

Meeting Date; 2/28/2023

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 28th of February 2023 at 9:30AM in the Richmond City Hall Chambers in Richmond, Ky. Present was the Honorable Reagan Taylor in the chair presiding and the following members of the Fiscal Court: James Brian Combs, Stephen Lochmueller, Billy Ray Hughes, and Tom Botkin were present. Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond, Madison County Sheriff Chief Deputy Tony Terry, Jailer Chief Deputy Tom Jones, 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 Virgil Gardner to lead the Court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Magistrate Tom Botkin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 2-14-2023:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on January 24, 2023.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

Treasurer's Report:

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

Judge Taylor asked where they should be at, percentage wise, on revenues. Glenna said it around 58% if they come in monthly and around 50% if they come in quarterly.

IN RE: Proclamation—Children's Champion Month:

Judge Taylor proclaimed March 2023, as Be A Children's Champion Month and encouraged all citizens to support the Children's Champions of Madison County.

Phillis Adams explained that Be A Children's Champion Month is a program to encourage adults to help all children be successful. Once a year the children compete to have a drawing chosen to be on a billboard. This year's billboard winner is Emerson Ratcliffe, who is a first grader at Glenn Marshall Elementary School.

Phillis expressed her gratitude to those who spread the word about taking care of our children and keeping them safe. Several of their activities start on March 2nd at the Library, with their biggest event being the Kids Mall Madness on Saturday March 11th, and they will have activities for kids all throughout the mall.

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2023-01—Road Department Budget Amendment:

Glenna Smith, Treasurer, presented 1st Reading Ordinance 2023-01— Road Department Budget Amendment for the Court's approval. This Ordinance is relating to the budget amendment of the Madison County Road Department budget.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve 1st Reading Ordinance 2023-01— Road Department Budget Amendment.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

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IN RE: Resolution 2023-18—Madison County Public Library Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2023-18— Madison County Public Library Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve Virgil Gardner to the Madison County Public Library Board until the appointment expiration on January 1, 2024.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-18— Madison County Public Library Board Appointment appointing Virgil Gardner to the Madison County Public Library Board until the appointment expiration on January 1, 2024.

Judge Taylor thanked Virgil for his willingness to serve.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2023-19—East Bill Eads Road Bridge Replacement Bid Award:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-19— East Bill Eads Road Bridge Replacement Bid Award for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the Madison County Fiscal Court to approve a bid award for East Bill Eads Road bridge replacement to Vanhooseco Precast in the amount of \$283,981.99.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-19— East Bill Eads Road Bridge Replacement Bid Award.

Magistrate Botkin asked for clarification on some of the wording used by Vanhooseco in their proposal.

Shepherd stated that the same language is used on all of their proposals, and Judge Taylor stated they would initial off on some of the word changes on the contract to make it more consistent.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- No Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2023-20—Madison County Detention Center Prisoner Housing Contract-Casey County:

Tom Jones, Chief Deputy, presented Resolution 2023-20— Madison County Detention Center Prisoner Housing Contract-Casey County for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving a contract between the Madison County Fiscal Court and Casey County Fiscal Court to house adult Madison County prisoners at the Casey County Regional Jail in Casey County, Kentucky as a rate of \$35.34 per day.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-20— Madison County Detention Center Prisoner Housing Contract-Casey County.

Magistrate Lochmueller asked how this agreement compares pricewise with what they do in Knott County. Tom stated that it is the State rate, so it is very consistent to other county rates.

Magistrate Botkin asked about how Madison County will take care of those prisoners who are housed in Casey County that have an emergency resulting in an expense over \$500, since part of the contract states that Madison County would have to pre-approve any expense over \$500. Tom stated that they would call the Jail first, then they would have to contact Judge Taylor, no matter what time or date that might take place.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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IN RE: Resolution 2023-21—Official Payroll Breakdown for Cost-shared Employees:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-21—Official Payroll Breakdown for Cost-shared Employees for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for Madison County Fiscal Court to approve an official payroll breakdown for Madison County cost-shared employees to comply with Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standard operating procedures.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve presented Resolution 2023-21— Official Payroll Breakdown for Cost-shared Employees.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Men's Rehabilitation Center Presentation-Grant Meyer, Fletcher Group:

Rob Minerich, City of Richmond Manager, presented a detailed discussion of the Men's Rehabilitation Center in Madison County. Grant Meyer from the Fletcher Group, Vicki Jozefowicz from the Fletcher Group, Greyson Evans from Bluegrass Area Development District, Nikki Stanaitis from New Vista and some members of the Berea City Council were also present. Minerich explained that Bluegrass Area Development District is facilitating the application process for the project, which is an EDA (Economic Development Administration) Application for \$3 Million, and they are also contributing \$150,000. The Interlocal Agreement that is to be presented is for Madison County and the City of Richmond to be equal partners for the remaining \$3 Million to complete the project through their Opioid Settlement Funds. He also stated that Berea now has an interest in participating in this project, and when they make their decision, another Interlocal Agreement can be presented between the three governments.

Grant Meyer presented a summary of the Men's Rehabilitation Project that will address the needs of Madison County without raising local taxes and help revitalize a part of the community that needs it. New Vista will be helping with the project and will be the operator of the center.

Nikki with New Vista stated that this project will allow them to address substance abuse issues across the entire continuum. The initial phase will focus on the first step in recovery which is a 28-day residential treatment program with a step-down phase that will allow each individual to lengthen the time they can stay with them to receive treatment, and provide social components that deal with substance abuse (employment, housing, etc.). They will be targeting individuals that are the most vulnerable, i.e., those coming out of jail, coming out of institutions, or coming out of hospitals. It would also include a small out-patient clinic that allows for continuity care.

Vicki, with the Fletcher Group, stated that recovery is possible for those battling drug addiction, and she is so excited to be a part of this project.

Greyson, with Bluegrass Area Development District, addressed the financial side and the grants involved in this initiative. The Interlocal Agreement being addressed today is one of the last steps in this process to make sure they are eligible for funding from the Economic Development Administration.

Magistrate Combs asked if there was a faith-based treatment with New Vista, and how is a successful rehabilitation defined. Nikki stated that success is the re-engagement in the community in a meaningful way. They use an evidence-based treatment program, not a faith-based program.

Magistrate Lochmueller commended Rob Minerich on his work and is excited for the 3 local governments to work together on this project.

Berea City Councilman, Jerry Little, asked about the cost of operating the center. Judge Taylor explained that the funds the local governments and the grant will be contributing are for the development and construction costs. New Vista will be operating the facility and will have a revenue stream that will operate it on a daily basis, which comes through the billing of insurances. He also asked about the property where this facility would

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be located. Rob stated that it currently has 3 buildings on it that just need renovations to make it usable for the rehabilitation center, has green space, as well as a bigger footprint for future expansion, if needed.

Magistrate Botkin thanked the Berea City Council members that were able to attend today, as well as Rob, the City of Richmond, and Judge Taylor. He also asked New Vista if, as part of their treatment, they would be using Vivitrol as part of the medical treatment. Nikki stated that yes, Vivitrol would be used on site.

Berea City Councilwoman, Teresa Scenters, hopes that they all, as the local governments, can move forward with this Interlocal Agreement; it is necessary for those battling drug addiction.

Magistrate Combs also asked if there was anyone currently in jail that would qualify for this diversion program. County Attorney Haymond stated that they currently look at these types of programs, like Liberty House, so yes depending on what the qualifications are, there are some 1st offense or even 2nd offense individuals that would qualify. Tom Jones also stated that at the Jail they try to get people seen by peer support specialists within the first 24 business hours of them being in jail.

Magistrate Combs stated that without faith and heart, there can't be change. This program is a resource that those in government can start that process for change.

Magistrate Lochmueller agreed with Magistrate Combs and also stated that they have to have an educational component for our youth to hopefully have new generations that don't want to have this drug epidemic.

Judge Taylor believes that this is the first step, and hopefully there will be a prevention component that can be presented to the Court in the future. Before Covid, there was a Too Good for Drugs program that was going into schools and teaching a prevention curriculum, and believes something along that line is what will be needed for the future.

Virgil Gardner, with Madison Homes, stated that the local churches, in conjunction with Madison Homes, are providing food, clothing, and housing 7 days a week from December to March 15th. A lot of the community isn't aware of the church's involvement and feels that it is important to get more citizens aware of that fact.

IN RE: Resolution 2023-22—Men's Rehabilitation Center Interlocal Agreement:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-22—Men's Rehabilitation Center Interlocal Agreement for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve a joint Men's Rehabilitation Center Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Madison County Fiscal Court and Richmond, KY City Commission.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-22—Men's Rehabilitation Center Interlocal Agreement.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, recommended the hiring of Carl McCray as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour effective March 1, 2023; the hiring of Daryl Northern as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$11.50 per hour effective March 1, 2023; David Hall as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour effective March 1, 2023; James Jones as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour effective March 1, 2023; Noah Eastham as a Seasonal Golf Shop at a rate of \$10.25 per hour effective March 1, 2023; Ronnie Lakes as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant at a rate of \$9.50 per hour effective March 1, 2023; and Jacob Fritz as a Pro Shop Attendant at a rate of \$11.00 per hour effective March 1, 2023.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the hiring of Carl McCray, Daryl Northern, David Hall, James Jones, Noah Eastham, Ronnie Lakes, and Jacob Fritz.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

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IN RE: Judge's Report:

- SPARK Ministries is having a Black Balloon Overdose Awareness event on the courthouse lawn from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Thursday, March 2nd.
- Kent Family Circus will be at the Folk Center in Berea from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Saturday, March 4th. They will have a magic show, daring stunts, and face painting. The event is FREE to everyone. Contact Berea Parks and Recreation for more information.
- Berea Chamber of Commerce is hosting their 2nd Annual Catch the Leprechaun 5K on Saturday, March 11th at 9:00 AM at Berea Community High School. Contact Berea Chamber of Commerce for more information.
- Daylight Savings Time will begin Sunday, March 12th. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.
- The Richmond Branch of the Madison County Public Library will be hosting a special unveiling service for the Richmond's Tuskegee Airman interpretative marker on Thursday, March 23rd at 3:30 PM. The event will be at the Tuskegee Airmen mural at the library on West Main Street. March 23rd just happens to be National Tuskegee Airmen Day.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Combs expressed his excitement of the potential partnership with all 3 governments and is hopeful for more like partnerships in the future. He thanked Scott and Melissa with the Road Department for working on some road projects this week in the 1st District. He also thanked Brandon McIntosh for sending crews out to pick up trash around the 1st District. Magistrate Combs wished his daughter a Happy 21st Birthday.

Magistrate Lochmueller thanked the staff for all their hard work behind the scenes and expressed his appreciation for all they do. The Valley View Ferry equipment construction is going along well and he will continue to relay updates to the public. He thanked the Cities of Berea and Richmond, and Judge Taylor for working together for the betterment of all Madison County citizens; there is so much more they can do as a team than what can be done individually.

Magistrate Hughes encouraged the public to go online to renew their motor vehicle registration; it was an easy process and a good service to the citizens. He informed the public that the Union City Ruritan is having their pancake breakfast this Saturday.

Magistrate Botkin asked Clerk Barger about the County Clerk Election Equipment Grant Resolution from the last meeting and if the vendor was chosen for that yet. Clerk Barger stated that the agreement has been signed and the Board of Election chose to use ES&S as the provider of the ePollbooks, which is the same company that provides their election equipment. By using ES&S, there will not be a go between as there has been in the past, which is very important in dividing up city and school board districts on the ballot. ES&S uses a Microsoft piece of equipment, and has a 5-year guarantee before that software changes.

Magistrate Botkin also thanked Brandon McIntosh for fixing the hole on the Fort Estill bridge, and he thanked Scott and the Road Department for their work at Homeplace. He thanked Glenna and Chris for their help and

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working with him. He expressed his appreciation to Tom and Steve with the Jail for picking up trash on the roadways.

Judge Taylor recognized a group of 4-H students and their parents that Fiscal Court was hosting to teach them a little about County Government. He encouraged all the public to be involved in the Be A Children's Champion events that are taking place during the month of March.

Judge Taylor also recognized Jill Williams for all her work and the blessing that she is to the Madison County staff and citizens.

Comments from Department Heads:

Glenna Smith asked the Magistrates if they could give the Department Heads a call by Monday with any questions they may have, so they can research the correct information for them and be able to provide answers to those questions.

Comments from the Audience and Facebook Comments:

4-H Group, via Facebook, encouraged the public, as they renew their Ag tags, to make the voluntary \$10 donation. This donation goes back to the Madison County 4-H, FFA, and the KY Proud Program.

Jerry Little agreed with Magistrate Lochmueller about education being very important, and is thankful for the 2 new trade/vocational schools that have been built in Richmond and Berea.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion made by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve to pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for March 14, 2023, in the Council Chambers' Courtroom in Berea, Ky at 9:30 AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Tom Botkin to adjourn, seconded by James Brian Combs. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM.


REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE