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## **HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING**

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 10th of October 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 Anthony 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 stated that item 5 will be struck from the agenda and will not be heard today.

Judge Taylor asked Kevin Slemph, Pastor of Berea Baptist Church, to lead the Court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Magistrate Tom Botkin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 9-26-2023:**

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on September 26, 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: 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.

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-Retired Teachers' Appreciation Week:**

Judge Taylor proclaimed the week of October 15<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup> as Retired Teachers' Appreciation Week and urged citizens to honor all retired teachers for their dedication and service to our communities.

Steve Gillespie, Retired Teacher from Madison Central, was in attendance to accept the proclamation.

Mr. Gillespie thanked the Court for the recognition. He stated that there were 1,705 retired teachers in Madison County currently, who continue to work within and serving the community, and provide a huge economic impact to the County.

### **IN RE: Resolution 2023-120—CSEPP Grant MOA Contract Extensions:**

Tim Gray, EMA/CSEPP Director and Fire Chief, presented Resolution 2023-120—CSEPP Grant MOA Contract Extensions for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve the extensions of the CSEPP Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) grant funds for Madison County Fiscal Court.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-120—CSEPP Grant MOA Contract Extensions.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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James Brian Combs-Yes      Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes      Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

### **IN RE: Resolution 2023-121—EMA/CSEPP Emergency Storage Building Bid Award:**

Tim Gray, EMA/CSEPP Director and Fire Chief, presented Resolution 2023-121—EMA/CSEPP Emergency Storage Building Bid Award for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve a bid award for an Emergency Management Agency (EMA)/Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Storage Building.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2023-121—EMA/CSEPP Emergency Storage Building Bid Award.

Magistrate Botkin asked about the amount that is on the submittal form, which doesn't seem to be correct. Chief Gray stated that the amount can fluctuate based on the price of materials.

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 2023-122—Madison County Temporary Circuit Courthouse Lease Addendum Modification #2:**

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2023-122—Madison County Temporary Circuit Courthouse Lease Addendum Modification #2 for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves Lease Addendum Modification #2 to a lease agreement between Madison County Fiscal Court and the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2023-122—Madison County Temporary Circuit Courthouse Lease Addendum Modification #2.

Magistrate Botkin asked what the dollar figure that's associated with it. Judge Taylor explained that they are actually going to add additional square footage and they don't have the exact figure back yet, but believes it is an increase of about \$91,000.

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:**

Morgan Elliston, HR Director, recommended the hiring of Jason Dolen as an Animal Control Officer, at a rate of \$16 per hour effective October 11, 2023; the promotion of Matthew Webb as a Logistics Officer, at a rate of \$23.04 per hour effective October 11, 2023; a change in shift for Shane R. Brindley, at a rate \$24.66 per hour effective October 11, 2023; a change in shift for Travis Lovell, at a rate of \$21 per hour effective October 11, 2023; a change in shift for Ryan McBride, at a rate of \$21.37 per hour effective October 11, 2023; a change in shift for John S. Walton, at a rate of \$21.67 per hour effective October 11, 2023; a change in shift for Ronald E. Alexander, at a rate of \$21 per hour effective October 11, 2023; and a change in shift for Michael Numikoski, at a rate of \$21.67 per hour effective October 11, 2023.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to the hiring of Jason Dolen as an Animal Control Officer, at a rate of \$16 per hour effective October 11, 2023; the promotion of Matthew Webb as a Logistics Officer, at a rate of \$23.04 per hour effective October 11, 2023; a change in shift for Shane R. Brindley, at a rate \$24.66 per hour effective October 11, 2023; a change in shift for Travis Lovell, at a rate of \$21 per hour effective October 11, 2023; a change in shift for Ryan McBride, at a rate of \$21.37 per hour effective October

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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 Mitchell Grader, of the Detention Center, who was recently promoted to Class D Lieutenant. Mr. Grader goes above and beyond with his job duties and is a prime example of what an excellent role model and deputy should be.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation for Elliston bringing those folks to the Court's attention.

### **RE: Judge's Report:**

- EKV's Homecoming parade will be on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 PM. Please be mindful of road closures and pedestrians in the downtown area. Kickoff for their homecoming game is 3 PM on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Kentucky Guild of Artists & Craftsmen is hosting a Fall Artist's Market on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 9 PM and Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 6 PM at the Log House Gallery lawn located at 200 Estill Street in Berea. Admission is free. Call 859-986-3192 for more information
- Hope's Wings is hosting a "These Hands Don't Hurt" rally on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7 PM at Berea City Hall.
- The Madison County Attorney's Office and Chenault Vineyards are hosting a Fairways to Freedom Golf Scramble on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Battlefield Golf Course in Richmond. All proceeds benefit Enrich in Richmond, KY. Visit [www.EnrichKY.com](http://www.EnrichKY.com) for more information.
- Baptist Health's Pink Ladies Bowling Night Our will be on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM – 8 PM at Galaxy Bowling in Richmond. Registration is required. Call 859-625-3675 for more information.
- Richmond's Halloween Hoedown will be on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Lake Reba Park at 6 PM. Contact Richmond Parks and Recreation for more information.

### **Comments from Magistrates:**

**Magistrate Combs** thanked Jeremy Head for being there today. He expressed his gratefulness for the discretionary funding they received for use on Gravel Lick. He announced that on October 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a hopper out on 2809 & 1016 for all citizens to use for a fall clean up.

**Magistrate Lochmueller** stated there was nothing to report from him.

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**Magistrate Hughes** spoke about the Millstone Festival and the great speech Judge Taylor gave. He also stated that as the county is growing, they are getting more pressure to widen roads. He is hoping to look at a strategy in the future to determine how to prioritize the roads that need widening. Judge Taylor stated that they try to envision where growth areas are. Currently, there is a traffic study at exit 87 to try to be proactive. They are also looking at talking with the state delegation to see if there is some funding they can get for some of these type roads over the next couple of months, but it can be a long process to get the funding.

**Magistrate Botkin** agreed with Magistrate Hughes. He stated that from some of their training they have had with the State, there is a device the State has to put on their blacktopper to round the edges of the blacktop. He wants to look into that in the future, instead of having the blacktop dropping straight down on the shoulder. Also, CSX is out on Menelaus repairing the railroad crossing, and he advised the public to use caution in that area.

**Judge Taylor** recognized Jeremy Head, KACo Claims Manager, and thanked him for attending today's Fiscal Court meeting. He expressed his appreciation for all Jeremy does for KACo and for the counties as a whole.

**Jennie Haymond, County Attorney**, spoke on the Fairways to Freedom Golf Scramble on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. This is benefiting Erich, which as a non-profit entity to help second chance inmates, (those in drug treatment, and rehabilitation with other providers) to give employment to those who need a second chance by providing a restaurant for them to work in. In the future, they are hopeful to have housing upstairs for those who need assistance after they are released.

**Clerk Barger** stated that today is the last day to register to vote or make any changes to your voter registration by going to [www.govote.ky.gov](http://www.govote.ky.gov). They are still taking requests for mail-in absentee ballot requests.

**Anthony Terry** stated that the Sheriff's Office has hired retired Kentucky State Police Trooper Anthony Gatson, who worked with internet crimes against children at KSP, and that will be his primary focus at the Sheriff's Office as well.

### **Comments from Department Heads:**

**Tim Gray, EMA/CSEPP Director and Fire Chief**, stated that the submittal request Tom had a question on should have said example on it, as it was part of the RFP. He then played the different sounds to differentiate the tones for the new outdoor sirens. They will be providing a QR code on social media so the public can become familiar with the different sounds. There was a test siren, the tornado siren, and a chemical weapon siren since there is still some residue from the destruction of the chemical weapons stockpile.

Judge Taylor stated that Madison County is very fortunate to have as many sirens as they do to provide a full coverage of the county to advise the citizens to seek more information.

Chief Gray also stated that October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 15<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Forestry Season in Kentucky. Any outdoor burning within 150 feet of woods and structures can only be burned between 6 PM and 6 AM. Any burning outside of that 150 can be burned at any time. Call the non-emergency number at 859-624-4776 with any control burning.

### **Comments from the Audience and Facebook Comments:**

No Comments from Facebook.

**Kevin Slempp, Pastor of Berea Baptist Church**, invited the community to Art for the Heart at Berea Baptist Church on October 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 – 8 PM.

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**IN RE: Enter Executive Session:**

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to enter into Executive Session at 10:12 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- Yes      Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

**IN RE: Exit Executive Session:**

Motion by Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to exit Executive Session at 10:27 AM.

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: Suspension:**

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the unpaid suspension of Joy Taylor for 3 days.

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: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:**

Motion made by Stephen Lochmueller 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 24, 2023, in the Richmond City Hall Commission 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 10:29 AM.

  
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REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE