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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 12th of September 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 Deputy Michael Stotts, 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 Magistrate James Brian Combs to lead the Court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Magistrate Tom Botkin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 8-22-2023:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on August 22, 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: Proclamation-Constitution Week:

Judge Taylor proclaimed the week of September 17th through 23rd as Constitution Week and urged all citizens to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

Debra Parsons, Regent, and Tara O'Donnell, Vice Regent, for Daughters of the American Revolution Jemima Boone Chapter, were in attendance to accept this proclamation.

Debra Parson thanked the Court and Judge Taylor for presenting the proclamation, and expressed her appreciation for what they do. She explained that part of the DAR's goal is to make sure children have their own copy of the Constitution and that they are aware of that the line "We, the people" informs them of who is responsible for what happens.

IN RE: Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame Update from Emerson McAfee:

Emerson McAfee, Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame, provided an update on the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame monuments, stating that Richmond and Berea are next in line once Lexington gets their monuments finished. He also stated that the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame is wanting to place a museum in Kentucky, somewhere along the center of I-75, and thought that having it at the White Hall exit, if possible, would be a good idea.

Magistrate Botkin thanked McAfee for his tireless efforts in support of Kentucky Veterans and in making sure they are not forgotten.

A moment of silence was observed in the passing of Coach Roy Kidd.

IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-13—Land Use and Development Regulations:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Development Director, presented the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-13—Land Use and Development Regulations for the Court's approval. This Ordinance is relating to the Madison County Fiscal Court, Kentucky, adopting New Land Development and Subdivision Regulations.

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Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-13—Land Use and Development Regulations.

Amy Williams, Partner with Taylor, Siefker, Williams (TSW) Design Group, was in attendance to answer any questions. She explained the purpose of the TSW Design Group was to make it a lot easier for not just the Planning Commission, but for the average person looking at the regulations, as well as helped streamline the guidelines and brought it up to state statutes.

Judge Taylor thanked Williams and her team for their time and investment on this.

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 2023-14—Land Use Change 479 Mt. Vernon from UC-1 Single-Family Residential to UC-4 General Commercial:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Development Director, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-14—Land Use Change 479 Mt. Vernon Road from UC-1 Single-Family Residential to UC-4 General Commercial for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve the zone change of 479 Mt. Vernon Road (PIDN #B003-0003-0006), Berea, Kentucky, and authorizing the amendment of the official zoning map of Madison County, Kentucky.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-14—Land Use Change 479 Mt. Vernon Road from UC-1 Single-Family Residential to UC-4 General Commercial. Thomas stated there was a concern that was voiced about traffic because the property doesn't really have a designated entrance. The Planning Commission stated that they would want them to rectify that by putting in an entrance if there was a development on that property.

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 2023-107—Ratify Eastern Kentucky University's Madison Airport Board, Inc. Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2023-107—Ratify Eastern Kentucky University's Madison Airport Board, Inc. Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to ratify the Eastern Kentucky University Appointment of Colleen Chaney to the Madison Airport Board, Inc., with an expiration date of September 14, 2025.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-107—Ratify Eastern Kentucky University's Madison Airport Board, Inc. Appointment of Colleen Chaney, with an expiration date of September 14, 2025.

Magistrate Botkin stated that Colleen is a good addition to the Board and appreciates her work.

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 2023-108—Joint Post-CSEPP Transition Task Force:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-108—Joint Post-CSEPP Transition Task Force for the Court's approval. This Resolution is a joint resolution of Madison County, the City of Berea, and

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the City of Richmond acknowledging the desire to collaborate on post-CSEPP projects impacting all jurisdictions.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-108—Joint Post-CSEPP Transition Task Force.

Magistrate Botkin stated that it will be good to have a task force that everyone will be participating in to help bring an end to the CSEPP services.

Judge Taylor stated that this will be on the agenda for the City of Richmond tonight, and on the agenda for the City of Berea next Tuesday.

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 2023-109—Discretionary Funds for Resurfacing Charles White Road and Portions of Gravel Lick Branch Road:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-109—Discretionary Funds for Resurfacing Charles White Road and Portions of Gravel Lick Branch Road for the Court's approval. This Resolution is adopting and approving the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Madison County Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways for the resurfacing of Charles White Road and portions of Gravel Lick Branch Road in the amount of \$212,600.00.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-109—Discretionary Funds for Resurfacing Charles White Road and Portions of Gravel Lick Branch Road.

Judge Taylor thanked the Transportation Cabinet who try their best to spread out discretionary money as needed across the Commonwealth. He also thanked Shepherd and Melissa for their work on requesting those funds.

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 2023-110—80/20 Bridge Funds-Sam Jones Road:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-110—80/20 Bridge Funds-Sam Jones Road for the Court's approval. This Resolution is adopting and approving the execution of a Rural Secondary Program Agreement between the Madison County Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, and accepting all roads and streets referred to therein as being a part of the County Road System.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-110—80/20 Bridge Funds-Sam Jones Road.

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 2023-111—Colt Engineering, Inc. DBA Thoroughbred Engineering Professional Services Agreement:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2023-111—Colt Engineering, Inc. DBA Thoroughbred Engineering Professional Services Agreement for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve a professional services agreement between the Madison County Fiscal Court and Colt Engineering, Inc. DBA Thoroughbred Engineering for engineering and design services.

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Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-111—Colt Engineering, Inc. DBA Thoroughbred Engineering Professional Services Agreement.

Magistrate Combs asked if this would give businesses opportunities to advertise. Judge Taylor stated that it is an opportunity to beautify the community, but they don't know what that will look like; this is the first step and believes it will benefit the county as a whole. Magistrate Combs stated that a lot of businesses have some sort of statement about being a corporate partner in the community and want to help but are not sure in what direction to go. This could be an opportunity to give them some direction and tap into that to participate in the community.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that there have been several conversations in his previous positions about having better looking exits off I-75 within the county. He believes that it is proactive on the County's part and is honored to be a part of the County taking the initiative to do this.

Judge Taylor stated that his hope is that this is not just a partnership amongst the governments but also with the community.

Magistrate Botkin stated that the appeal this gives to people who would want to come and do business within the community. He spoke to Mayor Fraley, who mentioned the fact of corporate partners and sponsorships would be a great idea.

Clerk Barger stated that ECU and Berea College would be good partnerships to be involved in this because getting off the interstate is the first impression of the universities.

Judge Taylor explained that creating the design and trying to bring everyone together will be the hard part, and it is something they all have to do together.

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 2023-112—Madison County Detention Center Prisoner Housing Contract-Three Forks Regional Jail:

Steve Tussey, Jailer, presented Resolution 2023-112—Madison County Detention Center Prisoner Housing Contract-Three Forks Regional Jail for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving a contract between the Madison County Fiscal Court and Three Forks Regional Jail to house adult Madison County prisoners.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2023-112—Madison County Detention Center Prisoner Housing Contract-Three Forks Regional Jail.

Magistrate Hughes asked what their compacity would be at Three Forks. Tussey stated that they currently house 40 prisoners as Three Forks and that they could do 60-70 if needed. Three Forks is a big regional facility and currently has a lot of empty beds. With it being just a little over an hour from Madison County, it makes transport easy for the Sheriff's Office.

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 2023-113—Purchase Cab Tractors and Boom Mower Attachments:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-113—Purchase Cab Tractors and Boom Mower Attachments for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving the purchase of two John Deere 6120M Cab Tractors and two Boom Mower attachments for the Madison County Road Department.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-113—Purchase Cab Tractors and Boom Mower Attachments.

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Magistrate Lochmueller stated that new tractors and mowers are badly needed, and it will be a good investment for the County.

Shepherd stated that what they have currently are '96 –'97 models with 12 to 13 thousand miles on them. When they do take them out, they are having to work on them about half a day to be able to get a day's work out of them.

Magistrate Combs stated that he has gotten several calls about boom mowing and that this is needed for the county.

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 2023-114—AMK Services, LLC Existing P25 Radio System Maintenance Agreement:

Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, presented Resolution 2023-114—AMK Services, LLC Existing P25 Radio System Maintenance Agreement for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving a maintenance agreement for Madison County existing P25 Radio System.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2023-114—AMK Services, LLC Existing P25 Radio System Maintenance Agreement.

Magistrate Botkin asked if this was just through December. Iseral said that the current contract expired at the end of August and the new system is coming in December, so this is to cover until they are able to roll into the new agreement.

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 2023-115—Cost-share Road Surface Project for Cavalier Court:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-115—Cost-share Road Surface Project for Cavalier Court for the Court's approval. This Resolution is approving a cost-share road surface project for Cavalier Court in Richmond, Kentucky with a cost-share of 74% by the residents and 26% by the County.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2023-115—Cost-share Road Surface Project for Cavalier Court.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation to the residents of Cavalier Court for their willingness to put up 74% of the cost for this resurfacing project.

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: Employee Spotlight:

Morgan Elliston, HR Director, spotlighted Andrea Brock, 911 Dispatcher. Elliston explained that they have been featuring the employee spotlights on the County's social media pages but believed it was important to present them to Fiscal Court as well. The nominations for Employee Spotlights are anonymous, and can come from a department head, supervisor, or colleague through the employee portal. If there is someone who has been nominated numerous times or has done something amazing, they are selected for the spotlight.

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Andrea has worked with the 911 Department for about 4 years, and recently achieved the Kentucky Telecommunicator of the Year. Recently in the 911 Department, they have had some major turnover, and Andrea has been recognized numerous times for picking up additional shifts to help any areas that were short. Magistrate Combs thanked Elliston for bringing that to court because they don't get to meet everyone that works for the County.

IN RE: Personnel:

Morgan Elliston, HR Director, recommended the promotion of Jakop Tharp from a Firefighter II to a Firefighter III, at a rate of \$10.69 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Brayden Prewitt as a Firefighter, at a rate of \$8.72 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Samuel Tissenbaum as a Part-Time Firefighter, at a rate of \$9.24 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Camden Eubank as a Part-Time Firefighter, at a rate of \$9.24 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Andrew Powell as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$10.50 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Jason Ward as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$10.50 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Wesley Deaton as a CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer, at a rate of \$18 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Aaron Spurlock as a Light Duty Mechanic, at a rate of \$20 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Nicole Lamb as an Administrative Assistant, at a rate of \$16.50 per hour effective September 13, 2023.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the promotion of Jakop Tharp from a Firefighter II to a Firefighter III, at a rate of \$10.69 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Brayden Prewitt as a Firefighter, at a rate of \$8.72 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Samuel Tissenbaum as a Part-Time Firefighter, at a rate of \$9.24 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Camden Eubank as a Part-Time Firefighter, at a rate of \$9.24 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Andrew Powell as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$10.50 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Jason Ward as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$10.50 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Wesley Deaton as a CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer, at a rate of \$18 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Aaron Spurlock as a Light Duty Mechanic, at a rate of \$20 per hour effective September 13, 2023; the hiring of Nicole Lamb as an Administrative Assistant, at a rate of \$16.50 per hour effective September 13, 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:

- Richmond Chamber of Commerce's annual CityFest will be Thursday, September 14th from 5 PM-8 PM ECU's Powell Plaza. If your business or organization would like to set up a booth, contact the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.
- The 4-H Country Ham Dinner and Auction will be Thursday, September 14th beginning at 5 PM at the Madison County Fairgrounds.
- Madison Southern's homecoming parade will be Thursday, September 14th beginning at 6 PM. The Eagles will play the Henry Clay Blue Devils on Friday, September 15th at 7:30 PM.

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- Berea's annual Spoonbread Festival will be Friday through Sunday, September 15th-17th at Memorial Park and the Russel Acton Folk Center. Please be mindful of increased traffic in the area.
- Morning Point of Richmond Senior Living is hosting their 3rd annual Pets on Parade on Friday, September 15th at 5:30 PM. Email Richmond-ed@morningpointe.com to register.
- EKU's home football opener will be Saturday, September 16th at 6 PM. Please be mindful of increased traffic in the area.
- Madison Central's homecoming parade will be Thursday, September 21st beginning at 6 PM. The Indians will play Great Crossing on Friday, September 22nd at 7:30 PM.
- The Berea Volunteer Fire and Rescue's Blast from the Past Car Show will be Saturday, September 23rd from 9 AM-2 PM at the Berea College Forestry Outreach Center located at 2047 Big Hill Road.
- Kirksville Day will be Saturday, September 23rd from 8:30 AM-1 PM at the Kirksville Community Center. Email kirksvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com for more information.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Combs stated that East Kentucky Power is having an open house for their project on Red Lick, to communicate what they plan on doing on September 21st from 3 PM-7 PM at the Berea Forestry Outreach Center located at 2047 Big Hill Rd. He also encouraged everyone to come to the Spoonbread Festival this weekend.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that he was able to represent the Court last Sunday at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new secondary location of Eastside Community Church on Lexington Road.

Magistrate Hughes stated that the 22nd Anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy was yesterday and wanted everyone to remember and never forget what the country endured. Judge Taylor stated that McCready Manor had a remembrance ceremony yesterday and was able to speak on the 9/11 tragedy.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Magistrate Hughes for bringing up the anniversary of 9/11 because we never want to forget about it. He received a call from Mary Lynn Campbell on Muddy Creek thanking the Road Department for their work on cutting down a huge tree in that area.

Comments from Department Heads:

Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, provided a Broadband update. They met on August 23rd, and have connected about 1000 homes, which are in the RDOF areas. They are working to get pole attachments as part of the State grant. He explained that the pole attachments are the longest part of the process and is what will hold up the progress. In the RDOF area, Spectrum has requested 2,000 pole attachments, and in the State grant area they requested over 3,000 pole attachments.

Magistrate Combs asked if there would be an instance where the utility company would not grant a pole attachment. Iseral stated that it would be that they don't, but they may say that the pole may not be big enough or is broken, and it would just take them longer to get it done.

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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 September 26, 2023, in the Richmond City Hall Chambers in Richmond, 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 10:45 AM.


REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE