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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 8th of August 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 Pastor Joey Kays of Emmanuel Baptist 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 7-25-2023:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on July 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 8-1-2023:

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the minutes from the special called meeting on August 1, 2023.

Judge Taylor stated that they received the executed agreement with the Transportation Cabinet on Flex Funds this morning, so they are now ready to move forward with the flex fund road repairs.

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: Motion to Amend the Agenda:

Judge Taylor asked Fiscal Court to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2023-99—Regional Economic Development Support.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2023-99—Regional Economic Development Support.

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: Battle of Richmond Update from Phillip Seyfrit:

Phillip Seyfrit, City of Richmond/Battle of Richmond, presented the Battle of Richmond Update to the Court. He stated that the Battle of Richmond Reenactment will be Saturday and Sunday, August 26th and 27th with gates opening at 10AM and the battle beginning at 2PM. They will also be having a vintage baseball game on Saturday played by 1860-1870's rules. The baseball game will feature the Cincinnati Red Stockings against the Georgetown Gentlemen. Also, on Wednesday August 30th (the anniversary date of the actual battle), an

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unveiling of a new Battle of Richmond print by local artist Tim Pack, entitled Foreshadowing, will be at Mt. Zion Christian Church at 7 PM.

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2023-12—District Boundaries Reapportionment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-12—District Boundaries Reapportionment for the Court's approval. This Ordinance is relating to the reapportionment of Magisterial District Boundaries located within Madison County, Kentucky, and supersedes Ordinance 11-12.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-12—District Boundaries Reapportionment.

Magistrate Botkin asked Clerk Barger to explain the process of the Reapportionment Committee.

Clerk Barger stated that Fiscal Court appointed the Reapportionment Committee members. They then met and decided to move one precinct from District 4, which was the highest in population, to District 1, which is the lowest in population. Clerk Barger explained that the districts have to be within +/- 10% in population size, therefore they decided to move 1186 voters that are in the Burnam-Highpoint Precinct to the 1st District so all Districts are now within the +/- 10% range.

Judge Taylor clarified that change impacted the least amount of people possible.

Magistrate Combs stated that he is looking forward to serving, working with, and meeting the people of the Burnam Highpoint Precinct.

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 2023-94—Emergency Management Agency/Baptist Health Richmond MOU:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief & EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2023-87—Emergency Management Agency/Baptist Health Richmond MOU for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Madison County Emergency Management Agency and Baptist Health Richmond.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-87—Emergency Management Agency/Baptist Health Richmond MOU.

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 2023-95—CSEPP FY23 Grant Funding Contract:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief & EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2023-95—CSEPP FY23 Grant Funding Contract for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving the CSEPP FY23 Grant Funding Contract.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-95—CSEPP FY23 Grant Funding Contract.

Magistrate Botkin stated that CSEPP has been a great partner to Madison and surrounding counties.

Magistrate Hughes asked how much the grant was for last year. Judge Taylor thought it was about \$40 Million, which part of that was radio money that was carried over from previous years.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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IN RE: Resolution 2023-96—Ferno-Washington, Inc Sole Source Agreement:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief & EMA/CSEPP Director, presented Resolution 2023-96—Ferno-Washington, Inc Sole Source Agreement for the Court's approval. This Resolution approving a Sole Source Agreement for the purchase of Transcend Evacuation Powered Stair Chairs for Madison County EMS.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-96—Ferno-Washington, Inc Sole Source Agreement.

Magistrate Botkin asked if this didn't have to be bid out due to the dollar value. Chief Gray stated that this is a sole source agreement because Ferno-Washington, Inc is the only one that makes the chairs.

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 2023-97—HB 1 County Clerk Election Equipment Grant

Application:

Kenny Barger, County Clerk, presented Resolution 2023-97—HB 1 County Clerk Election Equipment Grant Application for the Court's approval. This Resolution is authorizing the filing of a Kentucky House Bill (HB) 1 County Clerk's Election Equipment Grant application for up to \$173,443.15 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 to carry out this project; and authorizing the Judge/Executive to act as the authorized correspondent for the project.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-97—HB 1 County Clerk Election Equipment Grant Application.

Clerk Barger explained that this is a second round of funding the General Assembly did to allow counties to spend money on things they need for elections and to be able to fund the elections. This funding will be used for 40 new express vote machines and 10 carts for them to go on.

Judge Taylor stated that he is thankful for the opportunities from the State Legislature giving these funds.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation of all the different associations that are in Frankfort fighting for funds that the counties need. Clerk Barger stated that all the associations are working well together and providing data to help get the funding.

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 2023-98—Madison County Fiscal Court Confirmation of Road Adequacy and Funding Commitment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-98—Madison County Fiscal Court Confirmation of Road Adequacy and Funding Commitment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving a confirmation of Road Adequacy and Funding Commitment for the proposed school project for the new Waco Elementary School.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-98—Madison County Fiscal Court Confirmation of Road Adequacy and Funding Commitment.

Judge Taylor stated that they will work with the School Board once it gets time to; this is just for the paperwork to get the approval from the State.

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 2023-99—Regional Economic Development Support:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2023-99—Regional Economic Development Support for the Court's approval. This Resolution is acknowledging the regional collaboration and support on a Regional Economic Development Project.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2023-99—Regional Economic Development Support.

Magistrate Combs stated that he was glad to see all the different government entities coming together to do what is right for their citizens.

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:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, recommended the hiring of Steve Buchert as CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer, at a rate of \$15 per hour effective August 9, 2023.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the hiring of Steve Buchert as CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer, at a rate of \$15 per hour effective August 9, 2023.

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:

- Volunteers are needed for the Kentucky River Sweep at Boonesborough State Park on Saturday, August 12th from 9 AM - 1 PM. T-shirts and lunch will be provided to volunteers. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and help keep the Kentucky River clean. Please call 859-624-4739 for more information.
- Berea's Back to School Bash will be Saturday, August 12th from 1 PM - 4 PM at Memorial Park in Berea.
- Berea Parks and Recreation is hosting a Pooch Poolooza for a free dog swim at the Berea City Pool on Monday, August 14th from 5 PM - 7 PM. All pet vaccinations must be up to date and all dogs must be friendly toward others. They ask that you bring one of the following donations for the Madison County Animal Shelter:
 - Pet food
 - Collars or leashes
 - Cat litter
 - Pet shampoo
 - Treats
 - Toys

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- The first day of school for Madison County Public Schools is Wednesday, August 16th. Model Laboratory School's first day of school is Monday, August 28th. Please be mindful of the school buses and increased traffic. ECU starts Monday, August 14th.
- Arcadian Cove is hosting a Dogs Days of Summer event on Saturday, August 19th from 10 AM – 2 PM at 532 Cady Dr in Richmond. They will have free food, pup cups, doggy pools, and more. Bring your dog or adopt one. Please call Leslie McCauley at 859-624-0022 for more information.
- Kentucky River Foothills has water and electric service funds available for those who need assistance. Income eligibility is 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The funds will be available from July 25th - September 22nd, or until available funds have been expended. For more information visit foothillscap.org or schedule an appointment at 859-544-1713.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Combs stated that the County will be out mowing soon. The bridge repairs look good, and he expressed his appreciation to the road department and all county departments for the work they do.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that the East Bill Eads bridge decking will be completed today, and concrete is scheduled to start tomorrow, with the hope that the bridge will be back open late next week.

Magistrate Hughes informed the Court that on Saturday, August 19th, College Hill Methodist Church will be having their annual Ice Cream Social.

Magistrate Botkin thanked the members that were on the Reapportionment Committee for their work, stating that the Burnam-Highpoint precinct will be in good hands with Magistrate Combs. He encouraged everyone that can to participate in the Kentucky River Sweep; it is a good event, and they are always able to pick up a lot of trash. Magistrate Botkin also stated that Thursday is the ECU walk for incoming freshmen from 4:30-6:30. He also thanked the State Road department for clearing some line-of-sight issues that he had reported.

Attorney Haymond stated that the 40th Annual Pops at the Park will be Saturday, August 19th with gates opening at 5 PM and ends with fireworks. The theme this year is Made in the 80's, with the Madison Community Band and others performing throughout the night. For tickets visit Bidpal or see the Facebook page for the QR code and site info.

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 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 August 22, 2023, in the Richmond City Hall Chambers in Richmond, Ky at 9:30 AM.

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IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Billy Ray Hughes to adjourn, seconded by Stephen Lochmueller. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.



REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE