

Meeting Date; 10/11/2022

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 11th of October 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 Matthew Day, 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 Sherry Green, pastor at Saint Paul AME 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 9-27-2022:

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by John Tudor to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on September 27, 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: Resolution 2022-119—CSEPP Grant MOA Contract Extensions:

Jennifer Hitch, CSEPP Deputy Director, presented Resolution 2022-119—CSEPP Grant MOA Contract Extensions for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving the extensions of the CSEPP Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Grant funds for Madison County Fiscal Court for FY17-18-FAIN#EMA-2017-CA-5720, FY19-FAIN#EMA-2019-CA-5820, FY20-FAIN#EMA-2020-CA-5820, and FY21-FAIN#EMA-2021-CA-5820.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2022-119—CSEPP Grant MOA Contract Extensions.

Magistrate Tudor asked Hitch to give a brief summary of what those grants are for. Hitch stated that each fiscal year Madison County receives a certain amount of funding allotted from the CSEPP program. Of that fiscal year, if all objectives have been met and there is still funding, they have the opportunity to turn that remaining funding into projects that benefit the community. Those projects are what is still remaining in each one of those years. They have been working on all of these projects, but they all take time to complete.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Hitch and CSEPP for their honest diligence with the CSEPP funding.

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 2022-120—FY2022 Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Grant Application:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2022-120—Department of Homeland Security Grant Application for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the application and administration of the Kentucky Department of Homeland Security FY2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-120—Department of Homeland Security Grant Application.

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Magistrate Botkin stated that if they should not be able to get this grant, the Kentucky National Guard has a unit whose sole purpose is to go and analyze networks.

Williams stated that this grant is going to further enhance the County's Cybersecurity practices.

Magistrate Robinson asked what the amount of the grant is. Williams stated that it depends on the quotes they get back from the companies that are actually providing those services, which haven't been established yet.

Magistrate Tudor asked if the County had applied for this grant before in the past. Williams stated that this is a new grant that hasn't been available before. Tudor stated they are lucky to have someone with the technology experience to see things like this and be able to ward off issues that could potentially come up.

Magistrate Robinson stated that Chris Iseral and his team do a fantastic job when it comes to Cybersecurity, to make sure the County's computer systems are safe.

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:

Jennifer Hitch, CSEPP Deputy Director, recommended the hiring of Allan Friend as EOC Technician at a rate of \$18.41 per hour effective October 19, 2022, which is 100% CSEPP funded.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by John Tudor to approve the hiring of Allan Friend as EOC Technician at a rate of \$18.41 per hour effective October 19, 2022.

Magistrate Tudor asked Hitch if they are still needing employees. Hitch stated that if the three hires are approved today, they will be one position short, which they are currently interviewing for.

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:

Jennifer Hitch, CSEPP Deputy Director, recommended the promotion of Shane Brindley as Operations Lead at a rate of \$21.22 per hour effective October 12, 2022, which is 100% CSEPP funded.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the promotion of Shane Brindley as Operations Lead at a rate of \$21.22 per hour effective October 12, 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:

Jennifer Hitch, CSEPP Deputy Director, recommended the hiring of Heather Anderson as EOC Technician at a rate of \$18.41 per hour effective October 19, 2022, which is 100% CSEPP funded.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the hiring of Heather Anderson as EOC Technician at a rate of \$18.41 per hour effective October 19, 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:

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Katie Banks, Director, recommended the hiring of Leah Johnston as an Administrative Assistant II at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective October 12, 2022.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring of Leah Johnston as an Administrative Assistant II at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective October 12, 2022.

Judge Taylor asked if this would get the Animal Shelter fully staffed. Banks stated that they have one vacant position, but have interviews scheduled for Thursday.

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:

- Hope's Wings' "These Hands Don't Hurt" Rally will be tonight on the courthouse lawn beginning at 6 PM.
- White Hall Park Lake will be stocked with 1,500 rainbow trout on Wednesday, October 19th.
- Eastern Kentucky University's Homecoming parade will be Friday, October 21st beginning at 6 PM. Please be mindful of road closures and pedestrians in the downtown area.
- Richmond's Halloween Hoe-Down will be Thursday, October 27th along Main Street at 6 PM. For more information, contact Richmond Parks and Recreation.
- Berea's Halloween in the Park will be Monday, October 31st at the Berea City Park at 6 PM. For more details, contact Berea Parks and Recreation.
- Trick or Treat Night for Madison County, Berea, and Richmond will be Monday, October 31st from 6 until 8 PM. Please be mindful of the kids that will be out trick or treating.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Robinson thanked Shepherd and the road crew for getting some mowing done on Pilot Knob Rd. and looking at extending the ditch line. He also thanked Brandon McIntosh with the State road crew for the work they have done so far in Red Lick and asked those in the Red Lick area to be patient with the boom mower that will be out in that area on Wednesday. He was able to attend the event for Room in the Inn, which helps combat the homeless problem that is in the Southern part of the county and thanked them for the work they do.

Magistrate Barger thanked the different departments within the County, and the great job that they do for the county.

Magistrate Tudor talked about the Room in the Inn as well and thanked them for their work. He stated that if there is any way the public can help with this organization to please do so. He stated that the Department of Fish and Wildlife released fish at the College Hill boat ramp; there was a good turnout for that. Tudor stated that there are some roads in the 3rd District that are being prepared for new blacktop and asked the public to be mindful of those areas. He explained that he has had some calls with concerns about the road improvements going out toward the new AppHarvest area, which he has contacted Secretary Jim Gray about and will be looking into those concerns.

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Magistrate Botkin thanked the State for the mowing they have done in the Poosey area. He stated that they have blacktop coming starting today in the 4th District, and thanked Shepherd for everything he and his crew do. He also thanked Sheriff Coyle for sending out a decoy cruiser to areas that have had speeding concerns. He thanked Jailer Tussey for the information on the Jail and Home Incarceration he sent out. Botkin stated that he was able to attend the Domestic Violence event at Berea City Hall and asked for the public to support and help individuals in domestic violence situations.

Clerk Barger discussed the dates for the upcoming General Election. The request for absentee ballots closes on October 25th and the last day to register to vote is October 11th at 4:00 PM. Absentee ballot requests and updating voting registration can be done at www.govote.ky.gov. Walk-in excused absentee voting 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 – 4:00 PM, and Election Day is November 8th from 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM. He stated that there has been a big turnout for requests for absentee ballots, with about 80-100 requests a day.

Judge Taylor thanked everyone that attended the State of the County address last week. It was a great turnout and he enjoyed talking about the County accomplishments and the direction the County is going. He also congratulated Madison Central's Boys and Girls Golf Teams and their coaches for winning the KHSAA State Championship.

Sheriff Coyle commended Jailer Tussey for the efforts he has made on keeping the roads cleared.

Comments from Department Heads:

No comments from the Department Heads.

Comments from the Audience:

No comments from the audience.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

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

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for October 25, 2022, in Richmond at 9:30 AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Roger Barger to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE