

Meeting Date; 4/12/2022

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 April 2022 at 9:30AM 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. Assistant Madison County Attorney Brooke Bowman, 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 Joey Kays from the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Berea to lead the court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Mike Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 3-22-2022:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on March 22, 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: Amending the Agenda:

Judge Taylor asked the Court's permission to amend today's agenda to add in Resolution 2022-51 and Personnel in the Road Department.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Amending the Agenda to include Resolution 2022-51 and Personnel-Road Department.

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—Fair Housing Month:

Judge Taylor proclaimed April 2022 as Fair Housing Month, recognizing the need for community education and awareness of fair housing for all Madison Countians.

Drew Pritchard with FAHE, a part of the Kentucky River Foothills, accepted the Proclamation and stated that FAHE appreciates the opportunity to be able to work with Madison County.

IN RE: Proclamation—Arbor Day:

Judge Taylor proclaimed April 29, 2022, as National Arbor Day, and urged all citizens to participate by planting trees to beautify our Commonwealth and to focus attention on our great natural resource-our forests.

Mike Parke from the Conservation District was in attendance to receive the proclamation and stated that trees are very important to all of us in helping clean our environment and air quality, as well as beautifying our community. The Conservation District plants a tree every year as part of National Arbor Day, and this year they will be planting a tree at the Kirksville park.

IN RE: Proclamation—County Government Month:

Judge Taylor proclaimed April 2022 as National County Government Month and encouraged all county officials, employees, schools, and residents to participate in recognizing county government and our employees for serving our citizens and communities. Judge Taylor stated that this proclamation is very dear to the Court because they

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see on a daily basis how great the County staff members are, and the great work that Elected Officials put in to support their staff and provide a wonderful service to the County.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation to Judge Taylor in representing not only Madison County, but the State of Kentucky during his time at the Kentucky Association of Counties. He also expressed his appreciation to all the County Department Heads for the work they do on a daily basis.

Magistrate Tudor expressed his appreciation to all the Department Heads as well for all their hard work.

IN RE: Proclamation—Public Safety Telecommunicators Week:

Judge Taylor, jointly with Richmond Mayor Robert Blythe and Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley, proclaimed the week of April 10-16, 2022, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Berea, Richmond, and Madison County, Kentucky and encourage all citizens to honor the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our community safe.

Wendy Lynch, 911 Director, as well as Ashley Ridner, Jennifer Slagle, Rebecca, and Paige were in attendance to receive the Proclamation.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he had to call 911 after witnessing an accident recently, and the dispatcher that answered was very professional and did their job quickly to enable the fire and police department's arrival in a very timely manner.

IN RE: 911 Statistics Update:

Wendy Lynch, 911 Director, presented some statistics in the 911 Center. Last year, from January 1st to December 31st, the 911 Center took 119,640 total phone calls and CAD 'ed (Computer aided dispatch) 101,817 calls. This year they are 38% higher on phone calls in the first three months of the year compared to last year. The primary agencies they dispatch for is Madison County EMS, Madison County Fire Department along with 5 Volunteers, Richmond Police Department, Richmond Fire and Rescue, Berea Fire and Rescue, Berea Police Department, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Madison County EMA, and Madison County Coroner, as well as a 911 radio talk group that all radio users through CSEPP are able to access (which includes Road Department, Street Department, Buses, the Detention Center, State Highway, and the Valley View Ferry). The Dispatchers stay busy and do a great job!

Judge Taylor asked Lynch to explain the training process for Dispatchers. She stated that it is a lengthy process. Once a candidate is interviewed, they score those interviews and can send them on to a mandatory Phase 1 Suitability testing with the Department of Criminal Justice Training. Then can be sent on to do a Police background check, then a polygraph test and a drug screening with the Department of Criminal Justice, and a hearing test and another drug test with the 911 Center. The process can take up to 3 months to complete. They then must get certified through the Department of Criminal Justice Training for 4 weeks, and after which they have in house training for 4 weeks up to 6 months.

Magistrate Robinson expressed his appreciation in the stats report, and for all their hard work and dedication in making Madison County safer.

Magistrate Tudor commended Lynch and all the dispatchers on the great job they do for the County.

IN RE: Resolution 2022-48—Barker Lane East Bridge Deck Replacement Bid Award:

Scott Shepherd, Road Department Supervisor, presented Resolution 2022-48— Barker Lane East Bridge Deck Replacement Bid Award for the court's approval. This Resolution recommends awarding the bid for the bridge deck replacement at Barker Lane East in Berea, Kentucky to Vanhooseco Precast in the amount of \$60,803.00.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2022-48— Barker Lane East Bridge Deck Replacement Bid Award.

Magistrate Botkin asked if this is a one lane bridge. Shepherd stated that it is.

Magistrate Tudor commended Shepherd's due diligence on all the bids that were received and asked about recommendations on the work of this provider that won the bid. Shepherd stated that Vanhooseco has done 4 or

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5 bridge replacements in the County in the past and the difference in price between the two bids shows that Vanhooseco appreciates and wants to do business with the County.

Magistrate Robinson expressed his appreciation in Vanhooseco with their bid.

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 2022-49—EXPUNGED:

Resolution 2022-49 was placed on the agenda as Emergency Operations Center Foundation Waterproofing Bid Award. The Madison County Fiscal Court may choose to rehear this issue, but this resolution number will not be used and is considered expunged.

IN RE: Resolution 2022-50—Tower Obstruction Lighting System Replacement Bid Award:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2022-50— Tower Obstruction Lighting System Replacement Bid Award for the court's approval. This Resolution is to award the bid and enter into a contract for the tower obstruction lighting system replacement to Vencill Enterprises, LLC.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-50— Tower Obstruction Lighting System Replacement Bid Award.

Magistrate Robinson asked when looking at the lighting replacement systems that has to be done, is it odd that there was only one bidder? Heiser said that it is a bit of a specialty job in that they must be certified and have the ability to climb the towers, but only having one bidder may also be due to the fact that being able to find people to do this type of job is a struggle.

Judge Taylor asked Heiser to explain to the Court about Mission Critical's partnership with the County. Heiser explained that Mission Critical is a support group that is hired by FEMA headquarters as part of the CSEPP program that helps review and build the bid specifications that are sent out.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he was glad to see that Vencill Enterprises placed a bid since they have done work for the County in the past and do a good job.

Magistrate Tudor asked how many towers there were in the County. Heiser stated that there were 9 but, in this bid, it only shows 8 because the tower in Berea is under the minimal level where it doesn't need lighting. Magistrate Tudor also asked Heiser to check the Tower at Four Mile and Todd Ln, stated that during the last storm, it was noted that it wasn't working properly. Heiser stated that they would check on that.

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 2022-51—Supplemental Agreement Change No. 1 for 80-20 Bridge Funds Barker Lane East

Scott Shepherd, Road Department Supervisor, presented Resolution 2022-51— Supplemental Agreement Change No. 1 for 80-20 Bridge Funds Barker Lane East. This Resolution is adopting and approving the execution of a CB01 Secondary Fund and Supplemental Agreement Change No. 1 between the Madison County Fiscal Court, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid to replace a drainage structure on Barker Lane East.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-51— Supplemental Agreement Change No. 1 for 80-20 Bridge Funds Barker Lane East.

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Judge Taylor explained to the Court that the Vanhooseco bid came in a little higher than the estimates, and Shepherd was able to work to get some additional funds to help pay for the project.

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 Thomas Pettit from a Part-Time Firefighter to a Firefighter I at a rate of \$8.74/hour.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve the promotion of Thomas Pettit to a Firefighter I at a rate of \$8.74/hour effective April 13, 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-Fire Department:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief, recommended the promotion of Jackson Roederer from a Firefighter I to a Fire Fighter II at a rate of \$9.24/hour.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the promotion of Jackson Roederer to a Firefighter II at a rate of \$9.24/hour effective April 13, 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-CSEPP:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, recommended the hiring of Jack Mills as an EMA IT Officer at a salary of \$39,000/year.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the hiring of Jack Mills as an EMA IT Officer at a salary of \$39,000/year effective April 13, 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 Department Supervisor, recommended the hiring of Michael Kelley as a Road Department Truck Driver/ CDL at a rate of \$16/hour.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring of Michael Kelley as a Road Department Truck Driver/ CDL at a rate of \$16/hour effective April 20, 2022.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Ben Robinson III- Yes

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IN RE: Judge's Report:

- Whitehall Park Lake will be stocked with 1,200 catfish Thursday, April 14th.
- The Berea Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an Open House on Friday, April 15th from 11 AM – 2PM at their new location located at 304A Chestnut Street in Berea. Join them for a tour of their new office space & pick up some lunch from one of the food trucks that will be set up in the parking lot.
- The Berea Kiwanis Club will be hosting their 88th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th at the Berea Skate Park beginning at 10 AM. Please call 859-575-0439 for more information.
- Richmond's Easter Extravaganza will be Saturday, April 16th from 11 AM – 1 PM at the Lake Reba softball fields. Contact Richmond Parks and Recreation for more information.
- The Kirksville Community Center's annual Spring Gathering Craft Show will be Saturday, April 23rd from 9 AM – 2 PM at the center in Kirksville.
- Richmond Parks and Recreation will be hosting an Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 23rd from 10 AM – 2 PM at Camp Catalpa Park. They will have educational workshops, games, and fun activities for everyone to enjoy.
- The first Madison County Sports Hall of Fame banquet will be Saturday, April 23rd, beginning at 5 PM, at the Perkins Building on ECU's campus. Tickets are available through the Richmond Area Arts Council.
- The Madison County Courthouse and its related offices will close at noon on Friday, April 15th for the Spring holiday. Offices will re-open on Monday, April 18th at 8 AM.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin stated that CASA pinwheel event was a great event that brought awareness to Child Abuse and is very thankful for the Court Appointed Advocates and what they do for children. He thanked Brandon McIntosh at the State Road Department for his work on getting the bridge at Highway 52 cleaned out. Botkin stated that the County is very fortunate to have multiple law enforcements working in Madison County to keep us safe. He also advised the public that Candidates will be out delivering campaign signs, so be mindful of that as you are driving.

Magistrate Tudor thanked the Union City Ruritan Club for hosting a fish fry last Saturday night. He reminded everyone that Arbor Day is on April 29th and encouraged the community to get out and plant a tree. Tudor expressed his appreciation to all the county workers and their willingness to work together with the Magistrates and each other. He thanked Gary Vanderoef for his help at the Union City Park in working on improving that space.

Magistrate Barger expressed his appreciation of Wendy Lynch and the 911 Center, as well as Dustin Heiser and the EMA/SCEPP Department. Both departments help keep the county safe and do a great job at all that is involved in their jobs.

Magistrate Robinson echoed his fellow Magistrates remarks in the great job that the County employees do. He also thanked CASA for the pinwheel event they had in Richmond and Berea. Robinson thanked Shepherd and the Road Department for helping with a concern that a constituent, Kyle Lott, had with the gravel on Cedar Valley

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Rd. He also thanked the Sheriff's Department and the work they did on Highway 21 in picking up trash, and thanked Jailer Tussey for making that happen. He thanked Judge Taylor for the work that he did with the State in getting a guardrail put up on Red Lick Rd by Long Branch.

Judge Taylor stated that there will be stop lights at Exit 83 on Duncannon due to the new Buc-ee's that is going in, so be mindful of that change.

Clerk Barger stated the 18th of April is the last day to register to vote or to change your address for the Primary Election. The absentee portal is now open, and voters are now able to request an absentee ballot at govote.ky.gov.

Comments from Department Heads:

Scott Shepherd stated that they have started their Litter Abatement Program that runs April 1st-May 15th. There will be 32 organizations that will be out picking up trash during that time period and will cover about 341.6 miles of roads this Spring. The remaining half of the roads will be covered in the Fall, and if any organization or group would like to participate in the Fall program, call the Solid Waste Department. Each organization gets \$100 per mile through a Grant that was applied for through the State. Shepherd thanked Jailer Tussey for sending out inmates to help pick up at problem spots.

Magistrate Robinson asked about the types of organizations that participate in this program. Shepherd said that there are a lot of Churches, Boy Scouts Groups, Volunteer Firefighters, etc. He also stated that the IT has created a portal that organizations can go on to if they would like to be a participant.

Morgan Elliston informed the Court and the Community that Saturday, April 23rd is opening day for Richmond FastPitch Club at Irvine McDowell, and advised the public to be careful driving around that area due to a large number of children and families that will be out.

Comments from the Audience:

There were no Comments from the Audience.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

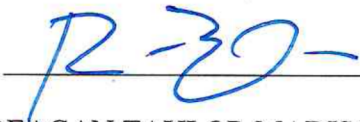
Motion made by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve to pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for April 26, 2022, in Richmond at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Tom Botkin to adjourn, seconded by Roger Barger. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 PM.


REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE