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## **HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING**

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 8th of November 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. Assistant Madison County Attorney Matthew Day, 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 Greg Lakes from Pilot Knob 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 10-25-2022:**

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on October 25, 2022.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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| Tom Botkin-Yes      | Roger Barger-Yes      |
| John Tudor- Yes     | Ben Robinson III- Yes |
| Reagan Taylor – Yes |                       |

### **Proclamation-Hokuto City Sister Region:**

Judge Taylor proclaimed the week of November 7-11, 2022, as Sister Region Celebration Week in Richmond, Berea, and Madison County, and urged all citizens to welcome the members of Hokuto City delegation, while strengthening and celebrating the friendship between our sister regions.

Hokuto City Mayor Kamimura, with Brian Ragsdale as translator, was in attendance to accept the Proclamation and the keys to the community, along with Mayor Bruce Fraley, Mayor Robert Blythe, Kent Gilbert from Union Church, and Donna Angel, City of Berea Business Development and Tourism.

Mayor Kamimura, with Brian Ragsdale translating, thanked everyone for allowing the group to be there to celebrate the reaffirmation of an exchange program that has been going on for 35 years, and thanked everyone for the warm welcome they have received throughout this visit. He is looking forward to the future and the further deepening of the relationship of the exchange with Madison County, the City of Berea, and the City of Richmond.

Mayor Kamimura also presented the Judge, Mayor Blythe, and Mayor Fraley with a gift.

### **Proclamation-Lung Cancer Awareness Month:**

Judge Taylor proclaimed November 2022 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month and encouraged all citizens to learn more about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

Sara Stringfield, Erica Gregonis, Mary Lindsay Merrill, and Vickie Frisby from Baptist Health Richmond were in attendance to accept the Proclamation. Dr. Erica Gregonis stated that she was honored to be present and that it is very important to recognize lung cancer this month because this affects so many of our citizens. She thanked the Court for bringing awareness to this disease and encouraged everyone to seek lung cancer screening if they qualify.

Vickie Frisby thanked the Fiscal Court for this Proclamation. She stated that the new screening is now able to catch the disease early and encouraged everyone to get screened.

### **Proclamation-Operation Green Light for Veterans:**

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Judge Taylor proclaimed the week of November 7-11, 2022 as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform and that in observance of Operation Green Light, Madison County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Mike Boyd, Madison County Veterans Committee Chairman, was in attendance to accept this Proclamation. He stated that he was honored to accept this Proclamation on behalf of the Madison County Veterans.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 2022-10—Land Use Change 2455 Lexington Road from UC-7 Agricultural to UC-4 General Commercial:**

Bert Thomas, Planning & Development Director, presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2022-10—Land Use Change 2455 Lexington Road from UC-7 Agricultural to UC-4 General Commercial for the Court's approval. This Ordinance is to approve the zone change of a 24.42-acre tract of land, located at 2455 Lexington Road, Richmond, and authorizing the amendment of the official zoning map of Madison County, Kentucky.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2022-10—Land Use Change 2455 Lexington Road from UC-7 Agricultural to UC-4 General Commercial.

Magistrate Tudor stated that this property is adjacent to I-75, with no residential housing adjacent to it, and has no problem with approving this zone change.

Judge Taylor stated that after advertising for this zone change, there has not been any in-writing comments or questions. There were no public comments.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Tom Botkin-Yes      | Roger Barger- Yes     |
| John Tudor- Yes     | Ben Robinson III- Yes |
| Reagan Taylor – Yes |                       |

## **IN RE: Resolution 2022-122—Blue Grass Army Depot Meteorological System MOU:**

Dustin Heiser, EMA Director, presented Resolution 2022-122—Blue Grass Army Depot Meteorological System MOU for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA), Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD), and Madison County for the Blue Grass Meteorological System.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-122—Blue Grass Army Depot Meteorological System MOU.

Magistrate Botkin asked about the maintenance. Heiser stated that maintenance is handled by the Army, who does all the maintenance with no cost to the County.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| Tom Botkin-Yes      | Roger Barger- Yes    |
| John Tudor- Yes     | Ben Robinson III-Yes |
| Reagan Taylor – Yes |                      |

## **IN RE: Resolution 2022-123—The Crossings Subdivision Road Adoption:**

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2022-123—The Crossings Subdivision Road Adoption for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to adopt Crossing View Dr, Doral Ct, Andover Dr, Aristocrat Way, Natalies Way, Tiburon Ct for County maintenance.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Roger Barger to approve Resolution 2022-123—The Crossings Subdivision Road Adoption.

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Magistrate Botkin stated that there was some confusion with Natalies Way being renamed, but has since been turned back to Natalies Way, which will make the residents on that road happy. Shepherd stated that the road name was actually fixed the same day.

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 2022-124—Madison County Cooperative Extension Board**

### **Appointment:**

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2022-124—Madison County Cooperative Extension Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to re-appoint Meredith Reed to the Madison County Cooperative Extension Board until appointment expiration on December 31, 2025.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve Resolution 2022-124—Madison County Cooperative Extension Board Appointment reappointing Meredith Reed to the Madison County Cooperative Extension Board, expiring on December 31, 2025.

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 2022-125— Madison County Cooperative Extension Board**

### **Appointment:**

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2022-125— Madison County Cooperative Extension Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to re-appoint Ervin Yoder to the Madison County Cooperative Extension Board until appointment expiration on December 31, 2025.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2022-125— Madison County Cooperative Extension Board Appointment reappointing Ervin Yoder to the Madison County Cooperative Extension Board, expiring on December 31, 2025.

Judge Taylor stated that Ervin serves as the Chair of the Board, and does a great job.

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 2022-126— Fiscal Court 2023 Meeting Schedule:**

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2022-126— Fiscal Court 2023 Meeting Schedule for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve the 2023 Madison County Fiscal Court meeting schedule to use the City of Berea and City of Richmond chambers due to the Courthouse undergoing renovations and not being able to use the courthouse during that time.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to approve Resolution 2022-126— Fiscal Court 2023 Meeting Schedule.

Judge Taylor thanked the Mayors of Richmond and Berea for allowing the Fiscal Court to use their chamber facilities to conduct their meetings.

Magistrate Robinson asked Judge Taylor about having one meeting once a quarter later in the afternoon or evening so more people could attend.

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Magistrate Botkin stated that those that can't attend the meetings in person have the option to watch them live or can go back and watch them at a later time. The only problem he can see with a night meeting, would be having to pay the staff overtime for meetings after work hours.

Magistrate Robinson asked if there was any option to have some flexibility in the staff's scheduling on those court days to not have any overtime issues. Another option would be that during the livestreaming to have people ask live comments/questions that the Court entertains at the end of the meeting; make it an interactive meeting as opposed to just watching a meeting.

Judge Taylor liked that idea of making it more interactive in the future and would like to start today by addressing the comments at the end of the meeting. He also talked about the Citizens Academy that will happen next year, which will allow them to be more one on one with the citizens and help educate them.

Magistrate Tudor also stated that he would be in favor of doing live interaction, but that they would have to be limited on how much time they spend addressing each comment/question.

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 2022-127— EMA/CSEPP USB-A Wall Charger Blocks Bid Award:**

Dustin Heiser, EMA Director, presented Resolution 2022-127— EMA/CSEPP USB-A Wall Charger Blocks Bid Award for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to award a bid for USB-A Wall Charger Blocks to Show Me Cables.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-127— EMA/CSEPP USB-A Wall Charger Blocks Bid Award.

Magistrate Tudor asked Heiser to explain what a Wall Charger Block is. Heiser stated that it is the charger blocks that plug into the walls for the new in-home radios that will be mailed out.

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 Clayton Cornett to a Firefighter II at a rate of \$9.85 per hour effective November 9, 2022.

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve promotion of Clayton Cornett to a Firefighter II at a rate of \$9.85 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—Road Department:**

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, recommended the hiring of Kenneth Brinegar as a Seasonal Snow Removal CDL Truck Driver, who worked for the County last year, at a rate of \$20.00 per hour effective November 9, 2022.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to approve the hiring of Kenneth Brinegar as a Seasonal Snow Removal CDL Truck Driver at a rate of \$20.00 per hour effective November 9, 2022.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes      Roger Barger- Yes

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John Tudor- Yes                      Ben Robinson III- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

## **IN RE: Judge's Report:**

- Congratulations to the Madison Central Marching Band for winning first place in the 5A category of the recent Kentucky Music Educators Association's band competition. This is a huge honor. We plan to present them with a proclamation at our next Fiscal Court meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. They've been a little under the weather since their big win.
- Congratulations to Madison Central's Cross Country State Champion Ciara O'Shea on her 5<sup>th</sup> straight KHSAA title. We plan to present her with a proclamation at our next Fiscal Court meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup> recognizing her outstanding achievements.
- There will be a special Veterans Day Celebration on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Richmond. Please bring a chair.
- The Kirksville Community Center's Christmas Gathering Craft Show is Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 2 PM, at the center in Kirksville. Visit the Kirksville Community Center's Facebook page for more information.
- The Richmond Area Arts Council's Holiday Arts Market is Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM.
- The restrooms at our county parks will be closing for the season the week of November 14<sup>th</sup> and will re-open in late March 2023. For more information regarding our parks, please contact the Battlefield Golf Course.
- The Farm City Banquet is Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the Madison County Extension Office. Call 859-623-4072 for more information.
- Mayor Fraley's State of the City is Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Russel Acton Folk Center.
- The Richmond Rotary Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 9 PM at ECU's Perkins Building. Contact the Richmond Rotary Club for more information.
- Santa Claus is coming to the Richmond Battlefield's Pleasant View House Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM to 4 PM.
- Our local Salvation Army needs volunteer bell ringers this holiday season. If you would like to volunteer, contact Kevin Justice at the Richmond Salvation Army on East Main Street.
- Christmas Parades – Registration is now open:
  - Richmond's Christmas parade is Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM. Contact Richmond Parks and Recreation for more information.
  - Berea's Christmas parade is Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM. Contact Berea's Chamber of Commerce for more information.

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- The Circuit Courts will be moving to their new temporary home in the old Chase Bank Building next week.
- The Madison County Courthouse and its related offices will be closed Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for the Veterans Day holiday. Offices will reopen on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Comments from Magistrates:**

**Magistrate Barger** stated that he appreciates all the County workers and what they do.

**Magistrate Robinson** thought it was great having the Mayor of Hokuto City in attendance today, and the partnership they have together. He thanked the Berea Earth Warriors for picking up trash at Owsley Fork, and encouraged the public to go out to Owsley Fork and enjoy the area. Robinson also thanked Shepherd, the Road Department, and the Allen Company for all the paving that has been done in the 1st District. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote today. He thanked Clerk Barger and his staff for doing a remarkable job, and for getting on social media to inform the public on the status of the locations.

**Magistrate Tudor** thanked Madison County, the City of Berea, and City of Richmond for hosting the Hokuto City Celebration. The citizens of Japan are the most gracious hosts, and it's good to have those types of relationships throughout the world. He also stated that it's good to be able to celebrate Veterans Day this week. Tudor stated that he and Judge Taylor had the privilege to meet with Zelia Anderson and her family Sunday at the Waco Baptist Church in recognition of her 100th birthday, which is November 9th.

**Magistrate Botkin** thanked the City of Berea for inviting the Court members to have dinner with the Japanese delegates last night. He also thanked Shepherd and the Road Department for the work they do for the County. He thanked all Veterans for their service and encouraged the public to remember them this week, as well as encouraging everyone to get out and vote. He also wished his wife of 42 years a Happy Anniversary.

**Judge Taylor** thanked Donna Abner and the custodial staff for lighting up the stairwell of the Annex building with green lights in honor of Operation Green Light.

**Sheriff Coyle** thanked all the Department Heads and the work that they do, and recognized Kenny Barger and his staff for the smooth running of the election process so far.

**Clerk Barger** stated that he is blessed with a great staff. They put out more machines than they had during the Primary, had an easier check-in process, and 8 locations today. He encouraged the public that haven't voted during Early Voting or Absentee to get out and vote today. He estimated that they would vote 1,500 an hour today, and stated they had 9,030 that voted during Early Voting. The library was slammed during Early Voting, and their staff stepped up in directing the voters on where to go, and making lines. He stated that they are very blessed with all the locations and their staff that allows the Clerk's Office to use their facilities to vote at. They will be adding another location in Richmond for Early Voting in the future, but they have to have people to work the polls in order to do so.

### **Comments from Department Heads:**

No Comments from the Audience.

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No Comments from the Audience or on Facebook.

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**IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:**

Motion made by Tom Botkin seconded by Ben Robinson III to approve to pay claims and transfers.

**ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:**

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for November 22, 2022, in Richmond at 9:30AM.

**IN RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion from John Tudor to adjourn, seconded by Roger Barger. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

  
REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE