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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 regular session on the 27th of September 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. 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 Floyd Price to lead the Court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Michael Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 9-13-2022:

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

Update from State Representative Bill Wesley – District 91:

State Representative Bill Wesley addressed the court to give an update on the 91st District. With the re-districting that was done at the first of the year, the 91st District is not just the Waco Precinct but now includes the Northern/Central part of Madison County. He explained that he will be working with Sheriff Coyle and their K-9 unit as part of the VMAP Committee at the State Capital tomorrow. He also informed the Court that on October 5th-6th they will be stocking bass in the Kentucky River with the help of several local FFA programs. He honored Judge Taylor and his wife Kelly in recognition of their 21 years of marriage.

Magistrate Robinson asked Wesley what happened with House Bill 220, which was a bill that would help reimburse counties for inmates that were held and incarcerated for time served. Wesley stated that he will look into Bill 220 and will get back with the Court.

Magistrate Botkin asked Wesley to get in touch with Representative Frazier over the option to give combat disabled veterans 100% exemption on their property tax. Wesley stated that has already been done.

Proclamation-Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

Judge Taylor proclaimed October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Richmond, Berea, and all of Madison County, and urged all citizens to reach out to victims and help end domestic violence.

Jennifer Lainhart, with Hope's Wings, was in attendance to accept the Proclamation. She thanked the Court for having her and their support in raising awareness to domestic violence. She stated that last year, there were 52 Kentuckians who lost their lives due to domestic violence, and as of today, there is 68 with the youngest victim being 10 years old.

There will be a Proclamation signing at Berea City Hall on October 3rd at 11 AM, with lunch being donated by NightJar in Berea, and she encouraged everyone to come and participate. They will also have their annual "These Hands Don't Hurt" rally on October 11th at the Courthouse and invites their community partners to come and set up informational tables.

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Magistrate Tudor expressed to Jennifer what a great job she does at Hope's Wings, and that the work she does is much needed to the community.

Proclamation-Paint the Town Pink Month:

Judge Taylor proclaimed the month of October as Paint the Town Pink Month in recognition of breast cancer awareness in Madison County and the City of Richmond, Kentucky, and urge all citizens to join in the fight to promote breast health awareness and to find a cure for breast cancer.

Sara Stringfield, Mary Lindsay Merrell, Caroline Kinsman, Vickie Frisby and Kari Martin with Baptist Health Richmond; and Casey McKean with Surge Screen Printing & Embroidery were in attendance to accept the Proclamation. Sara Stringfield thanked the Court and the community for their support. This Friday, they will be kicking off the campaign at Baptist Health Richmond at noon and invite everyone in the community to join them. A big part of the campaign is their Paint the Town Pink shirts that are printed by Surge; they go on sale this Friday at the Boutique at Merle Norman and Soft Shoe, and she encourages everyone to go out and purchase the shirts; 100% of the proceeds for the sale of the shirts and through Paint the Town Pink stays in Madison County.

Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond stated that she serves on both the Hope's Wings Domestic Violence board and on the Baptist Health Richmond board. She expressed her appreciation to both organizations and stated that the community is truly blessed with everyone who works with Hope's Wings and at the Hospital; they are so dedicated in trying to grow the community and bring needed services and care to the area.

IN RE: Resolution 2022-116—Valley View Ferry Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-116—Valley View Ferry Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the Madison County Fiscal Court to appoint Mark Ellis to the Valley View Ferry Board.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-116—Valley View Ferry Board Appointment.

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 2022-117—Emergency Management Agency Fire Tanker Truck Bid Award:

Dustin Heiser, EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2022-117—Emergency Management Agency Fire Tanker Truck Bid Award for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to award a bid for the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to purchase a fire department tanker truck.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2022-117—Emergency Management Agency Fire Tanker Truck Bid Award.

Heiser explained the reason why CSEPP is able to contribute some funds to this purchase is because one of the main things they need at their field decon sites is water supply to keep everything running, and tanker trucks are very important for this.

Magistrate Tudor asked Heiser what the capacity of the tanker was. Chief Gray stated it was 2,500 gallons. Heiser stated that Chief Gray has been working with them during the entire process, so the design of the tanker truck matches what the County Fire Department needs, and well as being useful for the EMA. Magistrate Tudor expressed his appreciation to Heiser and Gray on working together on this project.

Chief Gray explained that this project has been 2 years in the making. This truck is made with a 2,500-gallon tanker so they are able to drive over any bridge in the County to be able to go wherever it is needed, and was set

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up on a tandem axle so that it will be a safer vehicle for those driving it who may not have much experience with larger tanker trucks.

Magistrate Botkin asked Judge Taylor if the County had the \$200,000 that they would be responsible for, earmarked for this use. Judge stated that yes, they have 2 years to pay for the truck, and they have already started to set money aside to pay for it.

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 2022-118—KACo Insurance Grant Program Application:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2022-118—KACo Insurance Grant Program Application for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the application and administration of the 2022 KACO Insurance Grant Program Funds.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-118—KACo Insurance Grant Program Application.

Magistrate Tudor stated that he is on the KACo All Lines board, which looks over the insurance claims in Frankfort and makes the decision on if the claims should be paid or if it should go to court for a hearing on it. Several members from different agencies have brought to the All Lines Board's attention that they are getting a lot of claims on lifting injuries, not only from the patient but also from the first responders assisting during emergency situations. Therefore, a piece of equipment has been designed that they strap around the patient that has handles on it so there is equal lifting ability, and everyone is safer. Part of the Grant money will be available for these devices, and Magistrate Tudor stated that he is encouraged by other Counties responses in these devices and is all for 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: Personnel—Finance:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, recommended the hiring of Hallie Cox as Finance Clerk at a rate of \$18.00 per hour effective September 28, 2022.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the hiring of Hallie Cox as Finance Clerk at a rate of \$18.00 per hour effective September 28, 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—Animal Shelter:

Katie Banks, Director, recommended the hiring of Monica Taylor as an Animal Control Officer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective October 6, 2022.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by John Tudor to approve the hiring of Monica Taylor as an Animal Control Officer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective October 6, 2022. Judge Taylor notified the Court that he was not related to Monica Taylor.

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—Road Department:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, recommended the hiring of William Gallagher as General Laborer at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective September 28, 2022.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by Roger Barger to approve the hiring of William Gallagher as General Laborer at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective September 28, 2022.

Magistrate Robinson asked Shepherd with the addition of the General Laborer position if it has helped the Road Department. Shepherd stated that yes, it really helps in the summertime since they don't need all CDL drivers to do the work. They have enough guys to drive and move the heavy equipment and the General Labor workers are able to fill in and do the physical labor. Magistrate Robinson asked if the Road Department is fully staffed yet, in which Shepherd responded that they were still 6 people short.

Judge Taylor asked Shepherd how many CDL drivers they were short, and Shepherd stated 6.

Magistrate Tudor asked Shepherd if Mr. Gallagher would be getting his CDL. Shepherd explained that the Federal Government has changed the laws on the CDL license, in which the applicant has to attend a 40-hour course before being qualified to get the driving permit. There is no one in Madison County who is teaching that course at this time, and the average cost to get someone licensed is around \$5,000. The County is deciding on ideas or guarantees on once an individual has completed the course and gotten their license, that they are committed to stay with the County. Shepherd and Morgan Elliston are working on getting a trainer in the county, either through the new Vocational School or being provided by another county.

Magistrate Tudor asked if the \$5,000 is a set cost for a CDL. Shepherd stated that it depends on the school the individual is sent to. The \$5,000 is for the school in Lexington, but he has heard of them being as much as \$8,000.

Magistrate Robinson informed the Court that across the US, there is a deficit in CDL drivers and the average age of a CDL holder is about 55 years old. In his industry, they had an in-house school, with 3 individuals, and an average cost of \$8,000-\$10,000. It is problematic because once the individuals get their CDL's they may be there for 6 weeks then leave to go work for a bigger corporation. Shepherd stated that they are not paying competitive prices for CDL drivers, and are requiring them to also do physical labor, overnight snow removal, etc., which is hurting their recruitment.

Magistrate Tudor suggested they continue with the part-time CDL drivers to help with snow removal this year. Shepherd stated that with the part-time and alternate help they already have signed up, they should be fine with the snow routes this year.

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—Information Technology:

Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, recommended the hiring of Clay White as GIS Manager at a salary of \$75,000 per year effective September 27, 2022.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring Clay White as GIS Manager at a salary of \$75,000 per year effective September 27, 2022.

Iseral stated that White has worked with them in the past and they are looking forward to working with him again.

Clerk Barger stated that he is excited about this position and they are fortunate to have White back.

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IN RE: Judge's Report:

- The Household Hazardous Waste event is Saturday, October 1st from 9 AM to 3 PM at Madison County Road Department South located at 208 Clarksville Lane.
- Richmond's 2nd annual Millstone Festival will be Saturday, October 1st on Main Street in downtown Richmond. Madison County EMA/CSEPP & the Animal Shelter and will have a booth set up at the festival. Stop by to say hello to our friendly staff. Contact Richmond Parks & Recreation for more information.
- Paint Lick's annual VillageFest will be Saturday, October 1st. Craft & vendor booths open at 10 AM, and the car show begins at 9 AM.
- Berea Baptist Church will host their first Art for the Heart show October 7th through October 9th from 6 to 8 PM each night at the church. They invite the community to come & learn about the Christian message showcased through art created by their congregation.
- The Boone Way US 25 Yard Sale will be Friday, October 7th and Saturday, October 8th through the middle of Madison County. Please be mindful of traffic along US 25 those two days.
- The Boonesboro Boogie Car Show will be Friday, October 7th through Sunday, October 9th from 9 AM to 5 PM at Fort Boonesborough State Park.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Tudor informed the public that on College Hill Rd, the State Road Department is building the shoulder up at two different locations and to use caution in that area. He also stated that the State is back mowing on the state roads for the last time this year. Magistrate Tudor attended the Waco Fall Festival last Friday night. There was a great turnout from the community, and they were able to raise money for the Waco Elementary School. He talked about the overgrown brush in the curve on Four Mile Rd, in which he called Shepherd about and a slope mower crew was sent out to take care of that; he thanked Charlie Hunter for his proficient work on getting that cleared off.

Magistrate Botkin stated that tonight and tomorrow night from 6:00 PM to 10 PM the state will be out repairing the concrete on the Fort Estill Bridge and asked the public to be aware of delays in that area. He stated that the State will be finishing up slope mowing on Poosey Ridge today, and Brandon McIntosh wanted to thank the Judge for his help in getting a slope mower down there for them to use. Magistrate Botkin informed the public that blacktop will be going down in the next couple of weeks, and wanted to remind everyone that campaigning has started, so be mindful of those out working and campaigning. He also stated that he was able to go to the last CSEPP exercise and he was really impressed with how it was run and expressed his appreciation to Dustin and Wendy in how they represented the county. He thanked Shepherd and the Road Department for helping fix issues they get calls about quickly; he appreciates their work. Botkin also thanked Glenna for explaining to him any issues or questions he has on the reports and taking the time to do that. He thanked McIntosh and Jailer Tussey for sending the inmate crew out to clean up the roadways in the Kingston area.

Magistrate Robinson talked about the slope mowing in the 1st District, which will be done as soon as possible, as well as some paving in the Red Lick area. He also discussed House Bill 220, which was a bill that would

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have potentially reimbursed the counties for the time that inmates have served and is hopeful that the representatives of Madison County will be able to get some traction behind it in the future. He also expressed his support of Paint the Town Pink and encouraged everyone to attend the kickoff on Saturday.

Magistrate Barger talked about the statistics of County jails in Kentucky; there are about 80 jails in Kentucky that house all the inmates, with there being more State inmates in county jails than there is in state prisons (Tussey stated that the State Correctional Department has 22,000 inmates, with 11,000 of those in County Jails). This is costing the counties money since the crime is being punished but the problem isn't getting fixed. Jailer Tussey state that the Jail has implemented some programs, such as the Road to Recovery Program, and Voices of Hope, that have helped decrease the rate of return for inmates, which has decreased for 85% to about 60%. Magistrate Barger also spoke of the Forniss R. Park Memorial Highway on Tates Creek that was named in honor of the previous 2nd District Magistrate Forniss Park.

Clerk Barger discussed the dates for the upcoming General Election. The request for absentee ballots opened on Saturday and closes on October 25th, the last day to register to vote is October 10th at 4:00 PM. Absentee ballot requests and updating voting registration can be done at www.govote.ky.gov. Walk-in excused absentee voting for those that will be out of town on Election Day or may have another reason to not be available to vote on Election Day, will be October 26th – 28th and October 31st – November 2nd from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM at the Courthouse in Richmond. Early Voting is November 3rd, 4th, and 5th from 8:00 AM – 4:00PM, and Election Day is November 8th from 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

Sheriff Coyle reminded the Court that the School Resource Officers are now in place and at work at Kirksville, Kingston, Waco, and Boonesborough. There is a Memorandum of Understanding in place between the schools and the Madison County Sheriff's Department in regard to these School Resource Officers, and Sheriff Coyle believes that this is a great partnership with these schools to keep the students and teachers safe.

Judge Taylor addressed the court and stated that he misspoke during the last meeting. During the discussion of the Zone Change, he believed that expansion of Highway 52 was in the 6-year road plan, but in talking with Kelly Baker after the meeting it did not get enough points because of how expensive that project is. The County will continue to advocate for the Highway 52 expansion.

Comments from Department Heads:

Scott Shepherd explained the items that could be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste event. He stated that if there is something you are concerned about putting in your regular trash, bring it, and if they can't take it as part of the event, they will find something to do with it.

Katie Banks explained that the Animal Shelter will have the adoption trailer at the Millstone Festival to only be utilized to help block the roads and provide information but will not have animals there for adoption because of the extended time they would have to be in the trailer.

Chris Iseral gave the Court an update on the Broadband Expansion plan. He stated that there is a lot going on with Broadband; there is currently 3,300 homes under construction through various methods. About 1,100 residences in the southern portion of Madison County currently don't have a provider listed to them at this point, which is what All Points will look at. Iseral stated that if someone still doesn't have internet connection, they can contact the Judge's Office to help give them some guidance. For those that live in southern Madison County that aren't served yet, he asked them to please be patient with them as they go through the process to get them served, and the Court will know the plan is in place to get them served.

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Comments from the Audience:

No Comments for the Audience.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

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

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for October 11, 2022, in Richmond at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Roger Barger to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE