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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 11th of April 2023 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: James Brian Combs, Stephen Lochmueller, Billy Ray Hughes, and Tom Botkin were present. Madison County Assistant Attorney Brooke Bowman, Madison County Sheriff Mike 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 Tim Lawson from River of Life Foursquare Church to lead the Court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Mike Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 3-28-2023:

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on March 28, 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

IN RE: Distribution of 2023-2024 Draft Fiscal Court Budget:

Glenna Smith distributed a draft of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Court Budget to the Magistrates. She explained that Robyn has set up a date for all Department Heads to get together so they can meet with the Department Heads to discuss any questions they might have concerning the draft budget.

IN RE: Proclamation—Fair Housing Month:

Judge Taylor proclaimed the month of April 2023 as Fair Housing Month.

Jerri Dyer, FAHE Strategic Programs Team Manager was in attendance to accept the Proclamation, along with Jacob Humes, Associate Project Manager, and John Brooks, Associate Project Manager. Dyer expressed her pleasure in accepting this Proclamation and to see the support that Madison County offers with Fair Housing, as well as looking forward to the continuing partnerships to make housing affordable and acceptable to all residents in Madison County.

IN RE: Proclamation—National Arbor Day:

Judge Taylor proclaimed April 28, 2023, as National Arbor Day, and urged all citizens to participate by planting trees to beautify our Commonwealth and to focus attention on our great natural resource - our forest.

Mike Parke, Chairman of Madison County Conservation District Board, was in attendance to accept this Proclamation. Parke explained that promoting forestry is beneficial to our economy and environment. They will have a tree planting at Shannon Johnson Elementary School this year and encouraged everyone to attend to support forestry.

IN RE: Proclamation—National County Government Month:

Judge Taylor proclaimed the month of April as National County Government Month, and encouraged all county officials, employees, schools, and residents to participate in recognizing county government and our employees for serving our citizens and communities.

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IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2023-02—General Fund Budget Amendment:

Sarah Stewart, Treasurer in Training, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-02— General Fund Budget Amendment for the Court's approval. This Ordinance is relating to the budget amendment of the Madison County General Fund budget.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-02— General Fund Budget Amendment.

Judge Taylor explained that this is the Grant they received for the Madison County Clerk's ePollBooks coming from DLG for the purchase of 50 ePollBooks.

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 2023-35—Estill County/Madison County Fiscal Court Microwave Path MOU:

Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, presented Resolution 2023-35— Estill County/Madison County Fiscal Court Microwave Path MOU for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Madison County Fiscal Court, Kentucky and Estill County Fiscal Court, Kentucky for the Madison-Estill Counties Microwave Path.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-35— Estill County/Madison County Fiscal Court Microwave Path MOU.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Iseral for his work on getting the documents together.

Judge Taylor stated that this is a good opportunity for the future.

Chris Iseral thanked Estill County for putting this back together and stated that it is a long-term connection to them for other opportunities.

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: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Update- Casey Smith, Section Supervisor

Casey Smith, Section Supervisor, presented an update on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 7 Rural Secondary Program, along with Clyde Newcomer and Preston McDowell, Richmond's Section Office Road Engineers for Madison and Garrard Counties, and Shane Tucker, KYTC District 7 Planning Section.

Smith explained that the Rural Secondary Program is an allocation of 22.2% of the motor fuel tax that is dedicated toward the use for county road aid or the rural secondary routes. Madison County has about 122.2 miles of rural secondary routes, and there are \$339,704 in RS Funds to be used on county roadways in FY2024.

The State is asking the Fiscal Court to make a motion to approve their recommended "Orange Diamond" projects that they presented, which includes KY 499 (Crooksville Rd), KY 1984 (Maple Grove Rd), KY 977 (College Hill Rd), and KY 876 (Barnes Mill Rd); as well as a motion of whether or not to apply Flex Funds onto a State maintained roadway recommendations that includes 2.288 miles on KY 374 (Charlie Norris Rd). Judge Taylor asked Smith what they would do with the additional \$95,000 of the recommended RS Projects.

Smith stated depending on the need, it could move forward to the next Fiscal Year.

Judge Taylor stated that there has been a lot of discussions over the years concerning the intersection of Crooksville Rd and 25, which has had a lot of wrecks over the years, and asked if that would be a place that some of this money could go into since it is a safety issue on a State route since Crooksville is a RS route. Smith

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stated that since 25 isn't an RS route, this funding can't go to it, but there could be other types of funding that could be used for this situation and stated that he will bring that up to the State Traffic Engineers.

Magistrate Hughes suggested signage on Crooksville Rd around the AppHarvest to stop the semi-trailers from going down Crooksville Rd and using 52 instead. Judge Taylor stated they had talked about widening that area in years past, and Smith stated they are having discussions on that for the next highway plan for 2024.

Magistrate Hughes expressed his appreciation of their recommendations.

IN RE: Resolution 2023-36—Rural Secondary Program FY2024 and Flex Funding:

Scott Shepherd, Road Department Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-36— Rural Secondary Program FY2024 and Flex Funding for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the Madison County Fiscal Court to vote on the recommended use of FY2024 Rural Secondary Program Funding.

Judge Taylor clarified the recommendation is to accept the recommended routes for the use of the FY2024 Rural Secondary Funding, and not to apply Flex Funding to State-maintained roadways.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-36— Rural Secondary Program FY2024 and Flex Funding as presented.

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 2023-37—County Road Aid Agreement FY2024:

Scott Shepherd, Road Department Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-37— County Road Aid Agreement FY2024 for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to adopt and approve the execution of a County Road Aid Coop Program contract between the Madison County Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, as provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and accepting all roads and streets referred to therein as being a part of the County Road System.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-37— County Road Aid Agreement FY2024.

Judge Taylor stated that the amount for this year's County Road Aid Funds, which it paid for through the fuel tax, is \$1,598,558.27 million. The State does hold 3% of that for the Emergency Fund Program.

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 2023-38—Blue Grass Chemical Activity-Blue Grass Army Depot MOU:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief, presented Resolution 2023-38—Blue Grass Chemical Activity-Blue Grass Army Depot MOU for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving the signature of the updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA), Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD), Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA), and Madison County, Kentucky.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented Resolution 2023-38—Blue Grass Chemical Activity-Blue Grass Army Depot MOU.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Yes

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IN RE: Resolution 2023-39—God’s Outreach Food Distribution Center Grant Agreement Modification:

Sarah Stewart, Treasurer in Training, presented Resolution 2023-39—God’s Outreach Food Distribution Center Grant Agreement Modification for the Court’s approval. This Resolution is authorizing a modification of grant agreement number 20C-174 between the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department for Local Government (“The Commonwealth”) and Madison County (“The Recipient/Contractor”) for the Madison County God’s Outreach Food Distribution Center Project.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2023-39—God’s Outreach Food Distribution Center Grant Agreement Modification.

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 2023-40—BGAD/Madison County Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief, presented Resolution 2023-40—BGAD/Madison County Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement for the Court’s approval. This Resolution is authorizing the signature of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Secretary of the Army and Madison County, Kentucky to secure mutual aid fire service.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-40—BGAD/Madison County Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement.

Judge Taylor stated that he appreciates these partnerships and values the relationships they have established.

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 2023-41—CSEPP Reimbursement for 911 Dispatchers:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, presented Resolution 2023-41—CSEPP Reimbursement for 911 Dispatchers for the Court’s approval. This Resolution is for Madison County Fiscal Court approving reimbursements from CSEPP for 911 Dispatchers to comply with Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standard operating procedures.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-241—CSEPP Reimbursement for 911 Dispatchers.

Elliston stated that this is a really great opportunity as they start losing employees with the CSEPP program ending, this will ensure the community still has coverage by using employees they currently have through 911 with cross-training and reimbursement.

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 2023-42—Madison County Ethics Board Appointment:

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Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-42—Madison County Ethics Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to appoint Shannon Pennington to the Madison County Ethics Board with an expiration of June 23, 2023.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-42—Madison County Ethics Board Appointment to appoint Shannon Pennington to the Madison County Ethics Board with an expiration of June 23, 2023.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Mr. Pennington for his willingness to serve the County.

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 2023-43—Madison County Ethics Board Appointment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-43—Madison County Ethics Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to appoint Phillis Adams to the Madison County Ethics Board with an expiration of March 1, 2025.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2023-43—Madison County Ethics Board Appointment to appoint Phillis Adams to the Madison County Ethics Board with an expiration of March 1, 2025.

Magistrate Botkin stated that Ms. Adams does a lot of things for the County and appreciates her service as well.

Judge Taylor stated that she is a true example of someone who puts service above self.

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 2023-44—MWM Consulting, LLC Economic Development Services:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-43—MWM Consulting, LLC Economic Development Services for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve a Professional Services Agreement between the Madison County Fiscal Court and MWM Consulting, LLC.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-43—MWM Consulting, LLC Economic Development Services.

Magistrate Botkin stated that they have been satisfied with the service they have received in the past with MWM Consulting, LLC and looks forward to working with them in the future.

Magistrate Hughes asked if the nature of the agreement is for a year or is it an at-will agreement. Judge Taylor stated that it will be a month-to-month 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: Judge's Report:

- Whitehall Park Lake will be stocked with 1,200 catfish today.
- The Madison County Animal Shelter will be hosting their first Spring Vendor and Adoption Event on Saturday, April 15th at ECU's Alumni Coliseum's parking lot from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. They will have dogs on site for adoption, as well as food trucks, craft vendors, and informational booths. They will

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also be accepting donations.

- CASA's Berea Pinwheel Planting will be Wednesday, April 12th at Berea City Hall from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
- A public hearing will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at the Joint Information Center (JIC) in Richmond. The hearing is for an entertainment permit application from Beast of the East, LLC dba Richmond Raceway. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- Ignite South is hosting a Spring Showcase Thursday, April 13th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at 123 Farristown Industrial Drive in Berea.
- Baptist Health Richmond's State of Healthcare Address will be Monday, April 17th at Noon at ECU's Perkins Building. Visit www.richmondchamber.com or call 859-623-1720 to register.
- Berea Chamber's Spring Golf Scramble will be April 21st at Berea Golf Club. Contact Berea Chamber of Commerce for registration or more information.
- The Bourbon, Boots, and BBQ Derby Eve Party will be May 5th at 6:00 PM at Churchill's in Berea. Contact Hospice Care Plus at 859-986-1500 or www.hospicecareplus.org for more information.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Combs expressed his appreciation of everyone's service to the County. He stated that they had a successful spring clean-up in the Bobtown area. He also reminded the public that the County has programs to take in metal and electronic devices, to be mindful of the environment, and encouraged everyone to take care of the community.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that they will be painting the Valley View Ferry within the next couple of weeks and will be getting it back into the water. He thanked Chris Iseral for his work on the online network that they are working on to be able to communicate the schedule and issues of the ferry to the public.

Magistrate Hughes stated that all is well in his District.

Magistrate Botkin stated that there are groups out for trash pick-up, so individuals can contact the Road Department to pick up trash from the roadways, and he encouraged the public to be mindful of those that are out. There is repaving currently being done on I-75 from Duncannon to Rockcastle, and it will continue through September. He advised the public to use caution if travelling in that area, and to avoid that area if possible.

Clerk Barger spoke about the new location of the Clerk's Office at 321 N. Madison Ave., which opened this morning. He stated that his Deputy Clerks have been great during this move and is proud of them and all their hard work during this time. He thanked Jailer Tussey for allowing him to use the road crew inmates to help with moving. Deputy Griffin Webster, Billy Joe Brinegar, Jeremy L. Silvers, and Charles Joseph Carroll worked extremely hard moving the books, shelving, furniture, etc., and really appreciates their hard work. He also thanked Judge Taylor for his help in getting the new location remodeled. Clerk Barger explained that they are out of the Courthouse and will have signage put up from the Courthouse to the new location to direct customers there.

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Clerk Barger thanked Jim Barnhart at the Commonwealth Office of Technology, and Chris Iseral and Ryan Eidson with the Madison County IT Department for all their hard work, long hours, and help getting the systems up and running.

Magistrate Lochmueller commended Clerk Barger for the great job they have done on this move.

Magistrate Botkin also thanked Clerk Barger for the work he has done at the new location. He also thanked AOC for their upcoming work that will be done on the Courthouse.

Sheriff Coyle expressed his desire for the community to keep in mind the tragedy that occurred in Louisville, and asked for prayers for the victims, their families, and the police officers.

Comments from Department Heads:

No comments from Department Heads.

Comments from the Audience and Facebook Comments:

Dr. Judy Keith, of South Dogwood Drive, Berea, KY stated that she picks up trash on Dogwood and asked for inmates to be sent to Flat Gap Rd to pick up trash there, as well as 21 toward Big Hill, and Peggy Flats Rd.

Comments from Facebook

No Comments from Facebook.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion made by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve to pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for April 25, 2023, in the Richmond City Hall Council Chambers in Richmond, Ky at 9:30 AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Billy Ray Hughes to adjourn, seconded by James Brian Combs. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.


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