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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 23rd of May 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 Mike 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 Pastor Tony Christian of GracePoint 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 5-9-2023:

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on May 9, 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 5-15-2023:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the minutes from the special called meeting on May 15, 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

Treasurer's Report:

Sarah Stewart, Treasurer, addressed the Court to give the monthly treasurer's report (see on file).

IN RE: Proclamation—Mental Health Awareness Month:

Judge Taylor recognized proclaimed the month of May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month to highlight the critical role of behavioral health services and resources to all Madison County residents.

Lora King, Executive Director of Emergency, Cardiovascular, and Behavioral Health at Baptist Health Richmond, and Katelyn Arvin, Behavioral Health Clinical Manager at Baptist Health Richmond were in attendance to accept the proclamation. Lora stated that Behavioral Health has become a huge passion of hers and thanked the Court for the proclamation.

Katelyn thanked the Court for having them today. Mental health is affecting everyone, whether it be themselves or a family member, and they strive to provide quality and exceptionally accessible health care.

Judge Taylor stated that he felt it is very important for them to continue to bring awareness to mental health and its effect on the community. The more they can do to bring attention to, educate, and remove the stigma of mental health, the better off the community will be.

IN RE: County Update for Diversion Program—County Attorney Jennie Haymond:

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County Attorney Jennie Haymond provided an update to the Court on the Diversion Program. As part of the Diversion Program, the County Attorney's Office works with a company called Advent, a Kentucky based provider who provides science education based online treatments for several programs for low-level misdemeanor offenders. They give the opportunity for this program to every low-level misdemeanor offender that they can. Over the past 4 ½ years, not including traffic safety, the County has referred over 3,000 people to their diversion courses. Once they complete the diversion course, it is considered a dismissal, and provides them with the chance to not ruin their record.

For felony offenders, Baptist Health provides a Chemical Dependency Intensive Out-patient Program (CDIOP), through grant funding. Since March of 2022, 181 people have been referred to Baptist Health, of which 73 were for mental health evaluation, and 108 were for substance use evaluation, with a 71% completion rate. Once an individual is referred to Baptist Health, they determine the level of need they have. Out of the 181 individuals referred to Baptist Health, 76 have qualified for the CDIOP program, and they had 31 of these individuals not show up. When they don't show they are given a second chance with the agreement that if they don't comply with the program, they automatically waive their felony case to Circuit Court, bypassing jail and it becomes a state indictment issue. It is truly an intensive out-patient program, with 3 phases that takes several months to complete (about 8 months) and provides full wrap-around services.

Katelyn shared more in-depth information on the CDIOP Program. This program provides compassionate, evidence-based, treatment-oriented services that incorporate prevention, treatment, and recovery aspects to help the entire individual heal. The program has developed intentional community partnerships within the Courts and the Detention Center. Adam Harold at Baptist Health works closely with individuals in the Detention Center to identify their barriers to treatment and how those can be addressed in a meaningful way. When an individual starts this program, and as they go through the phases, the continuity of the providers stays the same, developing meaningful relationships, and planning their reintegration back into the community in a way that helps the individual develop life skills to be a productive member of the community again. As an individual's healing ebbs and flows, the providers are able to provide other treatment based on their needs within the same facility. There has been a huge retention rate with this program but the letters they receive from court referrals that have completed the program shows what it does for those individuals; Katelyn summarized one such letter. County Attorney Haymond provided a breakdown of the cost savings. Of the referrals to Baptist Health, 150 are felony cases, and 50 days of them sitting in jail at \$35 per day is \$262,500 saved in this first year. They will continue to grow this program by providing additional services and programs over time.

Magistrate Botkin asked if Court Ordered Legal Psychological exams is a step to one of these programs. County Attorney Haymond stated that they don't do legal psychological assessments because they rely upon the parties to make a decision on what's best, then the Court states that they need to do a mental health/substance abuse assessment through Baptist Health, which becomes a court order if they fail to complete it. This doesn't assess competency.

Magistrate Botkin also asked about the opportunity for jobs and housing after completion of the program.

Haymond stated that this program is established so that as the individual moves to phase 2 and 3, it starts to re-acclimate them back into society by determining what they need and providing support for those needs.

Magistrate Combs stated that he was glad to hear that there was a faith-based aspect to the CDIOP Program.

IN RE: 2nd 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 2nd 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 to approve 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.

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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.

Judge Taylor and Bert Thomas both stated that there had not been any emails or phone calls concerning this zone change.

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: 1st Reading Ordinance 2023-04—Administrative Code for 2023-2024:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-04— Administrative Code for 2023-2024 for the Court’s approval. This Ordinance adopts the 2023-2023 Administrative Code and supersedes Ordinance 2022-04.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-04— Administrative Code for 2023-2024.

Magistrate Botkin encouraged Court members to look at this Administrative Code. Over the past several years, HR has made a lot of positive changes to this, and the County is better for it.

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: 1st Reading Ordinance 2023-05—Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy for 2023-2024:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-05— Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy for 2023-2024 for the Court’s approval. This Ordinance is to adopt the 2023-2024 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy and supersedes Ordinance 2022-05.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-05— Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy for 2023-2024.

Magistrate Botkin stated that there is a long list of substances, and since the list is constantly growing, is hopeful that “Synthetic Narcotics” covered fentanyl and other such drugs that might come up over time.

Magistrate Hughes asked if this is the same list from last year. Elliston stated that yes, it is a renewal from last year. Next year, with the collaboration of KACo, and County Attorney Haymond, they will have to revisit this list in order to be compliant with the new legislation concerning medical marijuana.

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: 1st Reading Ordinance 2023-06—Code of Ethics for 2023-2024:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-06—Code of Ethics for 2023-2024 for the Court’s approval. This Ordinance is to adopt the 2023-2023 Code of Ethics and supersedes Ordinance 2022-06.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-06— Code of Ethics for 2023-2024.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

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Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2023-07—Fiscal Court Budget for 2023-2024:

Sarah Stewart, Treasurer, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-07— Fiscal Court Budget for 2023-2024 for the Court's approval. This Ordinance is to adopt the 2023-2024 Fiscal Court Budget.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-07— Fiscal Court Budget for 2023-2024.

Judge Taylor informed the Court that once the 1st reading of the budget is voted upon, it does have to go to DLG for approval before the 2nd reading can happen, which will be on the June 27th Fiscal Court meeting. He also thanked all the Department Heads and the Finance Department for all their hard work in preparing the budget.

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: 1st Reading Ordinance 2023-08—Land Use Change 3502 & 3506 Lexington Road from UC-1 Single-Family Residential to PUD, UC-11 Planned Unit Development:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Development Director, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-08— Land Use Change 3502 & 3506 Lexington Road from UC-1 Single-Family Residential to PUD, UC-11 Planned Unit Development for the Court's approval. This Ordinance is approving the zone change of 3502 & 3506 Lexington Road, Richmond, Kentucky, and authorizing the amendment of the official zoning map of Madison County, Kentucky.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-08— Land Use Change 3502 & 3506 Lexington Road from UC-1 Single-Family Residential to PUD, UC-11 Planned Unit Development.

Magistrate Hughes inquired about the acreage of this property. Thomas stated that it is roughly 31 acres. Magistrate Lochmueller stated that in regards to a public safety standpoint, he wanted to make sure that everything was being done in compliance with EMS, and fire guidelines. Thomas stated that the planning commission believes they are.

Magistrate Botkin stated that the last time this was presented, there were some questions that came up concerning fire, which was resolved due to the White Hall Volunteer Fire Department being close by. He also asked, in the future of these zone changes being presented, if they could have a map of the properties. Thomas stated that they could do that and is hopeful to have it pulled up on the screen as well in Court. Botkin also asked how much time does the Planning Commission have to go look at the property. Thomas stated that the requirement for zone change submittals is 3 weeks before the actual hearing. The Planning Commission doesn't get prior notice of that application because they are not to form any preconceived notions or options about the property. They get their agenda the Friday before their hearing on Tuesday to go look at the property, if need be, but there is no requirement for them to do that.

Magistrate Hughes asked if Thomas has seen a lot of requests for zone changes coming in. Thomas stated that yes, there are some development projects coming, particularly on the north end of the county.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that there was a traffic study done on the area for residential only and believed that it would have to have another traffic study done since it was recommended and approved for a PUD.

Thomas stated that it was his understanding that the reason a new traffic study has been requested is because 25 is a State Highway and the State requires it. Lochmueller stated that he was glad that traffic study was going to happen.

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Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2023-56— God’s Outreach Food Distribution Center Project Request for Payment:

Sarah Stewart, Treasurer, presented Resolution 2023-56— God’s Outreach Food Distribution Center Project Request for Payment for the Court’s approval. This Resolution is authorizing a payment for the Madison County God’s Outreach Food Distribution Center Project.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-56— God’s Outreach Food Distribution Center Project Request for Payment.

Magistrate Hughes asked Judge Taylor if he had an update on the accident that happened there in which the trusses for the building fell on some of the workers. Judge Taylor stated that no one was seriously hurt.

Magistrate Botkin asked if there would be additional funds that would be required. Judge Taylor stated that there should have been proper insurance in place to take care of any additional funds that might incur due to the accident.

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 2023-57—Madison County Board of Adjustments Appointment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-57— Madison County Board of Adjustments Appointment for the Court’s approval. This Resolution is to re-appoint Ralph Oliver III to the Madison County Board of Adjustments with a term expiration date of May 26, 2026.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2022-57— Madison County Board of Adjustments Appointment re-appointing Ralph Oliver III to the Madison County Board of Adjustments with a term expiration date of May 26, 2026.

Judge Taylor expressed his appreciation of Ralph as Chairman of the Board of Adjustments and 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 2023-58—Madison County Ethics Board Appointment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-58—Madison County Ethics Board Appointment for the Court’s approval. This Resolution is to re-appoint Tim Jones to the Madison County Ethics Board, with a term expiration date of June 9, 2026.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented Resolution 2023-58— Madison County Ethics Board Appointment re-appointing Tim Jones to the Madison County Ethics Board, with a term expiration date of June 9, 2026.

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 2023-59—Madison County Ethics Board Appointment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-59—Madison County Ethics Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to re-appoint Shannon Pennington to the Madison County Ethics Board with a term expiration date of June 23, 2026.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve presented Resolution 2023-59—Madison County Ethics Board Appointment re-appointing Shannon Pennington to the Madison County Ethics Board with a term expiration date of June 23, 2026.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation to Shannon and 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 2023-60—Madison County Tax Assessment Board Appointment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-60—Madison County Tax Assessment Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to re-appoint Owen Barnes to the Madison County Tax Assessment Board with a term expiration date of June 9, 2026.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented Resolution 2023-60—Madison County Tax Assessment Board Appointment.

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 2023-61—Updated County Road List:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-61—Updated County Road List for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve an updated county road list from Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC).

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to approve presented Resolution 2023-61—Updated County Road List.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he spoke to a gentleman concerning Old Ballard Rd. and he didn't realize that the portion they are discontinuing is a gravel road that picks up above the black-top road. He incorrectly told the gentleman that County services would be discontinued on the blacktop portion of Old Ballard Rd, which it is not being.

Shepherd went over the roads in Appendix B that will be discontinued. He explained that he drove every road in Madison County, gave each a grade based on blacktop and investigated each to see if it was in fact a County road to clean up the mapping system.

Magistrate Hughes stated that Shepherd is doing a great job.

Magistrate Botkin stated that when they have discussions about bringing a road into the County Road System, there are certain criteria that the road has to meet and stated that he believes they should have criteria to discontinue a road as well. Judge Taylor stated that KRS lays out the process of discontinuing a road or stopping maintenance on a road. Botkin expressed his appreciation to Shepherd for his work to update this list.

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 2023-62—East Bill Eads Road Bridge Beams Bid Award:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-62—East Bill Eads Road Bridge Beams Bid Award for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve a bid award for East Bill Eads Road Bridge Beams to Central Kentucky Industrial, Inc.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve presented Resolution 2023-62—East Bill Eads Road Bridge Beams Bid Award.

Magistrate Botkin asked why they chose a more expensive bid over a lesser bid. Shepherd stated there were several reasons, but the main reason was that the expected delivery time of the Florida company was 16 weeks and CKI was 6 weeks. Also, if there is any fabrication work that needs to be done, they can go locally to have them make alterations, which they can't with the company in Florida, and the availability in service they have experienced with CKI in the past.

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 2023-63—End Local State of Emergency and All COVID-19 Related Executive Orders:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2023-63—End Local State of Emergency and All COVID-19 Related Executive Orders for the Court's approval. This Resolution is declaring an end to the State of Emergency concerning a pandemic in 2020.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve presented Resolution 2023-63—End Local State of Emergency and All COVID-19 Related Executive Orders.

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 2023-64—Issuance of Bonds for AOC Capital Courthouse Project:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2023-64—Issuance of Bonds for AOC Capital Courthouse Project for the Court's approval. This Resolution is directing the Madison County, Kentucky Public Properties Corporation to take certain actions as the agency, instrumentality, and constituted authority of the County; authorizing, approving, and directing the issuance by the corporation of its first Mortgage Revenue Bonds (Judicial Center Project), series 2023 in the approximate principal amount of \$22,620,000 for the purpose of (I) financing the costs of renovations to the existing county administration building for future use as a Judicial Center and (II) refunding a portion of the County of Madison, Kentucky General Obligation Note, Series 2020N-1 in advance of maturity; authorizing the distribution of a preliminary official statement and final official statement for the purchase of the bonds; authorizing other actions in connection therewith; and repealing any inconsistent resolutions.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve presented Resolution 2023-64—Issuance of Bonds for AOC Capital Courthouse Project.

Callie A. Kidwell, Associate, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, was in attendance for the reading of this Resolution, and Callie provided an explanation on the process of the bonds. The Kentucky Public Properties Corporation is issuing the bonds on behalf of the County and all payments of the bonds are coming from AOC's rental payments for their use of the facilities. Once the bonds are bid on, the closing documents have been drafted, and

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close on June 29th, the money will then come to the County to go toward the continued construction of the building. AOC will then start making their payments, which will go toward the debt service on the bonds.

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 2023-65—District Boundaries Reapportionment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-65—District Boundaries Reapportionment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is initiating reapportionment proceedings for district boundaries based on KRS 67.04; and appointing Charlie Ramsay, Bucky Buchanan, and Mitch Brown as commissioners for district boundaries reapportionment.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to approve presented Resolution 2023-65—District Boundaries Reapportionment.

Magistrate Botkin asked what district these commissioners are from. Judge Taylor stated that Charlie Ramsay is from the 1st District, Bucky Buchanan is from the 2nd District, and Mitch Brown is from the 4th District.

Magistrate Hughes asked Clerk Barger what his initial assessment of the change in boundaries was. Clerk Barger stated that looking at the numbers, it is only between District 1 and 4 that will need to be changed, and that probably only one precinct will need to be moved from the 4th to 1st District.

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 2023-66—House Bill 1 Jail Arraignment Equipment Grant Application:

Steve Tussey, Jailer, presented Resolution 2023-66—House Bill 1 Jail Arraignment Equipment Grant Application for the Court's approval. This Resolution is authorizing the filing of a Kentucky House Bill (HB) 1 Jail arraignment Equipment Grant Application for up to \$46,257.00 in HB 1 Project funds with the Department for Local Government (DLG); Authorizing and directing the Madison County Judge Executive to execute any documents which are deemed necessary by DLG with the desire to purchase jail arraignment equipment.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve presented Resolution 2023-66—House Bill 1 Jail Arraignment Equipment Grant Application.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he is glad to see this come up; it seems like it has been a long time coming. Jailer Tussey agreed, stating that AOC has been working on it for a long time to put all counties and courts on the same equipment.

Judge Taylor stated that he is hopeful this will lead to more camera courts, in which Jailer Tussey explained this is the initiative to get all courts on the same level so that would be possible.

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 Andrea Cook as Planning and Codes Administration, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour effective May 31, 2023; and the hiring of Matthew Brumbaugh as a General Laborer, at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective May 31, 2023.

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Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the hiring of Andrea Cook, and Matthew Brumbaugh.

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:

- Congratulations to all graduates. Madison Southern's Graduation will be Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM at ECU's Alumni Coliseum. Madison Central's Graduation will be Friday, May 26th at 7:00 PM at ECU's Alumni Coliseum.
- Madison County's Beef Day is Wednesday, May 24th from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Richmond Ag Credit Office at 1000 Ival James Blvd, and is drive-thru only. This is a free event.
- Berea College Forestry Outreach Center is hosting a May Star Party in the Pinnacles on Saturday, May 27th at 7:00 PM. Visit their Facebook page for more information.
- Local cemeteries will be hosting their annual Memorial Day services. Berea Cemetery's service will be Sunday, May 28th at 2:00 PM, Richmond Cemetery will be on Monday, May 29th at 10:00 AM at the Summit St. entrance, Maple Grove Cemetery will be Monday, May 29th at noon, and Madison County Memorial Gardens will be Monday, May 29th at 1:00 PM. At Memorial Gardens, seating will be limited, so please bring a chair.
- District 1 Town Hall Meeting will be held at Red Lick Volunteer Fire Department at 5:30 PM on Thursday, June 1st. This event is open to the public for community discussion.
- The annual US25 Yard Sale will be Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd. Please be mindful of sudden stops and increased traffic in the area.
- The Richmond Branch of the NAACP is hosting a Juneteenth 5K at 8:00 AM on Saturday, June 17th at the White Hall State Historic Site in Richmond. Register at runsignup.com.
- The Berea Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Donna Reed Memorial Wiffle Ball Tournament on Saturday, June 17th at 9:00 AM at the Berea Skate Park. Contact the Berea Chamber of Commerce for more information.
- The 52nd Annual PACA Charity Ball will be held Saturday, June 17th at 9:00 PM at ECU Center for the Arts. Tickets are required to attend. Visit bidpal.net/PACA23 to purchase tickets.
- Madison County Government and its related offices will be closed Monday, May 29th for the Memorial Day holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 30th at 8:00 AM.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Combs stated that he has had a lot of questions about Floyd Branch, and asked Judge Taylor if they could get someone from the Conservation District to attend the Town Hall meeting on June 1st to answer any questions the public may have. He expressed his appreciation to everyone that serves on boards and commissions for the County. He also asked everyone to remember the Scott County community as they mourn the tragic loss of a deputy.

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Magistrate Lochmueller stated the Valley View Ferry is now open. He has been receiving several calls on the Crutcher Pike/Tates Creek bridge that has been shut down by the State. They have been working with the State to do everything they can to get that back up and open hopefully within a couple months, but during that time, there are alternative ways established to get help to people that may need it.

Magistrate Hughes stated that he had nothing to report on at this time.

Magistrate Botkin echoed the need to remember the family and community of the Scott County deputy that lost his life this week. State mowing started Monday, and Botkin explained that there will be 3 crews out mowing on the State Road, so be mindful of that as you are traveling. He also stated that they had a meeting with the State concerning the Crutcher Pike issue and explained that they are in a study now to see how they can improve the impact on what is happening at Goggins Ln/Barnes Mill and what possible improvements could come to the Crutcher Pike area.

County Attorney Haymond clarified that when Magistrate Botkin asked about the Court ordered Legal Psychological exams, those aren't criminal cases, they are guardianship matters for individuals that are 18 but have mental health disabilities that constitute the need for their parents/other family members to continue to provide for them medically. The State does order, that is a Fiscal Court matter, so Fiscal Court has to pay for those.

Clerk Barger explained that the Clerk's Office has moved to 321 N. Madison Ave. so there is nothing in the Courthouse. There is now construction fencing up around the Courthouse with signs on it explaining the new location of the Clerk's Office. Clerk Barger also stated that last week was the Primary Election for the State offices. There was a low 20% turn out, with 6% of that being during the 3 days of Early Voting, with 14% of that being from Election Day. If that ratio is continued during the Presidential Election, there will be extremely long lines on Election Day, and encourages individuals to vote during the 3 days of Early Voting to avoid those long lines, as well as encouraging voters to use the Ignite Academy location. He also stated that another location is needed to vote in Berea, as well as needing more election workers.

Sheriff Coyle asked the citizens of Madison County to keep the family and community of Officer Caleb Conley in their thoughts and prayers. Over the course of his life as a police officer, there have been 997 officers killed in Kentucky. This week is Police Memorial Week and asked everyone to remember those officers that have lost their lives over the years and express your appreciation to those that serve daily. Sheriff Coyle also clarified that on May 19th-21st, several deputies provided after duty security details and traffic control as a contract with the new Temple on Barnes Mill Rd 24 hours a day. This event brought in over 10,000 people from India and all over the United States. There was no cost to the taxpayers through this contract and thanked the Madison County citizens for their understanding and patience during this event.

Judge Taylor asked the community to reach out to those they know in Scott County and offer prayers and support during this tragic time.

Comments from Department Heads:

Jill Williams recognized the Battlefield Golf Course. They hosted the Richmond Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble on Monday. It was a very busy event, but everything went great, and they did an excellent job. She also recognized the Madison County IT Department, Chris Iseral and Morris Slone on receiving a National Association of Counties Outstanding Achievement Award for their work in the development of the Tracks platform and Tracks system.

Morris thanked everyone for the nomination.

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Chris stated that it was an honor to be recognized at a national level and represent Madison County. He thanked the Court, Judge Taylor, and the Department Heads for their support. He showed the submission video and explained the Tracks system, how it works for the County, and all the departments that it encompasses. He also thanked his wife and family for their support, he thanked Ryan for stepping up into a supervisory role to allow Iseral to do what he does, and George for his hard work in assisting Ryan.

Judge Taylor expressed his appreciation to Chris and his leadership. The County is very lucky to have the people they have working for them and their efficiency in their jobs.

Clerk Barger stated that Chris has provided his help in moving the Clerk's Office forward and expressed his appreciation for all his work and passion for Madison County.

Comments from the Audience and Facebook Comments:

No comments from the Audience.

Jill Williams read the Facebook Comments with one request being to get the Valley View Ferry message updated from closed to open.

Another Comment stated that "TRACKS is the definition of practical innovation-so impressive! Wish this community really knew what the people at Madison County government do to enhance the quality of life here and how hard they all work."

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion made by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve to pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for June 13, 2023, in the Council Chambers' Courtroom in Berea, 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 11:53 AM.


REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE