

Meeting Date; 7/11/2023

Meeting of; Madison County Fiscal Court

Meeting Type; Regularly Scheduled

HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 11th of July 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 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 Magistrate James Brian Combs to lead the Court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Mike Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 6-27-2023:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on June 27, 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 7-5-2023:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the minutes from the special called meeting on July 5, 2023.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Abstained

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Distribute Reapportionment Commissioner Report:

Clerk Kenny Barger presented the 2023 Reapportionment Committee Proposal to the Court. The Madison County 2023 Reapportionment Committee, consisting of voting members Charlie Ramsay, Bucky Buchanan, Mitch Brown, and non-voting member County Clerk Kenny Barger, completed their statutory obligation to review the magisterial boundaries in accordance with KRS 67.045.

Magistrate Hughes asked if this is something they will vote on. Judge Taylor explained that statute states that 60 days from the day Fiscal Court receives the proposal, they will vote to approve or change the recommendation.

IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-10—Local Option Alcohol Sales:

Stephen Amato, member of McBrayer PLLC, presented the 2nd 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 James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-10—Local Option Alcohol Sales.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Stephen Amato for his work on producing this Ordinance, which he felt was very well written. He did have some concerns on the increase of work that this would put on Bert Thomas as the Administrator. Judge Taylor said that they have discussed that and will be keeping a watch on his increased job duties as this process moves forward.

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

Bert Thomas, Planning and Development Director, presented the 2nd 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 Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-11—Land Use Change 1703 Richmond Road N from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-4 General Commercial.

Judge Taylor stated that this zone change is something that should have already happened as this property has had a business on it for over 40 years.

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: Resolution 2023-87—Madison County Utilities District Board Appointment:

Jill William, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-87—Madison County Utilities District Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the re-appointment of Jim Carr to the Madison County Utilities District Board as chairman, with an expiration date of July 30, 2027.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2023-87—Madison County Utilities District Board Appointment re-appointing Jim Carr as chairman with an expiration date July 30, 2027.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that as the liaison to the Madison County Utilities District Board, he believes Jim does a great job as the chairman of the Board.

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 2023-88—Valley View Ferry Board Appointment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-88—Valley View Ferry Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the re-appointment of Kimberly S. Campbell to the Valley View Ferry Board, with an expiration date of July 23, 2027.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-88—Valley View Ferry Board Appointment re-appointing Kimberly S. Campbell to the Valley View Ferry Board with an expiration date of July 23, 2027.

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: Judge's Report:

- Historic Boone Tavern Hotel and Restaurant is hosting a Rockin' with Elvis event on Friday, July 14th at 7 PM. Visit their Facebook page for more information.
- The Berea Arts Council is hosting an Improv Comedy Night, Thursday, July 13th at 444 Chestnut Street in Berea. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the show starts at 7 PM. Admission is free.
- NACo's "I Love My County Because" Student Art Contest is underway through September. Students in grades K-12 are invited to submit artwork for the contest at NACo.org/art.
- Madison County's GOP Ladies picnic is Friday, July 14th at 6:00 PM at the Madison County Fairgrounds. They will have live and silent auctions, and a potluck. Admission is \$10 per person (5 and under is free).
- CASA's Superhero Gala is on Saturday, August 5th from 6:30-10:30 PM at the ECU Center for the Arts. Visit madisoncasa.org to purchase tickets or for more information.
- Christmas in July at the Kirksville Community Center is Saturday, July 15th from 9 AM-2 PM.
- Enrich is hosting a Christmas in July Vendor Fair and Makers Market on Saturday, July 22nd from 9 AM-4 PM at 110 S. 2nd Street in Richmond.
- The County opened a brush and tree debris drop-off on Saturday, July 1st at 140 E. Bill Eades Road in Richmond. This location is strictly for green waste and natural vegetation only. Citizens can drop off their debris Monday-Saturday from 8 AM-5 PM through July 29th. If you have any questions, please call the Madison County Fire Department at 859-624-4774 or 859-624-4733.
- The Thrive Center at Baptist Health is now open to help meet the needs of those with mental health issues.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Combs stated that he has had a lot of calls concerning storm debris on State roads, and asked everyone to be patient with them as they are working on getting all that cleared up. He expressed his gratitude for the discretionary funds that helped the County on the Crutcher Pike bridge repair.

Magistrate Lochmueller thought the video that was done to inform the public on the Crutcher Pike bridge was great and expressed his desire for that to be done more often.

Magistrate Hughes stated that as the County and City are growing, traffic flow on smaller roads are increasing because they are being used as relief roads for when the main roads are getting backed up due to City developments. The County is unable to keep up with the maintenance of these smaller County roads and he feels that something needs to be done to come up with a solution.

Magistrate Botkin echoed the same sentiment as Magistrate Hughes, and stated that they need to come up with a solution to get these roads repaired. He informed the Court that all of the State Road projects in the 4th District are going well, and that the project at Wilgreen is underway and looks good. Magistrate Botkin thanked Clerk Barger and the Reapportionment Committee for their work; he has some concerns on the proposal but feels like that is something they will discuss over the next 60 days. The State is continuing their debris clean up

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but there are some areas in the County he has some concerns on. He encouraged the public to contact him if they have any questions, concerns, or just need information. He also expressed his appreciation to Coroner Jimmy Cornelison and the hard work that he does.

Attorney Haymond encouraged everyone to attend the CASA Gala on August 5th. She spoke about the work that Victoria Bengé does with CASA and the volunteers that advocate on behalf of children in situations of neglect or abuse. She also talked about the Thrive Center that Baptist Health has opened and the benefit it is to our community for those with behavioral health crisis's.

Clerk Barger explained that CASA isn't a government organization, it is a non-profit completely run by donations and are able to do excellent work with their volunteers. He stated that this morning at 7:30, Craig Loftis and his office had a training class in Berea with Beth and Lisa about the processes that the 2 offices interact with each other, especially with the hail damage and the rebuilt process. Clerk Barger encouraged any other office that would like to do some type of training, to call them. He expressed his thanks and appreciation to Beth and Lisa, as well as to Craig and his office.

Sheriff Coyle acknowledged that the Kentucky Sheriff's Association Boys and Girls Camp took place over the past 2 weeks. He expressed his appreciation to Clerk Barger for allowing the Sheriff's Office to use the Clerk's van to transport the kids to the camp.

Judge Taylor thanked Madison County citizen, Gloria Cain, for her call commending the Madison County Road Department on their professionalism in taking care of the trash on the road at Muddy Creek N.

Comments from Department Heads:

No Comment from Department Heads.

Comments from the Audience and Facebook Comments:

No Comments from the Audience nor Facebook.

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 July 25, 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 10:04 AM.


REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE