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HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 13th of September 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 Michael 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 Kevin Slemp from Berea 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 8-23-2022:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on August 23, 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	

Proclamation-Constitution Week:

Judge Taylor proclaimed the week of September 17th through 23rd as Constitution Week and urged all citizens to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

Debra Parsons with the Jemima Boone Daughters of the American Revolution was present to accept the Proclamation. She stated that educating people on the Constitution is one of the best things they can do. The DAR has been to schools and boy scout meetings educating children about the Constitution and the rights therein, as well as handing out free copies of the Constitution on the Courthouse lawn.

2nd 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 2nd 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. This Ordinance is to approve the zone change of the 70.27-acre Renfro property on College Hill Rd, Waco, Kentucky, and authorizing the amendment of the official zoning map of Madison County, Kentucky.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve 2nd 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 explained that he is very familiar with this area. The traffic flow is a busy, heavily travelled road with the school and congestion, and he is concerned with the safety of that area. He shared some traffic counts on Flint Rd and College Hill from the Kentucky Department of Transportation, as well as a report from the Kentucky State Police in that area; from 2017 to now there have been 67 accidents with one fatality, and most of those accidents have been within the first mile of College Hill Rd. He doesn't believe that this Zone Change would be suitable with the new number of houses that could potentially be built. If the developer would agree to one acre lots with 50-60 houses in there, he would be for the change, but due to safety issues he isn't at this point.

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Stuart Olds represented the applicant, Shannon Renfro, for the zone change. Olds stated that a UC-1 Zone has no density designation to it, which means this farm is appropriate for residential development. He stated that sewer is not on this property at this time. Olds also circulated a few items from the Comprehensive Plan that the County had adopted last year, as well as a map of the farm that shows it is in the area the County designated as being in the Urban Corridor. Due to an 11.7% growth rate in the County over the past 10 years, which the County estimated would continue to grow in the future, there is a need for new housing developments. He explained that in past studies done on the top 18 roads with the most collisions in Madison County, neither College Hill Rd nor 977 are not on that list, and this road is no more heavily trafficked than some of the other rural roads that has development occurring.

Olds stated that they don't know whether sewer will get to this property at this time. If this change is approved, the area would be developed in a way that is approved by the planning commission and would comply with all the County regulations.

Magistrate Botkin asked Olds if he knew based on any plans he has seen on the development, if there would be a turning lane associated with this development. Olds stated that until the decision is made based on the zone change, the developer has not paid to have any engineering work done that would be necessary to make that determination.

Judge Taylor asked Thomas if the Transportation Cabinet is who approves turning lanes, and Thomas stated that yes, they would have to make an application for an encroachment permit with the State. The State makes the determination to require the number of turning lanes, if any, based on the plans that are submitted to them.

Jennifer Vickers, Madison County Realtor with the Keller Williams Group, spoke on the growth of Madison County. Vickers explained that the market is slowing down, but there still is a need for houses on the market. She stated that there are 27 new built homes in the Richmond and Waco area, and only 7 of those are in the County. If anyone is looking to purchase a home through a VA or Rural Housing Loan, they can't get approval on these loans if the homes are located in the city limits.

Lorena Hall, resident of Flint Rd in Waco, spoke on behalf of her family and community. She stated that she is not opposed to growth and development but is opposed to growth that impacts the community negatively and believes that approving the zoning change without a full understanding of what the development is going to look like is wrong. She also believes that fixing the current traffic issues needs to be done first, which is not in the State's plan to do so. The existing infrastructure in Waco cannot support a large development, with sewer being a main concern.

She stated that in the Comprehensive Plan that was adopted on November 21st it does not mention running sewer on College Hill at any time in the 3 to 10-year plan nor in the 10 to 20-year plan. The Road infrastructure also is not equipped to handle the traffic it already has along with the traffic that will be added to 52 due to AppHarvest, the development at Dove's Landing, and the development to be built beside the Fair Ground. This proposed development is half a mile from 52, but all those cars going to the development will be in the same horrible traffic that is currently happening. When school is in session at Waco Elementary, traffic gets backed up for about a mile.

Hall stated that green space and water runoff are also factored. Some houses already experience flooding due to a creek that runs through this property. She questions how change in the area will change the green space and the water runoff issues. She also stated that not all of this farm is in the Urban Corridor.

She asked the Court to look deeply into the concerns that have been and will be brought up and asked if the County is ready for the zone change and the potential affect it will have on the community. Hall stated that there was a petition that was circulated in the Waco area for about a week, which had 152 signatures just in that timeframe.

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Murrell Lakes, a property owner whose property backs up to this development, echoed his concerns on the traffic safety issues. He stated that there is an s-curve on College Hill, and that curve extends through most of the frontage of this property they are wanting to develop. He believes the road should be fixed before the subdivision is built and doesn't believe that there is room for a turning lane at the property; this is a dangerous area.

Rick McKinney, resident of Fike Rd in Waco shared his thoughts on the proposed development, and on how this develop will affect the community. He stated that growth is inevitable, but too much growth in one area isn't good for the community and how it will affect Waco. He asked the Court to vote to keep the community rural and this area zoned agricultural.

Bert Thomas shared some emails that came in from residents of the Waco community that couldn't be in attendance at court today.

The first email was from Martha and John Sturniolo, residents on Bend Rd in Waco, who was concerned with the safety of the community, increased and longer emergency response times, and the ability to move agricultural equipment safely due to increased traffic flow.

Darla Lakes, resident of Waco, also emailed her concerns of the numerous accidents in the area, greater risks of more accidents in the future, and was concerned about the additional homes and increased traffic with the AppHarvest plant on Speedwell.

Amanda Riley, resident on Fike Rd in Waco, emailed her concerns about the current amount of wrecks on a daily basis, the size of Waco Elementary increasing, the traffic and parking around the Elementary school, the increase in students that would be attending Waco, and the fact that there is only one traffic light there.

Tammy McIntosh, resident on College Hill Rd in Waco, emailed concerns about the curve near Flat Woods Christian Church, the additional traffic that will be added with this development.

Thomas explained that he was handed the petition this morning, which stated "Say no to the Madison County Fiscal Court and Planning and Zoning, and their attempt to rezone the sites at College Hill and Fike Rd. After hearing objections and concerns from the audience on August 16, 2022, Madison County Planning and Zoning voted to approve a land use change on College Hill. This will also impact Fike Rd. Ordinance 2022-09 Land Use Change-College Hill Rd from C-7/R-7 Agricultural to UC-1 Single Family Residential. After this was approved by Planning and Zoning, it went to the Madison County Fiscal Court for the first reading. The first reading was approved. On Tuesday, September 13th at 9:30 AM during the Fiscal Court meeting in Berea, this will go to the Fiscal Court for the final reading and vote. At this time the audience will be allowed to voice their concerns. Please feel free to join community members as we plan to speak. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please sign this petition and put your address." He passed the petition around to the Court.

Judge Taylor asked Thomas to talk about the process of the Comprehensive Plan and all the different components that go into it. Thomas explained that they are required to update their Comprehensive Plan every 5 years, which they did last year. Part of that process involved sending multiple surveys out into the community, they had public hearings, a steering committee made up of 14 or 15 members, and had several meetings that went into the development of this plan. The plan was then presented to the Planning Commission, who recommended the Court to approve it. The major change in that plan was increasing the footprint of the Urban Corridor. Previously, it just followed on either side of I-75 for many years. That was expanded out 52 East toward Estill County with the widening of 52, and the sewer that's been added to that area, as well as 52 West towards Paint Lick. This property that is being discussed today is in that new Urban Corridor area. He stated that there is a small portion of the property that isn't included in the Urban Corridor, like Mrs. Hall stated. The Planning Committee, when drawing up the Urban Corridor area, were not able to outline every parcel but

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rather did a broad stroke of the area to be covered, and the overall intent was to make that area included in the Urban Corridor plan.

Magistrate Robinson stated that from looking at the map that Mr. Olds provided, it looks like maybe only 2/3 of the property is included in the Urban Corridor. Thomas stated that map isn't zoomed in and doesn't show all the detail, and that it is only a small corner of one parcel. Magistrate Robinson thanked him for the clarification.

Magistrate Tudor stated that he is in total agreement of the process that they have to go through, but they should have a copy of the total plans of the development before having to make a decision on it so they know what it will entail, and until that changes it's hard to make some of these decisions. Each tract of land should stand on its own merit. Thomas stated that they know this will be a subdivision of single-family housing, which doesn't include trailers, or apartment buildings. The lot sizes could be 9,000 square foot lots, 12,000 square foot lots, or acre lots. The cost that goes into developing those plans is high and explained that this is a KRS process that everyone has to go through.

Magistrate Botkin asked Judge Taylor if he could explain how 52 out toward Irvine would be developed and what that will look like on a 6-year plan. Judge Taylor stated that the State has in their 6-year road plan to extend 52 from Charlie Norris into town and additional stages on out. They have already started working on widening Speedwell Rd because of AppHarvest. Because of the traffic at 52 and the bypass, there has been some discussions on improving that area in the past, but it didn't pass with the City of Richmond.

Botkin stated that he was on the Comprehensive Planning committee, and they looked at several factors when looking at the growth of Madison County. He stated that he went to the intersection at 52 and College Hill to observe the traffic flow, and saw that while there was some wait, the traffic flowed very well. He also stated that he drove over the property and from what he saw, it was as good of a property as any that's been developed in the past. Madison County is growing and there is a planning committee that provides guidance on what can and cannot be done based on regulations.

Magistrate Barger stated that something needs to be done to that road and said that he only sees being for this decision is if the plan was for one acre lots per house. He also stated that he was under the impression that the 52 expansion wasn't in the State's 6-year plan; Judge Taylor stated that he sent a text to get the answer on the timeframe for that expansion.

Brandon McIntosh, a resident of Waco Heights in Waco, asked the Court if this zone change passes and then it becomes economically disastrous for the developer to have to pay for sewer, does that mean that the taxpayers will have to pay for sewer. Thomas stated that no, that cost would be covered by the developer in conjunction with other entities in that area.

Lorena Hall asked if the developer does get sewer, are the surrounding houses that lead to that development forced to be on it as well. Judge Taylor stated that he is against forcing anyone to do anything, but that he is not sure how that works.

Stuart Olds spoke again and reinstated that the traffic flow and accidents are fewer on the roads around this property than other rural roads in the county, and that the s-curve is past this development. He stated that the purpose of a zoning change is to decide if the property is appropriate to have residences in the area and to determine if there is a need for residences in the area, and he said there is; a zoning change doesn't determine the size of the houses to be built.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger- No

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John Tudor- No Ben Robinson III- No

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Finding of Facts-Denial of Zone Change on College Hill Road:

Magistrate Tudor stated that for finding of facts, based on the Kentucky State Police report that stated the number of accidents and the traffic count on College Hill Rd that he shared earlier in the meeting, he doesn't feel that it is a safe area for a development at this time.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to deny the Zone Change on College Hill Rd from the finding of facts based on traffic concerns and accidents that have happened on College Hill Rd and in the area.

Magistrate Robinson asked Jennie Haymond, from a legal standpoint, if the reason for the finding of facts has to be the same as the KRS requirements for approval. County Attorney stated that would be a Circuit Court decision because it will be a judicial interpretation of the issue.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-No Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor-Yes Ben Robinson III -Yes

Reagan Taylor – No

IN RE: Resolution 2022-112—Kentucky Transportation Cabinet FY23 Flex Funds:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2022-112—Kentucky Transportation Cabinet FY23 Flex Funds for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for adopting and approving the execution of a rural secondary program agreement between the Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, and accepting all roads and streets referred to therein as being a part of the County Road System.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2022-112—Kentucky Transportation Cabinet FY23 Flex Funds.

Judge Taylor informed the Court that last year they estimated what the County's Flex Funds would be at \$297,000, but it has actually increased to \$312,000 due to the increase in fuel tax. They kept the request at the \$297,000 and the rest will carry over.

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 2022-113—Amend 2022-2023 Employee Classification Schedule:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resource Coordinator, presented Resolution 2022-113—Amend 2022-2023 Employee Classification Schedule for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to amend the 2022-2023 Employee Classification schedule and supersedes Resolution 2022-74.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2022-113—Amend 2022-2023 Employee Classification Schedule.

Magistrate Botkin thought that this is a good way to entice new employees. He cautioned the Court to be mindful of changing the classification schedule in regard to incurring more debt.

Judge Taylor clarified that this change is to add a General Laborer position to the Classification Schedule to be able to hire General Laborers only without requiring them to get their CDL.

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 2022-114—EMA\CSEPP Tower Site Surveillance Equipment Bid

Award:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2022-114—EMA\CSEPP Tower Site Surveillance Equipment Bid Award for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to award the bid for the Emergency Management Agency (EMA)\Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Communications Tower Site surveillance equipment to Compass Security Solutions.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2022-114—EMA\CSEPP Tower Site Surveillance Equipment Bid Award.

Magistrate Botkin asked Heiser why the respondent wasn't responsible for the installation of the towers. Heiser stated that most of the organizations they were looking at for the infrastructure of the security camera system were not certified tower climbers, and therefore it would have reduced who could bid on this. They currently have organizations that they utilize already for tower site inspections and will be able to coordinate with them. Magistrate Botkin also asked about the reference in the document that discusses the maintenance and preventative maintenance but wasn't included in their cost estimate, and who would be doing that maintenance on the systems. Heiser stated that their plan is to wrap all the maintenance for all the equipment and infrastructure into one maintenance agreement, and as the installation of the radio system is completed, it will be wrapped into the maintenance agreement. Botkin stated that in one bid, they recommended 36 10-terabyte hard drives, whereas the second company only recommended 12, and wanted to know why. Chris Iseral stated that he documented that in his extensive detail information because that recommendation didn't line up with what they really needed, and the 36 would allow for spares. He stated that every tower site would have its own network video recorder, which would attach back to the County's existing camera management system so it's all visible on one system.

Botkin stated that he was disappointed that Compass didn't break down the cost of their goods. Iseral said that he did ding them for that and Heiser stated that they will make sure that the contract will have those line items listed out.

Magistrate Tudor asked if Heiser had an estimate on what the extra cost would be on hiring a separate crew to do the install. Heiser stated that he would utilize their tower site inspection climbing group, which is about \$9,000-\$10,000 a year, which does all 9 of the towers, so that would be roughly the number.

Magistrate Robinson asked Iseral about the scoring on the bids and asked if they were comfortable with using someone with prior experience. Iseral state that yes, he was, they have used Compass Security in the past and it is the company he is most comfortable with using.

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 2022-115—Kentucky Employees' 457 & 401(k) Deferred Compensation Plan Joinder Agreement:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, presented Resolution 2022-115—Kentucky Employees' 457 & 401(k) Deferred Compensation Plan Joinder Agreement for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to adopt and enter into a joinder agreement with the Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-115—Kentucky Employees' 457 & 401(k) Deferred Compensation Plan Joinder Agreement.

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Magistrate Botkin stated that he received clarification from Glenna that the 457 and 401(k) are in addition to State retirement plans. Elliston stated that currently some employees are voluntarily participating in these programs already.

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, Planning & Development Director, recommended the hiring of Vernon Hubbs, Jr as Code Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective September 14, 2022.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by John Tudor to approve the hiring of Vernon Hubbs, Jr as Code Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective September 14, 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 Charles Barger as a General Laborer at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective September 14, 2022.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by John Tudor to approve the hiring of Charles Barger as a General Laborer at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective September 14, 2022.

Shepherd stated that Charles Barger has volunteered at the Animal Shelter and had some very good references.

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—Custodial:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, recommended the hiring of Serena Frie as Custodial I at a rate of \$13.00 per hour effective September 14, 2022.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring of Serena Frie as Custodial I at a rate of \$13.00 per hour effective September 14, 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: Enter Executive Session:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to enter into Executive Session at 11:19AM to discuss the purchase of property. This Executive Session is allowable under KRS 61.810.

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: Exit Executive Session:

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Motion by John Tudor seconded by Ben Robinson III to exit Executive Session at 11:27AM. No action was taken at this time regarding the purchase of property according to KRS 61.810.

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:

- 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's homecoming parade will be 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 near the Keen Johnson Building on ECU's campus. If your business or organization would like to set up a booth, contact the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.
- Berea's annual Spoonbread Festival will be Friday through Sunday, September 16th through September 18th in Memorial Park and the Russel Acton Folk Center. There will be activities for all ages, a parade, music, and of course, spoonbread. One of the most popular activities during the Spoonbread Festival is the Balloon Glow, which will be Friday evening, September 16th from 7 until 10 PM at the Berea Community School.
- Kirksville Days will be Saturday, September 24th. The day starts off with a Country Ham Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge at 8 AM. There will also be a parade and various activities throughout the day around the Kirksville Community Center.
- The Richmond Pow-Wow Native American Gathering will be Saturday and Sunday, September 24th & 25th at Richmond Battlefield Park. Gates open at 10 AM each day, with grand entries at noon and 6 PM. Gates close around 7 PM. Please see the Richmond Pow-Wow's Facebook page for more details.
- The Household Hazardous Waste event is Saturday, October 1st from 9 AM to 3 PM at Madison County Road Department South on Clarksville Lane.
- Richmond's 2nd annual Millstone Festival will be Saturday, October 1st on Main Street in downtown Richmond. For more information, contact Richmond Parks and Recreation.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Tudor informed the Court that the Waco Volunteer Fire Department will be having the Battle of the Bluegrass Truck and Tractor Pull at the Fair Grounds on October 7th and 8th at 6:00 PM. He thanked Shepherd and the Road crew for clearing off the boat ramp at College Hill after mud was washed up recently from the heavy rains.

Magistrate Botkin stated that they as Magistrates have to make difficult decisions at times, but they try to do what is in the best interests of the County as well as complying with the law as best as they can. He expressed his appreciation of his fellow Magistrates. He also stated that they will start blacktopping needed roads within

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the County within the next 2 to 3 weeks. He thanked Sheriff Coyle for sending a Deputy down to Kingston Elementary School in the mornings to help direct the school traffic; the school and community has expressed their appreciation to him.

Magistrate Barger explained that the Ferry has had to close for several days due to Covid and not having enough crew members to keep it up and running. He asked the public to be patient with them and check the signs before they head down that way.

Magistrate Robinson agreed with Magistrate Botkin, that they do have to make difficult decisions that may or may not be popular at times. He stated that although he represents the people in the 1st District, he also represents the people of Madison County, and when he sees the public involvement, their active participation, and their concern during situations such as the zone change that was presented today, he takes that seriously. He thanked those that participated in the discussion today and encouraged the public to participate in future Court meetings to voice their input. He encouraged the public to come out to the Spoonbread Festival this weekend. Like the other districts, the 1st District will be getting blacktop within the next 2 to 3 weeks. He expressed his appreciation to all the Department Heads.

Judge Taylor stated that the participation of citizens is very important, particularly during the formation of the Comprehensive Plan, that maps out the direction the County is going in. He encouraged the elected officials to reach out to the citizens during the revision of the Comprehensive Plan for the public's input and participation at that time.

Sheriff Coyle informed the Court of House Bill 63 that mandates each school have a Resource Officer, which everyone had to comply with starting on August 1st. The Sheriff's Department has hired 4 officers for that position at Kirksville, Waco, Boonesborough, and Kingston Elementary Schools. He is excited to partner with the school system, who is funding that program, to make our schools and students safer. These Officers will be sworn in on Friday at 8:30AM. Richmond Police Department is covering Madison Central and a couple of the middle schools in Richmond, and the Berea Police Department will be covering Madison Southern, Shannon Johnson, Foley, and Berea Community.

Clerk Barger stated that the Clerk's Office is in need of Precinct Election Officers. Those interested can call the Clerk's Office, go online to govote.ky.gov, or go to the Secretary of State's website to sign up.

Comments from Department Heads:

Dustin Heiser stated that tonight is their Field Decontamination exercise for the CSEPP program where they have their outside evaluators come in from across the country. Tomorrow they will have their Emergency Operations Center, Joint Information Center, hospitals, and other facilities across the county participating in the exercise as well as 9 other counties in the state, and he invited the Court to come to the EOC to observe this exercise.

Bert Thomas addressed the Court and spoke of the Planning Commission's processes. He stated that the roles of Fiscal Court and the Planning Commission is pretty defined. In order to stream-line the process over the years, they have gone from just presenting the motion or resolution to the Court to be voted on, to them writing the Ordinance that the Court approves. He asked the Court if they want the Planning Commission to change that process to where when the motion comes to Court for the first look that it be in the form of a recommendation, which then, if approved, they go back and write the Ordinance. The problem with that is the timeline for the process is being increased. He explained that the KRS defines what it takes to approve a zone change; is in keeping with the Comprehensive Plan and has the applicant shown that, or is the current zoning inappropriate and the proposed zoning appropriate and has the applicant shown that, has there been significant changes of a

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social, economic, or physical nature of the property that has now made the current classification wrong and the proposed classification right and has the applicant shown that. If they have, it should be approved per KRS, if they haven't, the Court will need to articulate that as part of the denial.

Magistrate Botkin stated that they will probably need to discuss it, but even with that change, the Court would still not know exactly what the development will look like, which there is no way to know that at the time it is voted on.

Judge Taylor stated that changing the process would just postpone the motion, but they would talk about it.

Jill Williams recognized Dustin Heiser, who was recognized last week at the Kentucky EMA Conference for receiving advanced certifications and received an award through Kentucky EMA for his achievements.

Comments from the Audience:

Kevin Slemp with the Berea Baptist Church spoke about the Art for the Heart Art Show that the church will be having on October 7th, 8th, and 9th from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. There will be about 120-130 works of art from congregation members using different types of mediums that celebrates the goodness of God.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion made by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to approve to pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for September 27, 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 11:50 AM.


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