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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 27th of February 2024 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, 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 Virgil Gardner of Pleasant Green Predestinarian 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 2-13-2024:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on February 13, 2024.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

IN RE: Agenda Amendment—Adding Resolution 2024-19:

Judge Taylor requested an amendment to the agenda to add Resolution 2024-19 for emergency funding for Bethlehem Road CR 1117 for slide repair.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2024-19.

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— Children's Champion Month:

Judge Taylor proclaimed the month of March 2024 as Be A Children's Champion Month and encouraged all citizens to support the Children's Champions of Madison County. He also stated that Zaiden Harvey was selected as this year's winner of the billboard contest, and February 28, 2024 will be declared as "Zaiden Harvey Day" in Madison County, Kentucky.

Phillis Adams, Children's Champion President, expressed her thankfulness to the Court and the County for helping spread the word about being a children's champion. The billboard contest is a major event that they do, and many elementary children are involved in it. They also host a Kids Mall Madness event, which will be this Saturday.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his thankfulness and appreciation to Phillis for all the work that she puts into the Children's Champion program.

IN RE: 911 Statistics Update:

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Wendy Lynch, Public Safety 911 Director, presented the 2023 Annual Report on the 911 statistics. The basic numbers from 2023 were that they received a total of 116,105 calls to the center, 46,110 of those being 911 calls; 138,157 Computer Aided Dispatch, which is the system they use to dispatch out once they receive a call either by the phone or on the radio; NCIC/Link Transactions (which is the system they run a person, gun, vehicle, warrant check, etc. through) were 328,104; and they had 4,149 training hours. The National Emergency Number Association (NENA) has a call standard that 95% of calls should be answered within 20 seconds, and their rate is 98.78%. She further provided a breakdown of numbers based on where they were received from. Lynch provided an overview of milestones some employees have achieved, including Excel in Excellence Award for Wendy Lynch, Kentucky 911 Telecommunication of the Year and Richmond Police Department Commendation to Andrea Brock, NENA Center Manager Certification Program (CMCP) to Jodi Webb and Laramie Scott; the Stork Award (someone who helps deliver a baby over the phone before EMS arrives on site) to Andrea Brock and Sahara Hardy. She also provided an overview of achievements by both individuals and the organization as a whole. Jessica Lakes took a total of 9,327 combined administrative/911 calls, and Paige Adkinson took a total of 12,818 administrative calls in 2023. As an organization, they achieved a Quality Assurance Program, a Training Program, PowerPhone Site License for police and fire, they had zero fines during the NCIC Audit, and received three KY 911 Service Board Grants.

Lynch also provided goals they have for 2024, which include recruitment/retention, Employee Leader Academy for leaders within the center, the APCO Project 33 Training Program Accreditation to become accredited on a national level, to have Test-to-911 installed, and Employee Wellness to promote a better work-home life balance.

Madison County 911 remembered Mary Mullins, and Mary Black, whom both worked with and retired from the 911 center, as well as Captain Sam Manley; all of whom had their end of watch in 2023.

Magistrate Botkin informed the Court that Wendy was also a recent graduate of the DOCJT executive leadership class. That makes her one of only 2 dispatchers to ever go through that course.

Magistrate Lochmueller thanked Lynch and her staff for the hard work that they do and for their professionalism.

Magistrate Combs thanked Lynch and her team for all their accomplishments. They are passionate about the job that they do, and he expressed his appreciation for that.

Magistrate Hughes asked about the Text-to-911. Lynch explained that right now they don't have the ability to receive texts that a citizen initiates to 911.

Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond stated that she has been asked to present to the State about Madison County's Blueprint for Safety, in which she uses Wendy and her team at 911 as an example. The information that they gather during the 911 calls and how helpful it is in cases is substantial because it provides more of a reality of information than what they get during a trial. Haymond expressed her appreciation to Lynch and her team for the great job they do.

IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2024-02—Land Use Change 301 Crutcher Pike and Tract 1 Crutcher Pike from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-1 Single-Family Residential:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Development Director, presented the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-02— Land Use Change 301 Crutcher Pike and Tract 1 Crutcher Pike from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-1 Single-Family Residential for the Court's approval. This Ordinance approves the zone change of 301 Crutcher Pike and "Tract 1 Crutcher Pike," Richmond, Kentucky, and authorizing the amendment of the official zoning map of Madison County, Kentucky.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-02— Land Use Change 301 Crutcher Pike and Tract 1 Crutcher Pike from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-1 Single-Family Residential.

There were no public or online comments.

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Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2024-14—EMA-CSEPP Hyper-Converged Server Infrastructure Bid Award:

Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, presented Resolution 2024-14— EMA-CSEPP Hyper-Converged Server Infrastructure Bid Award for the Court’s approval. This Resolution is approving a bid award for EMA/CSEPP Hyper-Converged Server Infrastructure to 13 Layers, LLC in the amount of \$369,438.00.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented Resolution 2024-14— EMA-CSEPP Hyper-Converged Server Infrastructure Bid Award.

Iseral stated that this is another great CSEPP project that will upgrade equipment and will help during the transition into a post-CSEPP environment.

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 2024-15— Madison County Ethics Board Appointment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2024-15— Madison County Ethics Board Appointment for the Court’s approval. This Resolution is appointing Mary Lois Kearns to the Madison County Ethics Board, with a term expiration date of March 1, 2027.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2024-15— Madison County Ethics Board Appointment of Mary Lois Kearns to the Madison County Ethics Board, with a term expiration date of March 1, 2027.

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 2024-16— Madison County Ethics Board Appointment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2024-16— Madison County Ethics Board Appointment for the Court’s approval. This Resolution is appointing Chad Hembree to the Madison County Ethics Board, with a term expiration date of March 1, 2027.

Motion by Tom Botkins seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-16 Madison County Ethics Board Appointment of Chad Hembree to the Madison County Ethics Board, with a term expiration date of March 1, 2027.

Judge Taylor stated that this appointment comes out of District 1 and the appointment for Mary Lois Kearns comes out of District 2.

Magistrate Combs thanked both appointments for serving on the Ethics Board.

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

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IN RE: Resolution 2024-17— Kentucky 911 Services Board Grant Application:

Wendy Lynch, 911 Director, presented Resolution 2024-17— Kentucky 911 Services Board Grant Application for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the application and administration of 2024-2025 Kentucky 911 Services Board Grants for PSAP Controller Upgrade and Text-to-911.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2024-17— Kentucky 911 Services Board Grant Application.

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 2024-18— Madison County Detention Center Contractual Medical Services Agreement Addendum #2:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2024-18— Madison County Detention Center Contractual Medical Services Agreement Addendum #2 for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves Addendum #2 to a contractual medical services agreement between the Madison County Detention Center and West Kentucky Correctional Healthcare, LLC (DBA 3C or Comprehensive Correctional Care).

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2024-18— Madison County Detention Center Contractual Medical Services Agreement Addendum #2.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-No

Billy Ray Hughes- No Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2024-19—Emergency Funding for Bethlehem Road CR 1117 Slide Repairs:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2024-19— Emergency Funding for Bethlehem Road CR 1117 Slide Repairs for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves emergency funding for the slide repairs on Bethlehem Road in the amount of \$76,410.00.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2024-19— Emergency Funding for Bethlehem Road CR 1117 Slide Repairs.

Magistrate Hughes expressed his appreciation to Shepherd for getting these emergency funds for the repairs. Shepherd explained that Magistrate Hughes contacted him about this slide to see if there was any possible way to get this repair funded, and after contacting the State, they are now able to get started on the repairs.

Judge Taylor stated that they are able to apply for these emergency funds because they participate in the emergency program, in which the State keeps 3% of the county road aid.

Magistrate Botkin asked if this would be an in-house repair. Shepherd stated that Hinkle Environmental will be doing the crib and railings, and the Road Department will be doing some of the blacktopping and rock.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- No Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Personnel:

Ryan Wade, Director of Human Resources, recommended the hiring of Amelia Foltz as Seasonal Ground Maintenance, at a rate of \$10.75 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Carl McCray as Seasonal

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Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Daniel Wood as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Danny Isaacs as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of David Hall as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Derek Isaacs as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Ronnie Lakes as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Noah Eastham as Seasonal Golf Shop, at a rate of \$10.25 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of William McGuire as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Nicholas Allen as Road Department Truck Driver-General Laborer, at a rate of \$18 per hour, effective February 28, 2024; the hiring of Christopher Tarlton as Road Department Truck Driver-General Laborer, at a rate of \$19 per hour, effective March 6, 2024; the hiring of Lowell Parsons as Heavy Equipment Operator, at a rate of \$22 per hour, effective February 28, 2024; and the hiring of Emily Kratochwill as a Kennel Technician, at a rate of \$13 per hour, effective February 28, 2024, and the promotion of Cody Blair from Firefighter II to Firefighter III, at a rate of \$9.74 per hour, effective February 28, 2024, and the promotion of Shane Thornton from Firefighter II to Firefighter III, as a rate of \$9.93 per hour, effective February 28, 2024. Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin the recommendation of hiring Amelia Foltz as Seasonal Ground Maintenance, at a rate of \$10.75 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Carl McCray as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Daniel Wood as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Danny Isaacs as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of David Hall as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Derek Isaacs as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Ronnie Lakes as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Noah Eastham as Seasonal Golf Shop, at a rate of \$10.25 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of William McGuire as Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective March 1, 2024; the hiring of Nicholas Allen as Road Department Truck Driver-General Laborer, at a rate of \$18 per hour, effective February 28, 2024; the hiring of Christopher Tarlton as Road Department Truck Driver-General Laborer, at a rate of \$19 per hour, effective March 6, 2024; the hiring of Lowell Parsons as Heavy Equipment Operator, at a rate of \$22 per hour, effective February 28, 2024; and the hiring of Emily Kratochwill as a Kennel Technician, at a rate of \$13 per hour, effective February 28, 2024, and the promotion of Cody Blair from Firefighter II to Firefighter III, at a rate of \$9.74 per hour, effective February 28, 2024, and the promotion of Shane Thornton from Firefighter II to Firefighter III, at a rate of \$9.93 per hour, effective February 28, 2024.

Judge Taylor stated that he was glad to see more CDL hires within the Road Department.

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:

Ryan Wade, HR Director, spotlighted Susan Sgro, Finance Assistant. A colleague stated that Susan is a positive, hardworking, and dedicated professional who is willing to go above and beyond in her daily tasks while greeting everyone with a friendly smile.

Wade stated that Susan is a great addition to the Finance Department.

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- Join the Richmond Chamber of Commerce at Small Business Day at the Capitol at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday, February 28th. Contact the Richmond Chamber of Commerce for more information.

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- The Children's Champions of Madison County are having a Kids Mall Madness on Saturday, March 2nd from 10:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M. at the Richmond Mall. This is a free event and there will be something for the whole family. Contact Richmond Parks and Recreation for more information.
- United Way of the Bluegrass is looking for volunteers to create personalized bags filled with nonperishable snacks and a new book for 1,000 local students. The bags will be packed on Friday, March 8th from 2:00 P.M – 4:00 P.M. to be distributed across their 10-county service region the Friday before spring break.
- The 3rd Annual Catch the Leprechaun 5K will be on Saturday, March 9th at 9:00 A.M. at Berea Community High School. Contact the Berea Chamber of Commerce for more information.
- The Kentucky Chamber Foundation is hosting a Fair Chance Academy Regional Workshop on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. at Boone Tavern in Berea. Contact the Richmond Chamber of Commerce for more information.

Comments from Magistrates:

Judge Taylor thanked Mayor Blythe and the Richmond City Council for allowing them to use the Richmond City Hall chambers.

Magistrate Lochmueller asked Scott Shepherd if he had an update on the Overlook. Shepherd stated that is a State highway and the County has no jurisdiction on what happens on that road. They did report it to the State and noticed that there are some block barriers there now, and they have seeded and strawed the bank to hopefully stop the sliding. If there are any further concerns, the public can contact District 7 at the State Road Department.

Magistrate Hughes announced that the Union City Ruritan Club will be having their annual pancake breakfast this Saturday from 7:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Magistrate Botkin stated that the County spent \$63,000 this month sending prisoners out to other counties. He also expressed his appreciation to Vernon Hubbs in the Planning and Zoning Department for how he handles property maintenance disputes. There have been a lot of requests from those in the 4th District for gravel road repairs; that has been a slow process on his part as he looked into alternative solutions, but the Road Department has started work on those and should have them finished soon. He also thanked Scott Shepherd for taking him out to look at issues in the 4th District.

Magistrate Combs stated that he didn't have anything to report.

Clerk Barger stated that the Primary Election is coming up and they are in need of more election workers. They have added 2 new locations for both Early Voting and Election Day. Please call their office or go online to their website at www.madisoncountyclerk.us to sign up. He also stated that Kavis is getting lined out and is working better.

Comments from Department Heads:

No Comments from Department Heads.

Comments from the Audience and Facebook Comments:

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Steven Shear, of Deacon Hills Subdivision, wanted to discuss the Sober Living home in Deacon Hills. He wanted to know if there was any policy or plans that came from the conversation the Fiscal Court had with the City of Richmond.

Judge Taylor stated that at this time there are no policy changes to be made.

Mr. Shear stated that he believes the Sober Living residence is an assault on the traditional family neighborhood. He defined a Sober Living home as a transitional residence, unisex, for adults addicted to drugs recently incarcerated, may have mental health issues, and almost all of the residents have criminal records. He stated that it is a high-risk population placed in a vulnerable area. He understands that as a Fiscal Court their hands are tied due to laws.

Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond stated that the last time this came up in court, they spoke with a lot of people. She explained that the law isn't created by the Fiscal Court, it is created at the Federal or State level. As they explained in the past, if there is a concern, the public needs to speak with their State Legislature. As a government entity, they are restricted in what they can do, but as an individual, he has the right to try to challenge the laws.

Judge Taylor asked if Deacon Hills Homeowners Association has done anything, such as changing their restrictions or bylaws as they spoke on in the last meeting. As a governing body, they take advice from their council and follow the laws that are in place. He also stated that there haven't been any law enforcement, or 911 calls coming in concerning this residence.

Mr. Shear stated that there are septic issues and there will be relapses from those that are staying in that house. Magistrate Lochmueller stated that he respects where Mr. Shear is coming from but there are things the Fiscal Court can and can't do, and this is something they can't legally change. He encouraged Mr. Shear to speak to those that do have the authority to make such changes.

Clerk Barger stated that this is a property right issue, and as a property owner, you have the right to do on your property what you want within the bounds of the law. He also stated that they need to be a more self-reliant society, by taking it upon themselves to fix their problems. He encouraged Mr. Shear to speak with his Legislator.

Judge Taylor asked if there have been any problems with this residence. Mr. Shear stated that he just knew that there are people constantly coming and going at the house.

No Facebook Comments.

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 March 12, 2024, in the Council Chambers' Courtroom in Berea, Ky at 9:30 AM

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Billy Ray Hughes to adjourn, seconded by Stephen Lochmueller. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.


REAGAN TAYLOR, MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE