

Meeting Date; 5/10/2022

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 10th of May 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: Roger Barger, John Tudor, Tom Botkin and Ben Robinson III were present. Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond, Madison County Sheriff Deputy Michael Stotts, 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 John Tudor to lead the Court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Magistrate Tom Botkin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 4-26-2022:

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on April 26, 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: Proclamation—National Hospital Week:

Judge Taylor proclaimed May 8 through May 14, 2022, as National Hospital Week and urged all citizens to honor our healthcare heroes that continue to go beyond the call of duty each day and make a difference in every life they touch.

In attendance to receive the Proclamation from Saint Joseph Berea were Sandra Rose, Vice President of Operations; Leslie Adams, RN CNO; Darcy Maupin, RN ED Manager; Robin Ennis, Outpatient Infusion Manager; Holly Fort, ICU RN; Donna Smith, Lab Manager; Fred Smith, Respiratory Therapist; Amanda Bala, Imaging Manager; and from Baptist Health Richmond were Sara Stringfield, Marketing and Public Relations Manager; Kim Richards, Vice President Support Services; David Bailey, Director Cardiorespiratory Care; and Belinda Corder, Director Regulatory.

Kim Richards, Baptist Health Richmond Vice President Support Services, thanked Judge Taylor and the Court for the Proclamation. She also explained that everyone in the Hospital, not just the Doctors and Nurses, all work together for the betterment of the Hospital to help it function.

Sandra Rose, Vice President of Operations at Saint Joseph Berea, appreciated the recognition from the Court and is happy to be celebrating Hospital Week.

Judge Taylor asked Todd Miracle, Associate Pastor at Church on the Rock in Berea, to pray for the county's healthcare workers and Hospitals.

Magistrate Robinson expressed his appreciation to the Hospitals, especially Saint Joseph Berea, where he rides his bike by often and is thankful for all the "Heroes" that work there.

IN RE: Resolution 2022-61—County Road Aid Agreement FY2023:

Scott Shepherd, Road Department Director, presented Resolution 2022-61—County Road Aid Agreement FY2023 for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for adopting and approving the execution of a County Road Aid Coop Program contract between the Madison County Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Rural Land Municipal Aid, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022.

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Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2022-61— County Road Aid Agreement FY2023.

Magistrate Botkin was glad to see that the aid they have been receiving has gone up for Fiscal Year 2023, and therefore they will be able to accomplish more.

Shepherd explained the calculations to the Court. This money doesn't just go to blacktop; it helps run the road department services such as mowing, ditching, snow removal, culverts, etc.

Judge Taylor explained that the revenue comes from the wholesale price of gas, which is set by the State, and the County gets a fifth of the fifths. The counties of Kentucky get about 18% of the total gas tax but maintain 50% of the roads in the state.

Magistrate Barger asked Shepherd how much a mile of blacktop is. Shepherd replied that it is close to \$50,000. Judge Taylor recognized in the agreement that in the past they have always participated in the emergency funds as well. So, 3% of the \$1,633,681.03 will go into that emergency fund, which they have had to utilize every year.

Magistrate Tudor clarified that they would get that aid in 3 installments. Shepherd stated that they get 60% up front, then 30%, then the remaining balance.

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 2022-62—Blue Grass Army Depot Liaison MOA:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2022-62—Blue Grass Army Depot Liaison MOA for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve the signature of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management, and the Madison County Host Community Liaison for the Blue Grass Army Depot.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-62—Blue Grass Army Depot Liaison MOA.

Magistrate Tudor stated that Craig Williams has been in the role for 20+ years and has always done an outstanding job at keeping the Court informed. He played a big part in the militarization process of getting the gas destroyed.

Magistrate Botkin stated that Mr. Williams has been involved in this project since the beginning and has a good track record at the Depot.

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 2022-63—God's Outreach CDBG Project Professional Services Agreement:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, presented Resolution 2022-63—God's Outreach CDBG Project Professional Services Agreement for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving a professional services agreement between Madison County Fiscal Court and Bluegrass Development District for God's Outreach Madison County Food Bank CDBG (20C-174).

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-63—God's Outreach CDBG Project Professional Services Agreement.

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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 2022-64—Emergency Operations Center Audio/Visual Upgrades Bid Award:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2022-64—Emergency Operations Center Audio/Visual Upgrades Bid Award for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for awarding a bid for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Audio/Visual Equipment upgrades.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2022-64—Emergency Operations Center Audio/Visual Upgrades Bid Award.

Magistrate Robinson asked about the cost delta between the two bids of about \$45,000 and if the specs put out by them were comparable. Heiser stated that they were very comparable.

Chris Iseral, IT Chief Information Officer, stated that there was a delta in the labor of about \$19,000 and the matrix that is getting replaced was a four by four and is going to a two by six. Strategic Communications is wanting to replace all the matrix hardware, which is why there is a cost difference. ADT says that what they have there is sufficient.

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:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, recommended the hiring of Bradley Thieke for Seasonal Grounds Maintenance at a rate of \$10.50/hour.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve the hiring of Bradley Thieke for Seasonal Grounds Maintenance at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective May 11, 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—Planning & Development:

Bert Thomas, Director of Planning and Development, recommended the hiring of Olivia Gooch as an Administrative Assistant at a rate of \$14.00/hour.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring of Olivia Gooch as an Administrative Assistant at a rate of \$14.00/hour effective May 11, 2022.

Magistrate Botkin stated that it is important to try to retain employees. There is a high learning curve in Planning and Development, and it takes time to train new hires.

Thomas stated that the last couple of employees they lost was due to childcare situations and that may be something that the Court may need to look at in the benefits package in the future.

Magistrate Robinson stated that when you lose an employee, you are losing their knowledge and the relationships that they have built with their customers, and it takes time for new employees to build up that knowledge and connection.

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

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IN RE: Personnel—Custodial:

Donna Abner, Custodial Supervisor, recommended the hiring of Laura Lyons as a Custodial II at a rate of \$13.00/hour.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the hiring of Laura Lyons as a Custodial II at a rate of \$13.00/hour effective May 18, 2022.

Magistrate Tudor expressed his appreciation to Donna and her staff for making the County buildings clean and beautiful.

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:

- The National Association of Letter Carriers will be having their Stamp Out Hunger food drive on Saturday, May 14th. Leave non-perishable food items by your mailbox that day and they will take care of the rest.
- Saint Paul A.M.E. Church in Richmond is having a country ham breakfast this Saturday, May 14th from 6 AM to 11 AM.
- The Pregnancy Help Center's Night for Life event will be at the ECU Center for the Arts on Thursday, May 19th from 6 PM to 8:30 PM. Call 859-624-3942 or email sroff@madisonphc.org for ticket information.
- The Berea Chamber of Commerce's 29th Annual Golf Scramble will be Friday, May 20th at Battlefield Golf Course in Richmond. Contact the Berea Chamber of Commerce for more information.
- Berea Community School's Graduation Ceremony will be Friday, May 20th at Berea Community School at 6 PM.
- The Richmond Chamber of Commerce's 41st Annual Business on the Greens Golf Scramble will be Monday, May 23rd at the Gibson Bay Golf Course. Contact the Richmond Chamber of Commerce for more information.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin reminded everyone of the Election on next Tuesday, and to get out and vote. He also stated that after the election, the candidates have 3 days to get their signs down, so be mindful of those that are out picking up signs. He thanked Magistrate Barger for his service on the Court and all his hard work over his 20+ years of service.

Magistrate Tudor updated the Court of the blacktop that was done on Oakley Wells and Cruse Ln last week. He also stated that the County has started mowing on the County roads, so be mindful when you see those out mowing as they are not always able to get over off the side of the road; as well as those that are working on cleaning out the culverts and ditches since all the rain that the County has recently received.

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Magistrate Barger thanked the State for blacktopping Tates Creek Rd. He also honored his mother who worked as a Nurse on the Maternity Ward at Pattie A. Clay Hospital.

Magistrate Robinson stated that it was an honor to be able to recognize the hospital workers as they truly are Heroes in our county. He reminded the community to get out and vote on Tuesday. In District 1, there has been some road work going on, potholes being filled, and work on Wolf Gap Rd.

Clerk Barger reminded the public that this Thursday, May 12th starts Early Voting 8 AM-4 PM at 3 locations: Russel Acton Folk Center at 212 Jefferson St in Berea, Madison County Extension Office at 230 Duncannon Ln in Richmond, and the Richmond Clerk's Office at 101 West Main St. Any registered voter in the county can go to any of those 3 locations Thursday, Friday, or Saturday 8 AM-4 PM to vote. On Election Day, May 17th, there are 7 locations: Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea Church of God at 189 Rash Rd in Berea, Madison County Extension Office, Eastside Community Church at 210 Catalpa Loop Rd in Richmond, White Hall Baptist Church at 3401 Colonel Rd in Richmond, Arlington's Mule Barn at 1510 Lexington Rd in Richmond, and Big Hill Christian Church at 1150 Goggins Ln in Richmond. This information is found on the County Clerk's website at www.madisoncountyclerk.us, and the State Board of Elections website at www.govote.ky.gov. Any registered voter in the county can go to any of those 7 locations on Election Day.

Magistrate Robinson asked Clerk Barger what type of identification voters needed to have with them to vote. Clerk Barger stated that they need to have one proof of identification that could run from an ID issued by a Federal Government down to a Social Security Card. Providing a Driver's License is faster just because it can be scanned and will pull up the voter's name and date of birth on the ePollbooks in a matter of seconds, but it is not required.

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 Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve to pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for May 24, 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 10:15 PM.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE