a Contractor to fill in the gap until a new GIS Coordinator is found.

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 2022-46—Madison County EMS Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-46—Madison County EMS Board Appointment for the court's approval. This Resolution is for the reappointment of Robert Brock to the Madison County EMA Board.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2022-46— Madison County EMS Board Appointment for the reappointment of Robert Brock.

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 2022-47—Madison County EMS Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-47—Madison County EMS Board Appointment for the court's approval. This Resolution is for the reappointment of Mark Farris to the Madison County EMA Board.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-47— Madison County EMS Board Appointment for the reappointment of Mark Farris.

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-Golf:

Gary Vanderoef, Director of Golf Operations, recommended the hiring of William Carr as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance at a rate of \$10.50/hour.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by John Tudor to approve the hiring of William Carr as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective March 23, 2022.

Judge Taylor asked Vanderoef if this hire got the Golf Course close to being fully staffed. Vanderoef stated that they are short 2 part-time Grounds Maintenance workers but believes that once schools close, they will be able to get the additional positions filled.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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IN RE: Judge's Report:

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- I want to take a moment to thank our Human Resources Coordinator Morgan Elliston for her hard work and dedication. She started working for Madison County Government in the midst of COVID-19 with the intention of being an HR Assistant, but things changed rather quickly in the HR Department. Morgan embraced those changes and has taken on the HR Coordinator role like a pro. She is always looking for ways to make our HR process more efficient while maintaining a professional and resourceful environment. Most importantly, our staff at all levels see her contributions and have also asked that she be recognized. We are thankful to have Morgan on our team.
- Congratulations to the Madison County Special Olympics basketball team for winning the Kentucky State Special Olympics Championships recently. Remember that Madison County hosts the Kentucky Special Olympics Summer games on the first weekend in June. Also, there is a Spring Dance Tuesday, March 29, 2022 from 6 – 8:30 PM at the Russel Acton Folk Center in Berea. This event is intended for individuals with special needs, families, and friends.
- The 23rd annual Empty Bowls project will be Friday, March 25th from 11 AM – 2 PM at the First Baptist Church on Eastern Bypass. All orders will be carry-out this year (no sit-down dining). All funds go to help relieve hunger in Madison County. For more information, please call 200-9361.
- Eastern Bypass will be closed from Lancaster Ave. to Kit Carson Drive beginning at 9 PM on Sunday, March 27th and will re-open on Monday, March 28th at 6 AM for work on the new ECU pedway.
- CASA will be placing pinwheels on the Madison County Courthouse lawn from 9 - 10 AM on Monday, April 4th & Berea City Hall's lawn from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM on Wednesday, April 6th to represent a child that was abused and neglected in Madison County in 2021. They would love for you to join them and place a pinwheel on the lawn.
- Tasty Tuesdays will kick off April 5th at the Irvine-McDowell Park on Lancaster Ave. from 5 - 8 PM and continue every Tuesday through September. There will be different food trucks and activities each week.
- Our Madison County parks are now open. We do ask that all park visitors please use the designated parking areas and not park on the grass or roadways.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Robinson thanked the Madison County employees for doing a great job and for making Madison County a great place. There have been many calls concerning road issues and potholes from the winter weather, and he thanked Shepherd and his staff for going out to investigate those concerns in order to put a plan together to repair them. He asked the public to please be patient with the progress for the repairs/resurfacing on the county roads as they put the asphalt plan into play.

Magistrate Barger commended Bert Thomas with Planning and Development for all the work he does for the County. The Planning and Development department deals with a lot of complaints concerning boundary lines, water issues, etc., and he and his staff handle those complaints very well.

Magistrate Tudor stated that he was able to go to the Magistrates and Commissioners Spring Conference in Louisville to represent Madison County. There was a lot of discussion and presentations on electric cars and how the State will be able to collect taxes on those cars in the future. Right now, there is a gas tax for gas powered vehicles but there is no tax on electric cars to help offset the wear and tear on roadways from those cars as well.

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Also, he has received some comments concerning mulching and upgrades that are needed at the Union City Park and will work on getting those done.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Sheriff Coyle and his deputies for all the work they do, especially lately with all the drug arrests. He also thanked Shepherd and the Road Department staff for all their work on road projects and his sense of urgency in prioritizing those projects. Botkin thanked Brandon McIntosh at the State Garage for his help in getting the debris at the bridge over Silver Creek at Highway 52 and Milton Ln cleaned up. This causes a lot of concern to the citizens in that area because if the water gets backed up from this debris and overflows into people's yards, it can cause issues for those homeowners. The cleanup is scheduled for this Friday, so please be aware if you are in that area. Also, probably in April, the state will be blacktopping I-75 from Rockcastle County into Madison County at the Duncannon Exit to fill in all the potholes that have resulted from the winter weather.

Judge Taylor also wanted to congratulate neighboring Clark County's George Rogers Clark High School on winning the State Basketball Tournament. He thanked Sheriff Coyle for reminding him of that win.

Clerk Barger spoke of his appreciation of Judge Taylor and his staff for not just throwing money at the lack of broadband internet in the County, but first establishing a plan that will fix the problem and fix it well.

Chief Deputy Tom Jones thanked the Court for giving him some guidance on roads that needed litter picked up. He asked the Magistrates to contact him if they get calls from constituents about litter on the side of roadways, and he would get a prison crew out to get that picked up.

Comments from Department Heads:

Gary Vanderoef commented on the Union City Park. He stated that he has recently gone out to the county parks, taken some measurements and pictures in order to put together some recommendations for improvements so those could be added into the budget.

Comments from the Audience:

Emerson McAfee thanked the Court for the support they have given him over the years. He provided the Court a list of donations that has been received to support the Veterans Memorial Monuments in Richmond and Berea. He will be speaking with the Cities of Richmond and Berea concerning these Monuments and the cost of getting the concrete slabs poured.

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 April 12, 2022, in Richmond at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from John Tudor to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 12:04PM.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE