

Meeting Date; 8/23/2022

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 23rd of August 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: Ben Robinson III, Roger Barger, John Tudor, and Tom Botkin were present. Assistant Madison County Attorney Brooke Bowman, Madison County Sheriff Michael Coyle, 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 Rob Taylor from Tates Creek Baptist Church to lead the Court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Michael Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 8-9-2022:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on August 9, 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	

Treasurer's Report:

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

Proclamation-National Assisted Living Week:

Judge Taylor proclaimed the week of September 11-17 as National Assisted Living Week and urged all citizens to visit or call a loved one, family member, or friend residing in any care setting and offer a kind word and spend time participating in various virtual activities to unite those from all walks of life in need of our continuing love and support.

Morning Pointe of Richmond Executive Director Cristy Winkler; Resident Phil Beckwith; Resident Carol Papp; Resident Dorie Hubbard; Chase Williams, Director of Nursing; Linda Fritz, Business Office Manager; Kathy West, Life Enrichment Director; and Jason Westbrook, Maintenance Director were in attendance to accept the proclamation. Cristy Winkler, Executive Director, stated that it was an honor to be at Court, and thanked Judge Taylor for the proclamation.

Special Purpose Government Entities Presentation (SPGE) of Ad Valorem Rates:

Amanda Sears from the Madison County Extension Office presented the Ad Valorem Rates for the Extension Office. She stated that their Board decided to keep the current rate the same as what it has been for several years.

Christina Cornelison from the Library Board stated that they were able to lower their Ad Valorem rates due to the growth of the County and a responsible budget for the library this year.

Ron Jackson with the EMS District stated that their Board has taken the compensating rate and was able to lower their taxes while increasing their services. They were able to add another 24-hour ambulance in Berea to make a total of 9 ambulances a day in the County.

Nikita Vundi, Director of the Madison County Health Department stated that the Board of Health voted to maintain the same rate they have had in the past years.

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The Red Lick Watershed was not able to be in attendance, but Judge Taylor stated that their rate was staying the same as previous years. Judge Taylor explained that the Red Lick Watershed is combined of 3 Counties:

Madison, Jackson, and Estill.

Judge Taylor thanked all the Taxing Districts for their hard work and making good choices with the taxpayer's money. He explained that the tax rates are to be presented to Court based on KRS, they are not approved by the Court, they just accept them to be on the tax bill.

Magistrate Botkin commended all the taxing districts for being good stewards with their money and being able to lower or keep their rates the same, which is important to the citizens.

1st Reading Ordinance 2022-09—Land Use Change College Hill Road from C-7/R-7 Agricultural to UC-1 Single-Family Residential:

Bert Thomas, Planning & Development Director, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2022-09—Land Use Change College Hill Road from C-7/R-7 Agricultural to UC-1 Single-Family Residential for the Court's approval.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2022-09—Land Use Change College Hill Road from C-7/R-7 Agricultural to UC-1 Single-Family Residential.

Magistrate Tudor stated that he has had several calls opposing the development because of the perspective single-family homes at a rate of 3 homes per acre (which hasn't yet been decided, but it has been mentioned) and some residents are concerned that if 1,300 square foot homes are put in, it would lower the value of the homes in the newer development across the street. There is also a concern about the traffic in that area; there is a dangerous curve about 400 feet from the proposed entrance of this development, and the area makes it difficult to put a turning lane in there. He stated that he had some concerns about this change and wanted to research it farther.

Magistrate Robinson stated that he read through the minutes on this initial decision and noticed that there were several members of the public present that gave testimony. He asked if those present for that meeting were property owners that this change would affect. Thomas stated that most of the public that spoke in opposition were from College Hill Rd, Fike Rd, and the Waco Heights subdivision. Robinson also asked Thomas to explain the zone change, which states was due to the change in the character of College Hill. Thomas said that they believe there has been a lot of residential development in that area. There have been several developments in that 52 Corridor, which was widened last year, and this property is included in that new Urban Corridor that was adopted last year.

Magistrate Barger asked if there was sewer on this property. Thomas said there wasn't yet, but there is a pump station close to downtown Waco and they are exploring the possibility of getting it there. However, that won't be decided until they start doing their site plan work.

Magistrate Tudor also asked if that will be one of the determinations on the number of houses per acre. Thomas stated that would be one of the factors, as well as cost, layout of the land, infrastructure, etc. Judge Taylor stated that if sewer wasn't available for that property, then it would have to go back to acre lots, but that is all determined during the site development planning.

Magistrate Robinson asked what the vote totals were from the planning commission. Thomas said it was 5 to 1 to approve, with one member being absent.

Magistrate Botkin stated that it was important to note that if this 1st reading was to pass, it gives them the opportunity to go out and look at the property and exam it before the second reading. Thomas also stated that at the second reading the applicant will be there to answer any questions the Court or public may have.

Magistrate Tudor asked Thomas if there was a possibility, since the next regularly scheduled meeting is to be in Berea, to have the 2nd reading at the following meeting in Richmond. That would make it closer for the public from that area to attend. Thomas stated that he would have to talk with the applicant and the Judge's Office to see if that would fit in their schedule and agenda, but he would look into it.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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Tom Botkin-Yes Roger Barger- Yes

John Tudor- No Ben Robinson III-Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2022-106—Litter Abatement Grant Funds for Calendar Year 2023:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2022-106—Litter Abatement Grant Funds for Calendar Year 2023 for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the application and administration of calendar year 2023 Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet Division of Waste Management Litter Abatement Grant funds.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-106— Litter Abatement Grant Funds for Calendar Year 2023.

Magistrate Botkin stated that part of the requirements for the County if they get this Grant, is that Shepherd must establish coverage of about 1/3 for the roads in the County. It's a good program and it helps clean up the roadways. Shepherd stated that there will be a few changes this year with the program, one being that they are requiring the groups to do three pick-ups instead of two, which may make it harder on the groups since the pick-ups will be going into the late fall season and they will be dealing with cooler weather. There are a lot of great groups that volunteer to participate in the Litter Abatement Program, and it is a good fundraiser for them.

Magistrate Tudor asked Shepherd if they have a lot of applications. Shepherd stated that they have been able to fill all desires for any group that has wanted to volunteer.

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 2022-107—Madison County Board of Adjustments Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-107—Madison County Board of Adjustments Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to appoint Keith Wever to the Madison County Board of Adjustments.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2022-107—Madison County Board of Adjustments Appointment of Keith Wever.

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 2022-108—Berkley Hall Subdivision Phase II Adoption:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2022-108—Berkley Hall Subdivision Phase II Adoption for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the Madison County Fiscal Court to adopt partial of Hampton Hall Dr and Spanish Wells Dr for County maintenance.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2022-108—Berkley Hall Subdivision Phase II Adoption.

Magistrate Botkin asked Shepherd where these roads were located at in Berkley Hall and if all the building was done. Shepherd explained the roads are to the left of the Berkley Hall entrance, all the way to the new blacktop in the back and that all the building for this phase has been completed.

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 2022-109—Completion of Roadways in Clarks Place Subdivision:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-109—Completion of Roadways in Clarks Place Subdivision for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the use of a KACO claim and for approving the completion of roadways in Clarks Place Subdivision.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-109—Completion of Roadways in Clarks Place Subdivision.

Magistrate Robinson stated that this subdivision is in the 1st District and has been an ongoing problem for years. He appreciates Judge Taylor and Scott Shepherd for their work on getting this problem resolved.

Judge Taylor explained that this Resolution allows them to complete the needed work on the roadways in Clarks Place Subdivision, and once it's completed, Shepherd will present to Court a recommendation for it to be taken into County maintenance.

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 2022-110—Discontinuance of Roads-Cedarwood Drive, Gingertree Lane, and the Southwest Portion of Brookwood Drive:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2022-110—Discontinuance of Roads-Cedarwood Drive, Gingertree Lane, and the Southwest Portion of Brookwood Drive for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve the discontinuance of Cedarwood Drive, Gingertree Lane, and a portion of Brookwood Drive, and authorizing their removal from the County Road System.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-110—Discontinuance of Roads-Cedarwood Drive, Gingertree Lane, and the Southwest Portion of Brookwood Drive.

Judge Taylor explained that this is part of Adams Pointe Subdivision and there is a section of it that is closer to I-75 that has been done away with for years. It was brought to the Judge's attention by the owners that those roadways had been deeded to the County many years ago but have not been in the county maintenance plan. This Resolution allows the County to discontinue the maintenance of those roads.

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 2022-111—CSEPP FY22 Funding Contract:

Dustin Heiser, EMA\CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2022-111—CSEPP FY22 Funding Contract for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve the CSEPP Annual funding contract.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2022-111—CSEPP FY22 Funding Contract.

Judge Taylor asked Heiser to explain how the CSEPP funding comes through. Heiser explained that they are in the 4th Quarter of the federal fiscal year 2022, and due to the process, it takes about a year to get the funding down to the local entities, which they are allowed to spend the money for two years. The \$11 Million in this contract is the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky's amount they receive for region four, and the money they are showing in the budget for CSEPP is from multiple years that are allocated to projects.

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: Personnel—EMA/CSEPP:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, recommended the hiring of Jacob Steiner as Communications Officer at a rate of \$21.50 per hour effective August 31, 2022.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring of Jacob Steiner as Communications Officer at a rate of \$21.50 per hour effective August 31, 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—EMA/CSEPP:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, recommended the hiring of Taylor Hoffman as EMA Training Officer at a rate of \$21.00 per hour effective August 31, 2022.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring of Taylor Hoffman as EMA Training Officer at a rate of \$21.00 effective August 31, 2022.

Magistrate Botkin commended Heiser on using individuals from different departments on the hiring committee that the new hires will be working with.

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—EMA/CSEPP:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, recommended the hiring of Bobby Baker as Medical/Logistics Officer at a rate of \$22.50 per hour effective August 31, 2022.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by Roger Barger to approve the hiring of Bobby Baker as Medical/Logistics Officer at a rate of \$22.50 per hour effective August 31, 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, recommended the hiring of Crystal Parks as the Administrative Assistant at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective August 24, 2022.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring of Crystal Parks as the Administrative Assistant at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective August 24, 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:

- The Battle of Richmond Civil War Reenactment will be August 27th and August 28th at Richmond Battlefield Park on Battlefield Memorial Highway. Gates open at 10 AM, the battles are fought at 2 PM, and the gates close at 4 PM.

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- White Hall Volunteer Fire Department is having a cookout and open house Saturday, August 27th from 11 AM to 2 PM at 1289 Boonesborough Rd, Richmond. Everyone is welcome to come out for free food and a great time. Visit their Facebook page for more information.
- Eastern Kentucky University's Football Colonels will be hosting their annual Fan Day on Saturday, August 27th beginning at 5 PM at the Roy Kidd Stadium, with a scrimmage starting at 7 PM. There is no charge for the event, and there will be activities for all ages.
- This year's Pops at the Park will be Saturday, September 10th at the White Hall State Historic Site. To make reservations or for more information, contact the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.
- Madison Southern's Homecoming parade will be Thursday, September 15th beginning at 6 PM. The Eagles will play the Pulaski County Pirates on Friday, September 16th.
- Madison Central is also having their homecoming parade through downtown Richmond on Thursday, September 15th beginning at 6 PM. The Indians will play the Lafayette Generals on Friday, September 16th.
- Richmond Chamber of Commerce's annual CityFest will be Thursday, September 15th from 5:30-7:30 PM along University Drive on EKU's campus. If your business or organization would like to set up a booth, contact the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.
- The Madison County Courthouse and its related offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th for the Labor Day holiday. They will re-open on Tuesday, September 6th at 8 AM.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Barger informed the Court and public that there is a small bridge on Tates Creek Rd, past Whitlock Rd, that is set to be repaired this week. He thanked Shepherd for his work with the Road Department and working with the Magistrates.

Magistrate Robinson expressed his appreciation of the work the individuals on the Planning and Zoning committee do, as well as his appreciation to the public for voicing their options on the proposed changes regarding Ordinance 2022-09. He encouraged the public to come back for the second reading so the Court can hear their concerns. He also thanked Judge Taylor, Shepherd, and KACo for finding a resolution with the roads in the Clarks Place subdivision. He encouraged the public to attend the events that are happening within the community; there is a lot going on and will be going on in the coming months.

Magistrate Botkin thanked the State for the road work done on Calest in time for school to start, and has requested to put a center stripe on Crooksville Rd. He has had several questions on the internet access and stated they should have more information regarding internet coverage on September 6th. He explained that the turning lane at Kingston Elementary has had some issues with the right of way and a gas line that is there. That project is set to be re-let in October, and unfortunately that means that no action will be taken on that turning lane until spring or summer of next year. He thanked Sheriff Coyle for sending deputies down to Kingston to help with the traffic issues they have when school is in session. He reminded the public that a big portion of the State crew workers are still in Eastern Kentucky and asked for patience on state roadway issues. Botkin thanked Shepherd for his work on the roads, taking calls from the Magistrates, and answering their questions.

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Magistrate Tudor stated that he received an email from Brandon Sears at the Extension Office concerning the dead livestock removal program. The Blue Ridge Landfill in Estill County has changed their schedule, so if the public has dead livestock that needs to be picked up, they will need to call the County by 9:30AM for pick up that day; if the County is notified after 9:30AM, the pickup will be on the next day. Tudor also stated that he received notice from a constituent on Union City Rd. asking about a better solution for traffic between 7AM-8AM on Union City Rd, Red House Rd, and the By-Pass. He stated that they are seeing back-ups at intersections, especially around schools, and suggested talking with the State in the future to look at putting an extra lane in those areas to get the traffic to flow a little easier. Tudor also stated that the road crews are continuing to mow the County roads and will do so until all the roads have been mowed. During the County Fair, the truck pulls were cancelled both nights they were scheduled due to rain but the Waco Volunteer Fire Department is planning on hosting one in October, and will let the public know the date when that becomes available.

Judge Taylor recognized Robyn Fayne and her work with the Judge's Office. She is a vital part to the county organization, and Judge Taylor expressed his appreciation for what she does to help him.

Clerk Barger went over the polling locations for the November General Election. There will be 3 locations for Early Voting on November 3rd, 4th, and 5th 8:00AM-4:00PM, which are the Russel Acton Folk Center, the Madison County Public Library, and the Madison County Extension Office. The library is a new location and they have done a wonderful job in shuffling things around so that voting will be in the large room on the lower level. In the Primary Election, the public stated that there was no access for voters with no transportation, and the library has both bus routes stopping there.

On Election Day the locations will be White Hall Baptist Church, Eastside Community Church, Madison County Public Library, Arlington's Mule Barn, Big Hill Christian Church, Madison County Extension Office, Berea Church of God, and the Russel Acton Folk Center. There will be signs up on all the old locations, and they are working on a mailer to send out to every household to inform the voters.

Magistrate Robinson reminded the public that there are no longer the old precincts, now there are Vote Centers where the voters can go to any voting location to vote. Barger explained that there is a huge benefit to the voter and the County for using the Vote Center model.

Comments from Department Heads:

No Comments for Department Heads.

Comments from the Audience:

No Comments for Department Heads.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

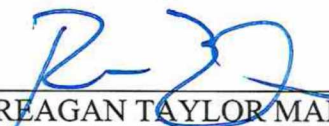
Motion made by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve to pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for September 13, 2022, in Berea at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Tom Botkin to adjourn, seconded by John Tudor. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 AM.


REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE