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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 9th of May 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, Madison County 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 Mark Sarver from Church on the Rock to lead the Court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Mike Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 4-25-2023:

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on April 25, 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: Approval of Meeting Minutes 4-28-2023:

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the minutes from the special called meeting on April 28, 2023.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Passed Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Boone's Trace National Golf Club Meet & Greet Event Update:

Hannah Onan, Leigh Anne Miracle, and Kayla Patrick with the Bourbon with the Bluegrass Babes podcast, spoke on the upcoming Meet and Greet Event at Boone's that will be held this Thursday, May 11th from 6PM to 8PM. There will be a professional photographer, Tops in Lex will be there, as well as a small silent auction for the Madison County Animal Shelter, as well as several businesses from the Central Kentucky area there to help bring awareness to Madison County and Boone's Trace. They encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy the night.

IN RE: 1974 Tornado 50th Anniversary Discussion-Phillip Seyfrit:

Phillip Seyfrit with the Battle of Richmond Visitor's Center, spoke of the 50th Anniversary of the April 3rd, 1974 tornado. He stated that they will be filming a documentary on the tornado and are asking individuals to come in to share their story and experiences of the 1974 tornado. During that time, there wasn't an emergency response system like there currently is, and this tornado was a bad one. It started in what is currently the 4th District, moved across District 2, and ended in District 3 with the loss of 7 individuals. Seyfrit asked that anyone who would like to be a part of the documentary, to call him at 859-624-0013 to set up a time in June or July to share their story and any photographs that they may have.

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IN RE: Proclamation—National Correctional Officers Week:

Judge Taylor proclaimed May 7-13, 2023 as National Correctional Officers Week and urged all citizens to acknowledge their role and thank them for maintaining safe correctional facilities here in Madison County. Tom Jones, Chief Deputy, was in attendance to accept the proclamation. On behalf of Jailer Tussey and the Jail staff, Jones thanked the County Officials for recognizing the hard work the Correctional Officers do inside the Jail. He also thanked the community for their outreach and show of support. He stated that Ashley Reeves has set up events throughout the week to recognize the employees, as well as a cookout on Friday at noon behind the Jail, and he encouraged everyone to attend.

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2023-03—Land Use Change 3750 Berea Road from UC-1 Single-Family Residential to UC-4 General Commercial:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Development Director, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-03— Land Use Change 3750 Berea Road from UC-1 Single-Family Residential to UC-4 General Commercial for the Court's approval. This Ordinance is approving the zone change of a 6.89-acre tract located in WC Parks Subdivision, Tract 4, Berea Road, Richmond, Madison County, Kentucky (PIDN# 0071-0000-0036-C), and authorizing the amendment of the official zoning map of Madison County, Kentucky.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Ordinance 2023-03— Land Use Change 3750 Berea Road from UC-1 Single-Family Residential to UC-4 General Commercial.

Thomas stated that there wasn't anyone in opposition at the meeting and nor has there been any calls concerning the zone change.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he spoke with Thomas earlier, and Thomas stated that the seller transferred the property of Stacy and Verna Brown, who are now deceased, and Verna left in the Will, Theresa as Executrix of the Estate with the power to transfer the property.

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 2023-49—Waste Management Waste Tire Grant Funds Application:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-49—Waste Management Waste Tire Grant Funds Application for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the application and administration of Kentucky Division of Waste Management Waste Tire Grant Funds.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2023-49—Waste Management Waste Tire Grant Funds Application.

Shepherd stated that this is a program that allows them to take tires in from individuals during their off year from their tire amnesty. They have had this program for the last several years and it works great to prevent tires from being illegally dumped on the side of the road.

Magistrate Hughes stated that it is a great service.

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 2023-50—Adoption of 2022 Madison County/City of Richmond/City of Berea Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief, presented Resolution 2023-50— Adoption of 2022 Madison County/City of Richmond/City of Berea Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for adopting the 2022 Madison County/City of Richmond/ City of Berea Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-50— Adoption of 2022 Madison County/City of Richmond/City of Berea Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Magistrate Botkin stated that this is probably one of the most in-depth documents that has been brought to Court; he was very impressed by the records and learned a lot through it.

Shane New, Bluegrass Area Development District Deputy Director, gave the credit to the Madison County staff and his staff member Logan Hart for writing up the document that was 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 2023-51—Emergency Management Agency 2022 EMPG Program MOA:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief, presented Resolution 2023-51— Emergency Management Agency 2022 EMPG Program MOA for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2023-51— Emergency Management Agency 2022 EMPG Program MOA.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation of the work that went into writing up this document as well.

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 2023-52—Adoption of 2023-2024 Health Insurance Renewal:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, presented Resolution 2023-52—Adoption of 2023-2024 Health Insurance Renewal for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to adopt 2023-2024 Health Insurance Renewal rates and carriers.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve presented Resolution 2023-52—Adoption of 2023-2024 Health Insurance Renewal.

Elliston presented a PowerPoint of the proposed rates for the 2023-2024 Health Insurance Renewal rates. She stated that they are pushing wellness and encouraging staff to utilize BluMine and are proposing an increase in the employer and employee contributions. They are also removing the aggregate insurance since they have never had to pay that out, even during the highest claim year.

Magistrate Hughes stated that prices are increasing everywhere and is happy to see that the insurance rates are staying the same.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that being able to go to BluMine has been very helpful and has been effective in holding down costs. He encourages the County employees to use BluMine whenever possible.

Judge Taylor stated that even if kids or spouses aren't on the employee health insurance plan, they can still be seen at BluMine.

Magistrate Lochmueller asked if someone didn't go to one the sections with HR, would their current insurance plan stay in place. Elliston stated that they do have to re-sign up, whether that be in person with her or Sarah, or online on the Employee Navigator. Many employees, in the past, had requested open office hours to discuss the insurance plans if they had questions.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he has been happy with the way the self-insured insurance has worked out over the past couple of years.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

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IN RE: Resolution 2023-53—Appointment of Applicant Agent for FEMA Disaster Grants:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-53—Appointment of Applicant Agent for FEMA Disaster Grants for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving the Madison County Treasurer as the Applicant Agent for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Grants.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented Resolution 2023-53—Appointment of Applicant Agent for FEMA Disaster Grants.

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 2023-54—Palmer Engineering Professional Services Agreement:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-54—Palmer Engineering Professional Services Agreement for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve a professional services agreement between the Madison County Fiscal Court and Palmer Engineering for CSEPP Project.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve presented Resolution 2023-54—Palmer Engineering Professional Services Agreement.

Magistrate Botkin asked if a site has been picked out for this. Judge Taylor stated that it has; it is the site by the airport, on Airport Rd. and stated that this is a good opportunity.

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 Amelia Foltz for Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$10.50 per hour effective May 9, 2023; and the hiring of Ernest Bryant for Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$10.50 per hour effective May 9, 2023.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the hiring of Amelia Foltz and Ernest Bryant.

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:

- EKU's graduation ceremonies will take place this coming Friday, May 12th at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Congratulations to all of the graduates. Please be mindful of extra traffic in the area.
- Berea's Kids Eat and Madison County Public Library's Awesome Possum Festival is Saturday, May 13th from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Glades Gardens in Berea. The event includes local music from the Possum Queens and Circus Beat, food trucks with free meals for kids 18 and under, possum-themed arts and crafts, and a possum meet and greet with Wilderness Trial Wildlife Center. Visit the Berea Kids Eat

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Facebook page for more information.

- Enrich's Live Music Night Fundraiser will be Saturday, May 13th from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Canaan Acres Farm in Richmond. They will have food trucks, a bounce house, and other fun activities for kids. Admission is \$20 per car. Bring your chairs or blankets.
- Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is Saturday, May 13th. You can leave non-perishable food donations beside your mailbox for the mail carrier to pick up.
- Kentucky Hands & Voices is hosting a SuperHEARO 5K at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 20th at White Hall State Historic Site in Richmond. Visit www.runsignup.com to register.
- Madison County Sports Hall of Fame is hosting a banquet at 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 20th at the ECU Perkins Building in Richmond. Visit www.madisoncountysportshof.com for more information.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Combs stressed the need to use caution with all the construction on the interstate. June 1st will be the 1st District Townhall event at the Red Lick Volunteer Fire Department, and he encouraged everyone to come out with their questions.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that the Valley View Ferry boat will be put in the river this morning. It won't be operational until the testing for final approval is done but is hopeful within the next couple of weeks it will be back in service.

Magistrate Hughes stated that Madison County lost at least one 500 employee development due to not having a consolidated voice on industrial development. He stated that several neighboring counties have an Industrial Development Authority and is wanting to try to establish something like that in Madison County to be more unified as a county.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that this is a good point and is hopeful that the County and both Cities can work together on this in the future.

Judge Taylor stated that the 3 governing bodies have voted to look at pursuing a more regional economic development and is hopeful that they are moving in the right direction.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation of the staff at the Detention Center and all that they do. He had a meeting with the Homeowners Association at Battlefield last week concerning speeding in that area from traffic using General Nelson Dr. as a bypass from 25 to 421. He has spoken with Shepherd about putting new speed limit signs out in that area, as well as with Sheriff Coyle about taking other steps to control speeding. Botkin also stated that the State Road Department is looking to try to improve the ramps getting on and off the interstate at the construction areas; it is currently a very dangerous situation, and he encouraged the public to use caution in that area.

Magistrate Botkin asked Chief Deputy Jones if the claims for prisoner housing in other areas was correct. Jones stated that it is correct; they currently only have 55 prisoners out in other areas.

Clerk Barger stated that the Clerk's Office has moved to 321 N. Madison Ave and there is no longer anything in the Courthouse. There is a barrier that is currently up blocking the Courthouse entrance, and more signs are being installed around the Courthouse to notify the public that the Clerk's Office has moved and of the reconstruction of the Courthouse.

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He also informed the public that the Unexcused Absentee Voting (Early Voting) starts on Thursday from 8AM-4PM at Russel Acton Folk Center at 212 W. Jefferson St. Berea, KY; Madison County Extension Office at 230 Duncannon Ln. Richmond, KY; Madison Co. Public Library at 507 W. Main St. Richmond, KY; and the Ignite Academy North Campus at 2075 Merchant Dr. Richmond, KY. Election Day will be on May 16th from 6AM to 6PM at Russel Acton Folk Center at 212 W. Jefferson St. Berea, KY; Berea Church of God at 189 Rash Rd. Berea, KY; Madison County Extension Office at 230 Duncannon Ln. Richmond, KY; Ignite Academy North Campus at 2075 Merchant Dr. Richmond, KY; The Mule Barn at 1510 Lexington Rd. Richmond, KY; Madison County Public Library at 507 W. Main St. Richmond, KY; Eastside Community Church at 2010 Catalpa Loop Richmond, KY; and White Hall Baptist Church at 3401 Colonel Rd Richmond, KY. Clerk Barger stated that the Public Library is used as a location for those that don't have transportation since it is a stop for both bus routes, and encouraged the public to use alternate locations to vote when possible. The Ignite Academy is a great location with over 300 parking spaces and is very easy to get into, and he is appreciative of being able to use this location. He also stated that all locations are vote centers, so voters can vote at any location. Magistrate Hughes asked if every county has the option to vote at any location. Clerk Barger stated that it is up to each county Board of Elections, but that the vast majority are using the voter center model. It is a vast improvement to the voters as well as utilizing less election workers than the precinct model uses. Judge Taylor asked if there was a way to notify the public when there are no lines at one location to encourage voters to use another location. Clerk Barger stated that with the new pollbooks there is the availability to use instant communication that could be shared on social media or an app. That is something that they will be looking into in the future.

Sheriff Coyle asked the public that is traveling I-75 to use patience, as well as on US-25 southbound in the merge area. He also informed the public that on May 19th, 20th, and 21st the Sheriff's Office will be working 7AM to midnight at the new temple out on Barnes Mill Road for traffic control and inside security during their open house. They are expecting a lot of traffic from all over the United States and advised the public to use caution in that area.

Chief Deputy Jones thanked everyone for the recognition for the Jail staff and encouraged everyone to come out on Friday for the cookout.

Comments from Department Heads:

No comments from Department Heads.

Comments from the Audience and Facebook Comments:

No Comments from the Audience and no Facebook Comments.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

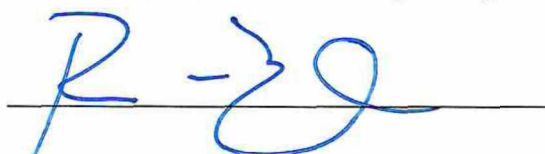
Motion made by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve to pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for May 23, 2023, in the Richmond City Hall Chambers in Richmond, Ky at 9:30 AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Billy Ray Hughes to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM.



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