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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 27th of June 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, 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 Jeff Duncan of Rugged Cross Cowboy 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 6-13-2023:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on June 13, 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: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-04—Administrative Code for 2023-2024:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, presented the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-04—Administrative Code for 2023-2024 for the Court's approval. This Ordinance adopts the 2023-2024 Administrative Code and supersedes Ordinance 2022-04.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-04—Administrative Code for 2023-2024.

There was no public comment.

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: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-05—Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy for 2023-2024:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, presented the 2nd 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 Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-05—Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy for 2023-2024.

There was no public comment.

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: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-06—Code of Ethics for 2023-2024:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, presented the 2nd 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 Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-06—Code of Ethics for 2023-2024.

Judge Taylor stated that the Code of Ethics is what the Ethics Board oversees.

Magistrate Botkin stated that the Administrative Code, Drug and Alcohol-Free Policy, and the Code of Ethics are all very good documents and challenged all the employees to read over them. Elliston stated that upon approval, these documents will go out to all employees for them to sign-off on the changes.

There was no public comment.

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: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-07—Fiscal Court Budget for 2023-2024:

Sarah Stewart, Treasurer, presented the 2nd 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 Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-07— Fiscal Court Budget for 2023-2024.

Judge Taylor thanked Stewart and all the Department Heads for working together on this budget. He stated that it is a good budget, and he is proud of it.

There was no public comment.

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: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-09—Flood Damage Prevention:

Clay White, GIS Manager, presented the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-09—Flood Damage Prevention for the Court's approval. This Ordinance is adopting a flood damage prevention guide and supersedes ordinance 08-11.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-09—Flood Damage Prevention.

There was no public comment.

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 2023-10—Local Option Alcohol Sales:

Stephen Amato, member of McBrayer PLLC, talked about the guiding principles that went into the development of this Ordinance. The goals of this Ordinance were to have an ordinance that is bare-bones to allow the County Administration to manage the sale and delivery of alcohol at its discretion, clarity in language and provisions, consistency with State law, consistency with the alcohol ordinance of the City of Richmond in

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regards to hours of sale and certain enforcement issues, and to allow the County to administer and enforce these laws at the criminal and district court level.

Judge Taylor presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-10—Local Option Alcohol Sales for the Court's approval. This Ordinance is relating to Alcoholic Beverage Control establishing an Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator, establishing license fees, prohibiting certain activities by Alcoholic Beverage Licensees, and setting penalties for violation.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Tom Botkin to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-10—Local Option Alcohol Sales.

Magistrate Botkin asked if he was correct in his understanding that this Ordinance had to be enacted before July 18th. Judge Taylor stated that was correct; no license could be issued until 60 days after the certification of the Election.

Jill Williams spoke about the portal the County has for the citizens of Madison County to apply locally for an alcohol sales license.

Magistrate Hughes stated that he had seen a couple notices in the paper for an intent to apply for a package license and asked if that was part of the process. Williams stated that is part of the State process.

Judge Taylor stated that the County is allowed so many licenses based on population size. Stephen Amato stated that there is a total pool of 41 available licenses, 16 of which are already issued.

Magistrate Lochmueller asked if an existing business wants to start selling alcohol on Sunday's, what process do they need to go through. Stephen Amato stated they would have to apply for a Sunday license through the State and then the portal.

Magistrate Botkin stated that the documentation talks about an ABC administrator, and due to the additional training and responsibilities, he wants to make sure that the right person is put into that position to be able follow all the regulations that it will entail.

Magistrate Combs expressed his disappointment in the passing of the local option alcohol sales, especially with all the jail and mental health issues the County currently is facing.

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 2023-11—Land Use Change 1703 Richmond Road N from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-4 General Commercial:

Bert Thomas, Director, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-11—Land Use Change 1703 Richmond Road N from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-4 General Commercial for the Court's approval. This Ordinance is approving the zone change of 1703 Richmond Road N (PIDN# 072A-0001-0004), Berea, Kentucky, and authorizing the amendment of the official zoning map of Madison County, Kentucky.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-11—Land Use Change 1703 Richmond Road N from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-4 General Commercial.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation to Bert and Robyn on providing a map of this location.

Thomas stated that there is a garage currently on this lot and they are just wanting to get it up to compliance since it is not appropriate for farming.

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 2023-75— Madison County Sheriff's 2022 Local Tax Settlement:

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Anthony Terry, Chief Deputy, presented Resolution 2023-75— Madison County Sheriff's 2022 Local Tax Settlement for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve the Madison County Sheriff's Local Tax Settlement collected in 2022.

Magistrate Botkin asked about when the last audit was done on the Sheriff's Office. Terry stated that it was the 2021 audit and will be doing the 2022 audit later this year.

Terry stated that they mailed out 37,947 tax bills and were able to collect 98.38% of those bills. Those are collected from October 1st until April 15th. After April 15th, they then become delinquent and are payable through the County Clerk's Office. He thanked Mary Margaret Young and her team for all their hard work on collecting these tax bills.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-75— Madison County Sheriff's 2022 Local Tax Settlement.

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 2023-76—Madison County Treasurer Appointment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-76— Madison County Treasurer Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to appoint Sarah Stewart as Madison County Treasurer with an appointment expiration date of June 30, 2027.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2023-76— Madison County Treasurer Appointment of Sarah Stewart with an expiration date of June 30, 2027.

Magistrate Hughes stated that they are lucky to have Stewart as the Treasurer.

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 2023-77—Madison County Information Technology Service Agreements for 2023-2024:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-77—Madison County Information Technology Service Agreements for 2023-2024 for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to authorize the signing of contractual agreements by the Madison County Fiscal Court to provide IT Services to the Madison County 911, Madison County Clerk's Office, Madison County Detention Center, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Madison County Attorney's Office, Kirksville Water Association, Madison County Utilities District, Madison County PVA, Madison County EMS, and Southern Madison Water District from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve presented Resolution 2023-77— Madison County Information Technology Service Agreements for 2023-2024.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Chris for his work and answering questions whenever they call him.

Clerk Barger stated without this agreement with the IT Department, they would be duplicating services, which would cost the Clerk's Office more money and take longer to get anything accomplished.

Judge Taylor stated that these agreements bring all the County departments together, providing services that each department needs while generating a revenue.

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 2023-78—Employee Classification Schedule for 2023-2024:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, presented Resolution 2023-78—Employee Classification Schedule for 2023-2024 for the Court’s approval. This Resolution is to approve the Madison County Annual Employee Classification Schedule for 2023-2024

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented Resolution 2023-78—Employee Classification Schedule for 2023-2024.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he had spoken with Morgan and Jill about the way the classification schedule was structured and believes that this new schedule will allow the hiring teams a little more flexibility to be able to pay a more qualified person a competitive wage. He does caution that they monitor the classification schedule to make sure they aren’t going back to the “good ole boys” system that had been in place in years past. Judge Taylor reinforced that they will not be going back to the “good ole boys” system. He stated that Elliston has done an exceptional job in keeping up with the trends, what needs to be implemented, and is fabulous in her job.

Magistrate Lochmueller expressed his disbelieve, coming from a business world, in how the County was able to operate without an individual such as Elliston in years past when they didn’t have an HR Department. He stated that structure and knowledgeable employees are essential in business.

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 2023-79—Annual Employee Rate Adjustment for 2023-2024:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Coordinator, presented Resolution 2023-79—Annual Employee Rate Adjustment for 2023-2024 for the Court’s approval. This Resolution is to adopt merit-based employee rate adjustments for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve presented Resolution 2023-79—Annual Employee Rate Adjustment for 2023-2024.

Magistrate Botkin asked Elliston about the what the color codes meant on the document. She stated that red meant that employees were capped out, blue were for those that had promotions, and the green were employees that have been with the County for under 6 months, and therefore ineligible for a merit increase based on the administrative code.

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 2023-80—Road Department Annual Bid Awards:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-80—Road Department Annual Bid Awards for the Court’s approval. This Resolution is to award he Madison County Road Department 2023-2024 Annual bids to The Allen Company, Inc. for asphalt, Apollo Oil for Bulk Engine Oils, Concrete Materials for concrete, Interstate Construction Products for culverts, Kentucky Petroleum Supply for petroleum, The Allen Company, Inc. for rock, and Morton Salt, Inc. for deicing road salt.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve presented Resolution 2023-80—Road Department Annual Bid Awards.

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Magistrate Botkin asked how these prices compared to last year's. Shepherd stated that there was a slight increase of less than 10% across the board. The biggest discrepancy they had was the deicing road salt; they did the KACo Salt Auction as well as bid it out, and the bid they got was \$104 whereas the KACo Salt Auction was \$118. The Morton Salt, Inc. was only a \$2 increase per ton from last year.

Magistrate Botkin also asked what the price difference was for asphalt. Shepherd stated that the increase per ton for base was \$3.45, and \$2.60 per ton for surface if they would go get it. If The Allen Company, Inc. was to lay it, the price difference was increased \$6.95 per ton for base, and \$8.00 per ton for surface. These prices are locked in for a year.

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 2023-81—Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board Spay & Neuter Grant Application:

Katie Banks, Animal Care and Control Director, presented Resolution 2023-81—Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board (KACAB) Spay & Neuter Grant Application for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the application and administration of 2023 Kentucky Department of Agriculture Animal Control Advisory Board Spay and Neuter Grant funds.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented Resolution 2023-81—Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board Spay & Neuter Grant Application.

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 2023-82—AOC Lease Agreement-Family Court Building:

Sarah Stewart, Treasurer, presented Resolution 2023-82—AOC Lease Agreement-Family Court Building for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving a 2024 fiscal year lease agreement between the Administrative Office of the Courts and Madison County Fiscal Court for office space in the Madison County Family Court Building at 119 North First Street, Richmond, Kentucky.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented Resolution 2023-82—AOC Lease Agreement-Family Court Building.

Judge Taylor stated that this is for the Family Court Building and CDW. He explained that the County has been losing a little bit of money with the AOC's original lease amount that was based on a per foot price, compared to the bond payment. In working with AOC to resolve this yearly loss, AOC has decided to pay the bond payment for the life of the bond from this point forward and will reimburse the County every quarter for the amount lost.

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 2023-83— AOC Lease Agreement-Drug Court Office:

Sarah Stewart, Treasurer, presented Resolution 2023-83—AOC Lease Agreement-Drug Court Office for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving a 2024 fiscal year lease agreement between the Administrative

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Office of the Courts and Madison County Fiscal Court for Drug Court office space at 101 North First Street, Richmond, Kentucky.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve presented Resolution 2023-83—AOC Lease Agreement-Drug Court Office.

Judge Taylor stated that once the Courthouse project gets done, there will be additional space for Drug Court. Therefore, they will no longer be leasing their current space in the old Farris Park Building.

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 2023-84—AOC Lease Agreement-Pretrial Office:

Sarah Stewart, Treasurer, presented Resolution 2023-84—AOC Lease Agreement-Pretrial Office for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving a 2024 fiscal year lease agreement between the Administrative Office of the Courts and Madison County Fiscal Court for Pretrial Office space at 107 West Irvine Street, Richmond, Kentucky.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented Resolution 2023-84—AOC Lease Agreement-Pretrial Office.

Judge Taylor explained that this is a little room that is used in the Detention Center.

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 2023-85—Home Incarceration Monitoring System Bid Award:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-85—Home Incarceration Monitoring System Bid Award for the Court's approval. This Resolution is awarding a bid for Home Incarceration Monitoring System Services (HIC) to Emcon Home Guard, LLC for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Tom Botkin to approve presented Resolution 2023--85—Home Incarceration Monitoring System Bid Award.

Magistrate Botkin stated that in the paperwork it states someone is to pay \$100 and asked who was it that is to pay the \$100, as well as who performs the installation. Williams stated that Emcon will perform the installation and monitoring. She also stated that they waived the \$100 fee, which the offender would have had to pay.

Jennie Haymond explained that the \$100 fee is in their pricing guide because most of their clients are from the private sector and can afford to pay it. However, the indigent clientele for this contract more often than not can't afford to pay it so they are waiving that fee.

Magistrate Botkin asked about the battery life of the monitoring system. Jennie stated that it comes with a charger cord for when the battery runs down.

Magistrate Botkin also asked who would pay for the clause concerning the charge of \$800 plus \$35 for damage to the device. Williams stated that the cost would be passed on to the Fiscal Court if it couldn't be recovered.

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: Enter Executive Session:

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Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Tom Botkin to enter into Executive Session at 10:35AM to discuss a personnel issue. This Executive Session is allowable under KRS 61.810.

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: Exit Executive Session:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to exit Executive Session at 11:08AM.

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: Suspension:

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve the unpaid suspension of Taylor Hoffman for June 16th, 19th & 20th.

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 James Wilson as General Laborer, at a rate of \$18 per hour effective June 28, 2023.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the hiring of James Wilson.

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:

- The courthouse renovation project is underway and expected to be completed in 18 to 24 months.
- Please join us for a District 4 Town Hall Meeting at Kirksville Volunteer Fire Department on Thursday, June 29th beginning at 5:30PM. This event is open to the public for citizens to ask local elected officials questions or voice their concerns.
- Arcadian Cove is hosting a 4th of July Bash on Friday, June 30th from 7PM-Dark. They will have food trucks, inflatables, a live DJ, fireworks, and more.
- Lake Reba's 4th of July Celebration will be Tuesday, July 4th at Lake Reba Park. Festivities begin at 4PM with fireworks at 10PM. Contact Richmond Parks and Recreation for more information.

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- Berea's 4th of July Celebration will be Tuesday, July 4th at Berea City Park. Festivities begin at 6PM with fireworks at 10PM. Contact Berea Parks and Recreation for more information.
- The Berea Craft Festival will be July 7th, 8th, & 9th at Indian Fort Theater in Berea. Visit www.visitberea.com/berea-craft-festival for more information.
- Soulful Creation is hosting a Taste of Madison County event on Saturday, July 8th from 4PM-8PM at the Berea Farmers Market. Call 859-625-4675 for more information.
- The Lighthouse Church Give-n-Go Community Outreach is hosting a free basketball clinic at the YMCA Saturday, July 15th from 10AM-3PM for 3rd through 11th grade students. ECU's head basketball coach A.W. Hamilton, ECU players, and coaching staff will be assisting with the event. Call 859-575-1169 for more information.
- Madison County Government and its related offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4th for the Independence Day holiday. Offices will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th at 8:00 AM.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Combs stated the Descendance Day a Boonesborough was a great event with a good turnout. He encouraged everyone to visit the Lockmaster Museum at Lock 10, which is ran by the family of the Lockmaster and is open on Saturday's. Magistrate Combs expressed his gratefulness to be an American, to be able to serve this Court, and wished everyone a happy Independence Day.

Magistrate Lochmueller reinforced what Magistrate Combs said about the great nation we live in and expressed his desire for everyone to work together in all things. He also thanked the Road Department, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, Volunteer Fire Departments, and all emergency services for their hard work during the storm.

Magistrate Hughes stated that there is still some recovery going on in regard to the storm damage. Some people are still without power, and there have been a lot of requests for debris pick up or disposal help.

Magistrate Botkin echoed the request for debris disposal help, and asked Shepherd if all the roads are now open. Shepherd stated that as of 5:30 Monday afternoon, all the roads were open. He also expressed his appreciation to the first responders, volunteer departments, and everyone else that were out long hours putting themselves in harm's way to help everyone else. He asked for patience for those without power in the 4th District; the utility companies are working hard to do clean up and it may take a while to get power restored to everyone. Magistrate Botkin encouraged everyone to come out to the 4th District Town Hall meeting on Thursday night.

Sheriff Coyle stated that the Sheriff's Department did sustain damage on several of their cruisers, and some vehicles in their impound lot. He also stated that they had an officer resign last week, so they will be looking for a deputy to replace the full-time loss as well as continuing to look for 3 part-time Court Security deputies.

Judge Taylor stated that he is proud of all the teams that has been working the past couple of days due to the hailstorm. He thanked all the law enforcement teams, first responders, road department, fire department, volunteer fire departments, etc. for their long hours and hard work during this time. Judge Taylor informed the citizens that they are working through the process to see if they are going to be able to pick up limbs and help with some of the cleanup.

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Comments from Department Heads:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief and Interim EMA/CSEPP Director, educated the citizens on the FM Alert Radios that they received through CSEPP, in which the federally funded organization picked and sent out the radios for tornado warnings that come from NOAA and the National Weather Service. He explained that Madison County gets some warnings from the National Weather Service in Louisville, and some from Jackson. During the storm on Sunday, Madison County was never put on the warnings list out from Louisville or Jackson, but every county around us was, therefore a warning was never put out through the Alert FM's. Magistrate Lochmueller stated that a couple weather stations had put out some good warnings concerning possible hail damage, and he encouraged people to pay attention to all the resources that are out there and not to rely on just one. Gray agreed and stated that the County set off the outdoor weather sirens which are designed for those who are outside in parks, fields, etc. that can't get notifications from TV or radios at home.

He stated that initially there was 5,700 without power, and as of this meeting there was still 746 without power. They are waiting on KYEM and FEMA to give them notification on the clean-up. As of right now, if anyone has any damage, they are asking them to call the EOC at 859-624-4727 so they can get an estimate done. There is a threshold of a certain dollar amount for Madison County, then the State has to meet a certain dollar amount total in order for the County to get reimbursed for debris pick-up services. For those that live in the County that have debris to clean-up that is natural vegetation, it can be burned in small, cut up piles. They do ask the public to call the fire department when doing that control burn. As of right now, there is nowhere for citizens to take debris to dispose of.

Comments from the Audience and Facebook Comments:

No comments from the Audience or 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 July 11, 2023, in the Council Chambers' Courtroom in Berea, Ky at 9:30 AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Stephen Lochmueller to adjourn, seconded by James Brian Combs. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.


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