

Meeting Date; 10/25/2022

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 25th 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 Brooke Bowman, 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 Jason Eades, pastor at Viney Fork 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 10-11-2022:

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

IN RE: Proclamation-Madison Central Boys' Golf Team State Champions Day:

Judge Taylor proclaimed October 25, 2022, as Madison Central Boys' Golf State Champions Day and encouraged all Madison Countians to join in congratulating these young men on a job well done.

Coach Kyle Congleton and his team were in attendance to accept this proclamation. Coach Congleton thanked the Court, Judge Taylor, and the Community for their support over the past years.

IN RE: Proclamation—Madison Central Girls' Golf Team State Champions Day:

Judge Taylor proclaimed October 25, 2022, as Madison Central Girls' Golf State Champions Day and encouraged all Madison Countians to join in congratulating these young ladies on a job well done.

Coach Tennyse Ohr, Assistant Coach Holly Knecht, and their team were in attendance to accept the proclamation. Coach Ohr thanked Judge Taylor for the great honor, as well as the Community that has greatly supported the team. She also presented Judge Taylor with a State Champion sweatshirt for being a part of the Girls' Golf Team for a number of years.

IN RE: Proclamation—Sheila Virgin Day:

Judge Taylor proclaimed October 25, 2022 as Sheila Virgin Day in recognition of her dedication and years of service to our community and the Health Now Clinic, which she founded more than 17 years ago to help those who have experienced homelessness, mental health issues, and are either uninsured or underinsured patients. In attendance to accept the proclamation was Sheila Virgin, who thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the Community for the past 17 years. This was her dream job and she is grateful for the blessings she has received through it. She expressed her appreciation and gratitude toward her family, friends, and co-workers David Stewart, Jim McKay, Steve Virgin, Sherry Robinson, Glen Robinson, Pam Schlomann, Yolande Chango (Jones), and Nancy Crewe.

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IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2022-10—Land-Use Change 2455 Lexington Road from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-4 General Commercial:

Bert Thomas, Director, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2022-10—Land-Use Change 2455 Lexington Road from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-4 General Commercial for the Court's approval. The ordinance is approving the zone change of a 24.42-acre tract of land, located at 2455 Lexington Road, Richmond, Madison County, Kentucky, from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-4 General Commercial.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2022-10—Land-Use Change 2455 Lexington Road from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-4 General Commercial.

Magistrate Tudor stated he hasn't heard of any opposition in regard to this zone change, which means that it will be a good change.

Thomas stated that Magistrate Botkin had asked if he would start putting a map of the property and an overview of what's around it in their packets for them to look at and put it up on the screen during Fiscal Court meetings.

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 2022-121—Clarks Place Subdivision Road Adoption:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2022-121—Clarks Place Subdivision Road Adoption for the Court's approval. The resolution is for Madison County Fiscal Court to adopt roadways in Clarks Place Subdivision (Callies Way, Andreas Way, and Nickis Circle) for County Maintenance.

Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2022-121—Clarks Place Subdivision Road Adoption.

Magistrate Tudor asked if they had finished all the blacktop on those roads, and Judge Taylor stated that they had.

Magistrate Robinson stated that he had been out in the area during the completion of the blacktopping and explained to the residents that there would be some procedural processes that would have to be done first, but the County would then be able to maintain the roads in the future. He thanked Shepherd and Judge Taylor for their work and support on getting these roads adopted into the County, and for getting the funding from the KACo to get the roads paved.

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—Fire Department:

Tim Gray, Chief, recommended the promotion of Jackson Roederer to a Firefighter IV at a rate of \$10.74 per hour effective October 26, 2022.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve the promotion of Jackson Roederer to a Firefighter IV at a rate of \$10.74 per hour effective October 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: Personnel—Fire Department:

Tim Gray, Chief, recommended the promotion of Joseph Meade to a Firefighter IV at a rate of \$10.74 per hour effective October 26, 2022.

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Motion by Ben Robinson III seconded by John Tudor to approve the promotion of Joseph Meade to a Firefighter IV at a rate of \$10.74 per hour effective October 26, 2022.

Magistrate Robinson asked Chief Gray how they were from a staffing perspective, and Chief Gray stated that they will probably be looking to hire 3 more around the first of the year. He also asked if there was anything the public needed to know as far as burning during this season. Chief Gray stated they are advising everyone to not burn if they don't have to until there is sufficient rainfall.

Magistrate Tudor asked what the difference was between a Firefighter III and a move to a Firefighter IV. Chief Gray explained that everyone starts out as a Firefighter I and once they complete their 400-hour Certification to become State Certified they become a Firefighter II. Then for a Firefighter III they have become National Certified with their IFSAC's to be able work any Fire Department recognized in the United States. To go to a Firefighter IV means they have gotten their instructor certification to be able to teach other recruits.

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 Brian Keith as General Laborer at a rate of \$14 per hour effective October 26, 2022.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring of Brian Keith as General Laborer at a rate of \$14 per hour effective October 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: Personnel—Road Department:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, recommended the hiring of Eric Burton as CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer at a rate of \$16 per hour effective October 26, 2022.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the hiring of Eric Burton as CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer at a rate of \$16 per hour effective October 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: Personnel—Road Department:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, recommended the hiring of Doug Martin as Seasonal Snow Removal CDL Truck Driver at a rate of \$20 per hour effective November 2, 2022.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring of Doug Martin as Seasonal Snow Removal CDL Truck Driver at a rate of \$20 per hour effective November 2, 2022.

Magistrate Botkin asked how they were looking in regard to seasonal drivers. Shepherd stated that he believes they are right at the amount they will need; there are a couple from last year that are wanting to come back, but they have to go through the process of putting an application in and getting them approved.

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, Director, recommended the hiring of Erin Murdoch as an EOC Technician at a rate of \$18.41 per hour effective November 9, 2022.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve the hiring of Erin Murdoch as an EOC Technician at a rate of \$18.41 per hour effective November 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	

IN RE: Personnel—EMA/CSEPP:

Dustin Heiser, Director, recommended the hiring of Esther Harris as an EOC Technician at a rate of \$18.41 per hour effective November 9, 2022.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve the hiring of Esther Harris as an EOC Technician at a rate of \$18.41 per hour effective November 9, 2022.

Magistrate Botkin asked Heiser if they were full now with EOC Techs, and Heiser said they are, they just have one position short on their first shift. Botkin also stated that it seems that they have hired a lot of EOC Tech positions lately and asked if there is a high turnover for this position. Heiser stated that they have had a couple leave, but that this is an entry level position and there have been several promotions.

Magistrate Robinson asked if there were any upcoming training exercises. Heiser stated that next September is their annual exercise, in March they will be going to schools for the CSEPP event, and most Friday's they do in-house exercises to keep their skills sharpened.

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:

- **Reminder for Upcoming Halloween Events**
 - 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 in the Berea City Park at 6 PM. For more information, contact Berea Parks and Recreation.
 - City/Countywide Trick or Treat Night will be Monday, October 31st from 6 PM to 8 PM.
- Richmond Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Banquet will be Thursday, November 3rd at the Keen Johnson Building on ECU's campus. Please visit the Richmond Chamber of Commerce's website for tickets and more information.
- Don't forget to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday evening, November 5th.
- Baptist Health Richmond is hosting a Behavioral Health Summit at ECU's Perkins Building on Thursday, November 10th from 8 AM to 4:15 PM. Community members are welcome. Registration is free but required. Please call 859-625-3675 for more information.

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- The Madison County Courthouse and its related offices will be closed Friday, November 11th for the Veterans Day holiday, Offices will reopen on Monday, November 14th

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin stated that there continues to be blacktop going down in the 4th District. He reminded the public that there are still candidates out campaigning, and to be cautious on the roads. He also encouraged the public to Early Vote on November 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

Magistrate Tudor stated that there have been four roads blacktopped in the 3rd District this past week. He advised the public to use extra caution when burning due to the dry conditions this time of year. He also informed the public that on Saturday Oct 29th at the St. Paul AME Church, they are having a ham breakfast for \$10. The proceeds go to the Church to help feed the hungry in that area.

Magistrate Barger thanked Shepherd and the Road Department for the blacktop in the 2nd District, and thanked the County employees for the services they provide the public. He also encouraged the public to get out and vote.

Magistrate Robinson recognized the Golf Teams at Madison Central, and their parents, for their awesome accomplishments. He thanked Shepherd, the Allen Co., and Judge Taylor for the paving in Clarks Place. He also advised the public to use caution during Trick-or-Treating on Monday between 6 and 8. He encouraged the public to go vote as well; Early Voting locations will be at the Russel Acton Folk Center in Berea, the Extension Office on Duncannon Ln, and the Public Library in Richmond.

Clerk Barger discussed the locations for the upcoming General Election. On Election Day the locations will be the Russel Acton Folk Center, the Extension Office, the Public Library as well as the Berea Church of God on Rash Rd, Big Hill Christian Church on Goggins Ln, the Mule Barn at Arlington, Eastside Community Church on Catalpa Loop, and White Hall Baptist Church on Colonel Rd. Tonight at midnight is the last day to request an absentee mail-in ballot, and tomorrow starts excused walk-in voting at the courthouse and runs until Nov. 2nd. He also encouraged the public to please educate yourselves on the amendments that are on the ballot before going to the poles; they are both very confusing when you read it on the ballot, and no one working the elections are allowed to help the public with anything on the ballot, nor are there allowed to be any discussions in the election room on anything on the ballot. Sample ballots can be found on the Madison County Clerk's website. He also encouraged the public to vote early if able to help not have lines on Election Day. Judge Taylor asked if there are any projections on turnout. Clerk Barger stated that there are over 2,000 absentees, which is a big jump from the Primary Election, but the Secretary has estimated an over 40% turnout.

Judge Taylor encouraged anyone that needs him or has any questions regarding the running of the County to call him on his cell, in the office, or email him.

Jailer Tussey announced that the Jail has a baptism tonight, with 72 inmates being baptized.

Comments from Department Heads:

Chief Gray stated that individuals in Arcadian Cove have been having some insurance issues and asked those that live in that area if they are still having trouble, to reach out to Chief Kirby or himself.

Comments from the Audience:

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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 November 8, 2022, in Berea at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from John Tudor to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE