

Meeting Date: 9/26/2023

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 26th of September 2023 at 9:30 AM 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 Tom Botkin were present. Madison County Assistant Attorney Brooke Bowman, 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 stated items 8, 9, & 10 will be struck from the agenda and will not be heard today.

Judge Taylor asked Pastor Virgil Grant of Eastside Community 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 9-12-2023:

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on September 12, 2023.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes

Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Not in Attendance

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: Proclamation-Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

Judge Taylor, along with the City of Richmond and the City of Berea, proclaimed October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Richmond, Berea, and all of Madison County, and urged all citizens to reach out to victims and help end domestic violence.

Jennifer Lainhart, Hope's Wings Executive Director, and Paige Curtner, Communications & Development Coordinator, were present to accept this proclamation.

Jennifer expressed her appreciation to the Court for their support throughout the year. She stated that domestic violence is very prevalent in the state of Kentucky, being number 2 in the nation in regards to domestic violence. Fortunately, Madison County has some great resources to support and serve the community, such as God's Outreach, Madison Homes, and Hope's Wings. On Monday, October 2nd, they will kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month with lunch at Richmond City Hall, provided by Purdy's and Baptist Health Richmond. There will be a special guest speaker there this year to tell her survivor story, and Jennifer encouraged everyone to come out and attend. Also, they will have a These Hands Don't Hurt Rally on October 20th at the Berea City Hall to celebrate those in the community who don't use violence in their relationships, and to recognize those that have died due to domestic violence in Kentucky.

Paige stated that pet abuse tends to go hand in hand with domestic violence and unfortunately, they don't have the on-shelter space for those pets to stay with their owners when they come to Hope's Wings. Ashley Renton with Four Paws and Kentucky Saves Animal Rescue houses and provides vet services for all of the resident's animals for free. On Friday, October 6th at 6:30 PM at Dreaming Creek Brewery, they will be hosting a pet fashion show to raise money for Kentucky Saves Animal Rescue. She also stated that Hope's Wings will be out at several events in the community giving out purple light bulbs to encourage people to shine a light on domestic violence.

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Judge Taylor stated that he was grateful to Jennifer and is proud of her leadership and what she does for the community.

IN RE: Proclamation-National 4-H Week:

Judge Taylor proclaimed October 1-7, 2023 as National 4-H Week and encouraged all citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continues to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

Julia Reid and Scott Darst, 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent's, were in attendance to accept this proclamation.

Julia recognized 4-H students Scotty Rowlette, Beau and Lydia Willmes, Kyla and Shayla Harris, and Lainey and Will O'Donnell, who are very involved in the 4-H program. She expressed her thankfulness to the Court for their support.

Scott thanked the Court for their support during the Ham Auction, Mr. Barger for the Ag Tag support, as well as all the parents and volunteers.

IN RE: 2nd 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 2nd 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 Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-14—Land Use Change 479 Mt. Vernon Road from UC-1 Single-Family Residential to UC-4 General Commercial.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes

Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Not in Attendance

Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2023-116—Battlefield Golf Course Credit Card Processing Contract:

Gary Vanderoef, Golf and County Parks Director, presented Resolution 2023-116— Battlefield Golf Course Credit Card Processing Contract for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve a contract between Madison County Fiscal Court and Lightspeed for credit card processing software at Battlefield Golf Course.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented Resolution 2023-116— Battlefield Golf Course Credit Card Processing Contract.

Magistrate Botkin asked if Vanderoef knew what the dollar value of saving this would have for them.

Vanderoef stated that he was hoping it would be about \$200-\$400 savings for the year.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes

Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Not in Attendance

Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Agenda Amendment— Add an Executive Session:

Judge Taylor asked the Court's approval to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session to the agenda for a Personnel issue.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the Agenda Amendment—Add an Executive Session.

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Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2023-117— Madison County Utilities District MOU:

Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, presented Resolution 2023-117— Madison County Utilities District MOU for the Court's approval. This Resolution is authorizing a signature for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Madison County Utilities District (MCUD) and Madison County in reference to fiber optic deployment and maintenance for public safety communications.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Steven Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2023-117— Madison County Utilities District MOU.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Iseral for bringing this about.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that Iseral has done a great job in bringing Madison County into the technological area that it is today. He stated that he is proud to be a part of the 3rd county in the nation to deploy this, and that it speaks highly of Iseral and his staff.

Judge Taylor also thanked the Madison County Utilities Board for their partnership and leadership.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes

Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Not in Attendance

Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2023-118—Madison Airport Board, Inc. Water and Sewer Easements:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2023-118— Madison Airport Board, Inc. Water and Sewer Easements for the Court's approval. This Resolution is authorizing the grant of easements to the Southern Madison Water District and the City of Berea.

Motion by Steven Lochmueller seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2022-118— Madison Airport Board, Inc. Water and Sewer Easements.

Magistrate Botkin stated that this is a good project.

Judge Taylor stated that this is a good project and is another community partnership with the cities.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes

Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Not in Attendance

Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2023-119—Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources MOU Addendum #1:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2023-119—Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources MOU Addendum #1 for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve an addendum #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and Madison County Fiscal Court.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented Resolution 2023-119— Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources MOU Addendum #1.

Magistrate Botkin stated that this is a really good project, and he was glad to see the addition of the docks at Wilgreen Lake.

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Judge Taylor stated that there is currently a courtesy dock that will have a kayak launch on it and that this MOU will provide a slip dock for possibly 16 boats.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes

Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Not in Attendance

Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel:

Morgan Elliston, HR Director, recommended the promotion of Esther Harris from an EOC Technician to a Medical Officer, at a rate of \$21.74 per hour effective September 27, 2023, the hiring of Denton Thompson as a Seasonal Snow Removal CDL Truck Driver at a rate of \$20 per hour effective September 27, 2023; and the hiring of Mark Douglas as a CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer at a rate of \$18 per hour effective September 27, 2023.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the promotion of Esther Harris and the hiring of Denton Thompson and Mark Douglas.

Judge Taylor was glad to see some CDL drivers for the upcoming snow season and thanked the HR Department for their hard work in promoting and recruiting for employees in the road department.

Magistrate Combs asked Shepherd where they were as far as staffing. Shepherd stated that they are still short about 8 people in the road department.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes

Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Not in Attendance

Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Employee Spotlight:

Morgan Elliston, HR Director, spotlighted Bert Thomas, Director of Planning and Development. He has worked with the County for over 15 years, is very knowledgeable in his job, and takes pride in his work.

Magistrate Combs expressed his appreciation to Thomas for all his help.

Magistrate Lochmueller concurred.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he was glad to see this recognition for Thomas; it is much deserved.

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- The 15th Annual Paint the Town Pink Kick-off Celebration is Friday, September 29th at 10 AM at Millstone Park in downtown Richmond.
- Madison County Public Library and Richmond Parks and Recreation are hosting a Night of Heroes event Friday, September 29th at 6 PM at Irvine-McDowell Park in Richmond. Activities include superhero and local real-world hero appearances, as well as food trucks, superhero-themed activities, and a showing of "Guardians of the Galaxy: Volume 3," beginning at dusk.
- Berea Parks and Recreation and Madison County Special Olympics are hosting a free "Let's Bowl" event at Galaxy Bowling Alley in Richmond on Saturday, September 30th from 12 – 2 PM. Please call 859-986-9402 to register.
- The Telford YMCA is hosting an Annual Benefit Dinner at ECU's Keen Johnson building on Thursday, October 5th from 6 – 9 PM. Visit their website fundraising page at www.ymcatelford.org to purchase required tickets.

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- Kentucky's Boone Way US 25 Yard Sale will be Friday, October 6th and Saturday, October 7th through the middle of Madison County. Please be mindful of increased traffic along US 25 those two days.
- Berea Parks and Recreation and Madison County Public Library are hosting a free movie night featuring "Hocus Pocus" on Friday, October 6th at Memorial Park in Berea. The movie will start around 7:15 PM.
- The Household Hazardous Waste Tox Away Day is Saturday, October 7th from 9 AM to 3 PM at Madison County Road Department South located at 208 Clarksville Lane in Richmond. Visit Madison County, KY's Facebook page or call the Solid Waste department at 859-624-4709 for more information.
- Richmond's annual Millstone Festival will be Saturday, October 7th on Main Street in downtown Richmond. Madison County EMA/CSEPP will have a booth set up at the festival. Stop by to say hello to our friendly staff. Contact Richmond Parks & Recreation for more information.
- Trick or Treat Night for Madison County, Berea, and Richmond will be Tuesday, October 31st from 6 – 8 PM. Please be mindful of the kids that will be out trick or treating.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Combs stated that they had a really good turnout for the Spoonbread Festival this year. The Big Hill project with East Kentucky Power is still in the works, and he encouraged anyone with comments or concerns to reach out to him. He will be working with Andy Barr's office to get the best solution for that project.

Magistrate Lochmueller provided a report on the Madison County Water Board. They have the project with IT in putting dark fiber in the area, and things are going well. He stated that it is a good group with some great leadership, and he is happy to serve on the Board with them.

Magistrate Botkin stated that the State has started mowing and asked the public to be aware of them out on the roads.

Clerk Barger thanked Pastor Virgil Grant for allowing the County Clerk's Office the use of Eastside Community Church as a voting center for the past couple of years; he and the community appreciate it. He also stated that the portal opened on Saturday to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to them and voters can go www.govote.ky.gov to request one. There will be In-Person Absentee voting starting 6 days before the election for those that will be out of town on Election Day or have a medical reason that prevents them from going to the polls. Clerk Barger explained that there is always a need for more election workers.

Comments from Department Heads:

Scott Shepherd went through the list of items that can be disposed of during the Household Hazardous Waste Tox Away Day. Some of the most received items in the past have been car batteries, engine oil, antifreeze, old gas grill tanks, fire extinguishers, old appliances, and fluorescent light bulbs. There is a company that comes in to manage this event, therefore the gates can only be opened from 9 AM – 3 PM and the public will not be able to get out of their vehicles. The company will remove the items to be dropped off from the vehicle in order to cut down on the chance of someone getting contaminated. If there are any questions on what can be taken, call the Road Department.

Comments from the Audience and Facebook Comments:

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No Comments from Facebook.

Virgil Grant, Eastside Community Church Pastor, thanked the Court for the partnership and support on Exit 95 and with God's Outreach.

John Leeds, Leeds Fine Jewelry & Repair Owner, spoke to the Court about his concern with the lack of parking spots downtown due to the construction of the Courthouse.
Judge Taylor stated that he will ask the construction company and the Circuit Court Judge's to make sure their employees park in County-owned parking lots only.
Mr. Leeds also asked about signs on First St. that state there is to be no video recording. Judge Taylor stated he is not aware of any new signs restricting video recording and that he would have to check on it.

Facebook comments asked about Wilgreen Lake and not having transportation to get hazardous waste to the Tox Away Day event. Judge Taylor stated that they will get back with those questions through Facebook.

IN RE: Enter Executive Session:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to enter into Executive Session at 10:29 AM 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- Not in Attendance	Tom Botkin- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Exit Executive Session:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to exit Executive Session at 10:56 AM.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Suspension:

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the unpaid suspension of Tony Kidd for 3 days.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

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 October 10, 2023, in the Council Chambers' Courtroom in Berea, Ky at 9:30 AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

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Motion from Stephen Lochmueller to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.


REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE