

Meeting Date: 7/25/2023

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 25th of July, 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, and Billy Ray Hughes were present. Madison County Assistant Attorney Brooke Bowman, Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle, Deputy Tony Terry, 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 James Atherton of College Hill Methodist 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 7-11-2023:

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on July 11, 2023, with a grammatical correction.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes	Stephen Lochmueller-Yes
Billy Ray Hughes- Passed	Tom Botkin- Not in Attendance
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

Treasurer's Report:

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

IN RE: Sheriff's Quarterly Financial Report:

Mary Margaret Young, Administrative Director, addressed the Court to give an update on the Sheriff's Quarterly Financial Report. She stated that the disbursements are showing in the red because their biggest revenue comes in when they start collecting taxes in October and get their commission. The projected receipts came from the 2022 tax collection fees.

Judge Taylor explained that the Sheriff's Office runs on a calendar year instead of a fiscal year, which is why they are showing in the red. Without the Fiscal Court supplementing the Sheriff's Office, they would be upside down, and that is mostly due to law enforcement.

Magistrate Hughes expressed his appreciation to Mary Margaret for sending the report out.

IN RE: Resolution 2023-89— Madison County 5-year Solid Waste Management Plan:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-89— Madison County 5-year Solid Waste Management Plan for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to adopt the Madison County Solid Waste Management Plan 2023-2027 update.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-89— Madison County 5-year Solid Waste Management Plan.

Magistrate Hughes asked if there was much difference with what was in the plan previously. Shepherd stated there are some changes from previous plans regarding some of the language.

Judge Taylor asked who helped them write this plan. Shepherd explained that the State helps write it by providing a lot of the information and then they send out yearly reports to all collection agencies in the county. Judge Taylor also asked if the cities have to approve this plan. Shepherd stated yes, but that they haven't yet. It goes to the City of Richmond tonight and the City of Berea next week. He explained that since the city is inside the county, they still have to approve the County's waste management plan.

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Judge Taylor also pointed out a couple of corrections that need to be made in the plan in regard to a couple name corrections.

Magistrate Combs asked if the difference between the cost and revenue is made up with the General Fund.

Judge Taylor stated that yes, Solid Waste is part of the General Fund unless there are other grants. Shepherd explained that there are no other grants and that the deficiency comes in because of the loaner dumpster use and dead animal pickup, which they don't charge a fee for.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes	Stephen Lochmueller-Yes
Billy Ray Hughes- Yes	Tom Botkin- Not in Attendance
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Resolution 2023-90—ARPA Funds Updated Procurement Policy:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2023-90— ARPA Funds Updated Procurement Policy for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve an updated procurement policy for purchases made with American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal recovery funds ("ARPA FUNDS").

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2022-90— ARPA Funds Updated Procurement Policy.

Magistrate Combs stated that often times they may not take the lowest bidder in place of a local bidder, but this policy requires them to take the lowest bidder.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes	Stephen Lochmueller-Yes
Billy Ray Hughes- Yes	Tom Botkin- Not in Attendance
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Resolution 2023-91—TC Energy Build Strong Grant Application:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief/EMA-CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2023-91—TC Energy Build Strong Grant Application for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the application and administration of TC Energy Build Strong Grant Funds to equip first responders.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve presented Resolution 2023-91—TC Energy Build Strong Grant Application.

Magistrate Hughes asked what he thought the odds were of receiving this grant. Chief Gray said it was about 50/50.

Magistrate Combs asked what this grant would be used for. Chief Gray stated they are looking to purchase some training equipment and washing equipment for their helmet, boots, and other equipment they have to currently clean by hand. They currently don't have a good way to deep clean those items to remove the cancer-causing particles that is found in the smoke.

Judge Taylor stated that Chief Gray and his firefighters have built an obstacle course to simulate crawling through attics and tight spaces to allow them to train and tone their skills in a safe environment.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes	Stephen Lochmueller-Yes
Billy Ray Hughes- Yes	Tom Botkin- Not in Attendance
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Resolution 2023-92—FEMA DR-4595 Public Assistance Grant Modification #1:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief/EMA-CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2023-92—FEMA DR-4595 Public Assistance Grant Modification #1 for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving Modification #1 to a

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Memorandum of Agreement between the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Military Affairs, Division of Emergency Management and DR-4595 Subrecipients.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Steven Lochmueller to approve presented Resolution 2023-92—FEMA DR-4595 Public Assistance Grant Modification #1.

Magistrate Lochmueller asked if this was being extended out for ten years. Chief Gray stated that it is actually the funding coming down from a disaster they had 2 years ago.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes	Stephen Lochmueller-Yes
Billy Ray Hughes- Yes	Tom Botkin- Not in Attendance
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Personnel:

Morgan Elliston, Human Resources Director, recommended the promotion of Cody Blair from Firefighter I to Firefighter II, at a rate of \$9.24 per hour effective August 2, 2023, the promotion of Robert B. Foster from Firefighter I to Firefighter II, at a rate of \$9.24 per hour effective August 2, 2023, and the hiring of Micah Hardin as HR Assistant, at a salary of \$35,100 per year effective August 16, 2023.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the promotions of Cody Blair and Robert B. Foster, and the hiring of Micah Hardin.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes	Stephen Lochmueller-Yes
Billy Ray Hughes- Yes	Tom Botkin- Not in Attendance
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- The Taste of Richmond event will be Friday, July 28th from 5:30 PM-8 PM at the Richmond Center. Bring your family & friends to enjoy a night filled with food trucks & live music.
- MORE Conference will be Friday, August 4th at 8 AM. Visit the Richmond Chamber of Commerce website for more information.
- Richmond's Back to School Bash will be Thursday, August 10th from 3 PM-6 PM at Irvine McDowell Park.
- ECU's Big E Tailgate Walk will be Thursday, August 10th at 6:30 PM. Lancaster Avenue will be closed down during this time.
- The County opened a brush and tree debris drop off site on July 1st on 130 E. Bill Eades Rd 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 Richmond Area Arts Council is hosting a Summer Music Series on July 28th at the Richmond Center at the fountain.

Comments from Magistrates:

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Magistrate Combs stated that Tom and himself have had some discussions concerning the reapportion recommendation and asked Clerk Barger what the next steps would be in the reapportionment process. Clerk Barger stated that the legal aspect has been fulfilled and now it was up to Court to make a decision on what they wanted to do and get a map drawn.

Magistrate Combs expressed his thankfulness in the paving of Floyd Branch and stated that the State will be doing some mowing on Old 25.

Magistrate Lochmueller thanked the students for attending today. He also thanked Scott and the Road crew for the work they did on Crutcher Pike Bridge and on Lower Hines, as well as for his leadership.

Magistrate Hughes thanked Chief Gray for all the work they have done with the brush debris, as well as thanking Sarah and Morgan for their hard work. He also thanked the students for attending today.

Deputy Terry stated that they had some active shooter training at the Kirksville Elementary School, as well as at Circuit Court. Lieutenant Allen and Lieutenant Thomas coordinated these trainings and developed the scenarios they used. These types of trainings help make the agency better.

Judge Taylor recognized Doug Martin, Congressional Academy Director, and students from Farristown, Foley, and Madison Southern schools that are participating in the Academy over the summer. He expressed his appreciation to them for attending today.

Comments from Department Heads:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, announced that they will be having the Kentucky River Sweep in coordination with Clark County, on Saturday, August 12th from 9 AM-1 PM. They will need volunteers, both with boats and without boats. Free t-shirts will be provided, as well as a cook-out after the pick-up at 1 PM. Chief Gray stated that they will be taking the County's Search and Rescue boat.

Comments from the Audience and Facebook Comments:

No Facebook Comments.

James Atherton, Pastor from College Hill Methodist Church, shared information on the City for the Nations and the partnership College Hill Methodist Church and Doyleville Community Church have developed with the nation of Niger, Africa. They have worked with a church in Niger to reach unengaged people groups over the past four and a half (4 ½) years. He encouraged everyone to go to www.cityforthenations.com to sign up to be part of the prayer movement praying for this partnership between Richmond and Niger.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion made by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve to pay claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for August 8, 2023, in the Council Chambers' Courtroom in Berea, Ky at 9:30 AM.

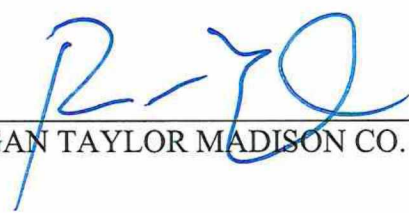
IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Stephen Lochmueller to adjourn, seconded by James Brian Combs. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM.

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