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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 23rd of April 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 Clerk Kenny Barger, Chief Deputy Sheriff Anthony Terry, and Chief Deputy Jailer Tom Jones 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.

Judge Taylor stated that Resolution 2024-41 will be stricken from the agenda and presented during the next meeting.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 4-9-2024:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on April 9, 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

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 4-16-2024:

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the minutes from the special called meeting on April 16, 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). Sarah also stated that per KRS, she will be submitting the proposed budget to court members before May 1st to their emails.

IN RE: Joint Proclamation—Law Day:

Judge Taylor, along with Richmond Mayor, Robert Blythe, and Berea Mayor, Bruce Fraley, jointly proclaimed May 1, 2024, as Law Day and urged everyone to observe this day by renewing their commitment to democracy by becoming informed, participating in elections, and holding our elected officials accountable.

Madison County Assistant Attorney Brooke Bowman was in attendance to accept this proclamation. Bowman thanked the Court for allowing the Madison County Bar Association to be present to celebrate and honor Law Day. Every year the American Bar Association has a theme for Law Day, and this year's theme is Voices of Democracy. She stated that as attorneys, they strive to be able to engage with one another, even when they have differing opinions, in a way that is productive, civil, and moves the cause forward. She believes that this year's theme encourages voters and citizens to engage with each other in the same manner.

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IN RE: Coroner Update— Jimmy Cornelison:

Jimmy Cornelison provided an update on the Madison County Coroner's Office. He stated that the number of overdose deaths didn't change from 2022 to 2023, but suicides are up with all ages. In the last 12 months, they have obtained a 4-wheel drive pickup truck to help with transporting bodies, which has been very helpful during the snow or bad weather. The transport van is parked at the Waco Volunteer Fire Department and the truck stays at the Coroner's Office so there is a transport vehicle close depending on where the death occurs. He expressed his appreciation to the Waco Volunteer Fire Department for all their help; they would not be able to function without their help in transporting. Last year, the Coroner's Office housed 116 bodies in the morgue, and right now he has 3. As far as vehicles go, they were given a vehicle from the City of Richmond, and with the detective cars they use for his deputies, everyone has a vehicle to take on calls. He expressed his gratitude to the guys in the Road garage for keeping those vehicles running and in great shape. He also expressed his appreciation to the County Attorney's Office for all their help in getting court orders for when they can't find any next of kin.

Magistrate Hughes asked how long Jimmy had worked with the Coroner's Department. Jimmy stated that in January 1999 he was sworn in as Coroner but worked for the Coroner's Office from 1985 until that time.

Magistrate Lochmueller thanked Jimmy for his service to the County.

Magistrate Botkin stated that it is a thankless job, but they appreciate everything he does. Jimmy stated that he has a great staff.

Magistrate Combs expressed his appreciation for all he does.

Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond stated that being a coroner isn't a job that just anyone wants, but working with Jimmy means a lot to her. Madison County is blessed to have him and that he is recognized both within the state and nationally for what he does.

IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2024-03— Land Use Change 1072 Bates Creek Road from R-7 & UC-7 Agriculture to UC-1 Single-Family Residential:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Development Director, presented 2nd Reading Ordinance 2024-03—Land Use Change 1072 Bates Creek Road from R-7 & UC-7 Agriculture to UC-1 Single-Family Residential for the Court's approval. This is an Ordinance of the Madison County Fiscal Court, Kentucky, approving the zone change of 1072 Bates Creek Road, Richmond, Kentucky, (PIDN: 0041-0000-0017) and authorizing the amendment of the official zoning map of Madison County, Kentucky.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance 2024-03—Land Use Change 1072 Bates Creek Road from R-7 & UC-7 Agriculture to UC-1 Single-Family Residential as presented.

There were no public comments.

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 2024-34—Madison County Detention Center Food Service Management Bid Award:

Tom Jones, Chief Deputy Jailer, presented Resolution 2024-34— Madison County Detention Center Food Service Management Bid Award for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the Madison County Fiscal Court to approve a bid award for Food Service Management at the Madison County Detention Center.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve presented Resolution 2024-34—Madison County Detention Center Food Service Management Bid Award.

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Magistrate Botkin stated that there is a difference of \$34,000 between the two bids with the requested approving bid being the more expensive. He asked why they would pay more for the same service. Jones stated that the lower bid is who they currently have now, Kellwell, and based on the information he received from Jailer Tussey, he has become unhappy with the decline in service and food quality from the company. The higher bid provides a healthier meal option for the inmates, comes with a Tiger Scratch Kitchen that has the potential to increase commissary sales, and they pay for their own mistakes. Currently, if Kellwell makes a mistake and 300 more meals have to be made, the Jail has to eat the cost of that recook.

Judge Taylor asked if it says that in the Kellwell agreement. Jones stated that he wasn't sure, but it is the practice they have.

Jones stated that the 2nd most inmate institutional disruption is caused by food. The better the inmates are fed can lead to better safety and security for the deputies. The Tiger Scratch Kitchen will allow for the inmates to order hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. that they pay extra for that comes from the commissary funds. He stated that Tiger is a trusted company that they use for their commissary currently and going with them for food service as well means working with one customer service and one contract.

Magistrate Botkin also stated that when looking at the scoring for the 2 companies, Tiger scored 5 points lower than Kellwell. Jones stated that the only difference was because they had a previous contract with Kellwell.

Magistrate Botkin stated that if there was a quality issue, that should be addressed with them directly.

Magistrate Lochmueller asked who the staff was that would directly speak with the vendor about the quality issues. Jones stated that currently it is Major Lane, and that he does talk with them repeatedly.

Judge Taylor asked if there had been meetings set up with the Jail leadership team and Kellwell to discuss the issues they are having. Jones stated there has been in the past and in the last impromptu meeting, Kellwell suggested that the contract should be bid out.

Judge Taylor stated that when Kellwell scores higher and is \$34,000 cheaper than Tiger Commissary, it is hard for them to recommend Tiger when it looks like Kellwell is better.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that he is a bit disappointed that meetings have not been had to follow up with quality issues they are having to get them fixed before it gets to the contract renewal. He has some concerns about this.

Magistrate Combs asked who did the scoring on this. Jones stated he believed it was the Jailer and Sherry McIntosh.

Magistrate Lochmueller asked if there was a time limit on this agreement. Judge Taylor stated that the timing is that they have to give a 60-day notice to Kellwell and would have a start date of the new agreement on July 1st.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-No Stephen Lochmueller-No

Billy Ray Hughes- No Tom Botkin- No

Reagan Taylor – No

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to table this Resolution and have Judge Taylor and Jailer Steve Tussey set up a meeting with Kellwell.

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 2024-35— Madison County Detention Center Healthcare Facility Services Agreement:

Tom Jones, Chief Deputy Jailer, presented Resolution 2024-35— Madison County Detention Center Healthcare Facility Services Agreement for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the Madison County

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Fiscal Court to approve a Healthcare Facility Services Agreement between the Madison County Detention Center and West Kentucky Correctional Healthcare, LLC DBA Comprehensive Correctional Care.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2024-35— Madison County Detention Center Healthcare Facility Services Agreement.

Magistrate Botkin asked about the base contract amount and what the County receives for that amount. Jones stated that they receive 24-hour healthcare providers within the facility, they use their 3C's Pharmacy, each inmate is now triaged at the time of intake by a medical healthcare provider, they have lowered their hospital runs by half in the last 4 months when compared to the 4 months prior to using 3C's, and there is less liability since there is medical staff at the location at all times.

Magistrate Botkin asked about the cost pool line item and what that is for. Jones stated that it is for medicine, and possibly to pay for some of the hospital runs; it is a safety net.

Magistrate Botkin stated that in the last contract, it stated that at the end of the year, if there was anything left in the cost pool, it would be returned to the County, and asked if anything was returned to the County last year.

Jones stated that he believed it was all spent.

Magistrate Botkin asked if all services that the agreement was showing as what they provide was actually being provided for, such as dental care, ambulance services, prosthetics, vaccines, etc. Jones stated that yes, they were. He doesn't believe that they have had a prosthetic need, but all the other services were being provided for. Magistrate Botkin also asked for an example of when the Jail would have to pay overtime for an RN or LPN that worked in excess of 208 hours per week. Jones said there wasn't one that he could think of since they have gone to the 24-hour model. When they were at the 12-hour model, there were times in which medication passes hadn't been done on time, and they would have to stay until that was completed.

Magistrate Botkin also asked if the Jail is collecting co-pays and other fees from the inmates. Jones stated that all inmates are charged and they collect from those that they can.

Magistrate Botkin stated that there was a statement in the agreement about the Jail complying with the regulations on what not to accept, which is anyone that is critically injured or ill, unconscious, blood alcohol level deemed at emergency medical conditions, etc. and asked who is verifying if those conditions exist. Jones stated that the medical staff comes down for every intake and does medical triage on everyone that is arrested. Magistrate Combs stated that they had a discussion about the cost of this agreement last year, and one of the questions they had was about the ability to turn those away that they can't accept. He is glad to see that they are doing that and aren't just taking people in the jail that just need medical attention, but the cost of this agreement is outrageous.

Judge Taylor agreed with Magistrate Combs. The cost of incarceration has considerably increased over the past 10 years, with most of those incarcerated due to state offenses and the Jail isn't being funded by the state.

Magistrate Botkin asked how much was the annual percentage increase that the base contract amount could be subject to. Jones stated that the last they spoke of it was 3% but the Jail no longer intends to do automatic renewals so they will present the contract to Court every year. He also stated that they have a great working relationship with this contract, and they are happy with them.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-No Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2024-36— Madison County Clerk's 2024 Budget Amendment:

Kenny Barger, Madison County Clerk, presented Resolution 2024-36— Madison County Clerk's 2024 Budget Amendment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the Madison County Fiscal Court to approve an amendment to the Madison County Clerk's 2024 Budget. This Resolution supersedes Resolution 2024-01.

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Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2024-36— Madison County Clerk's 2024 Budget Amendment.

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 2024-37— Rave Desktop Notification System Agreement:

Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, presented Resolution 2024-37— Rave Desktop Notification System Agreement for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves an agreement with Rave Mobile Safety for a Desktop Notification System.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2024-37— Rave Desktop Notification System 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 2024-38—Professional Services Agreement for Regional Economic Development:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2024-38— Professional Services Agreement for Regional Economic Development for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve a Professional Services Agreement for Regional Economic Development Initiative with Glick Strategies, LLC.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve presented Resolution 2024-38— Professional Services Agreement for Regional Economic Development.

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 2024-39— Doylestown Road Bridge Beams Bid Award:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2024-39— Doylestown Road Bridge Beams Bid Award for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the Madison County Fiscal Court to approve a bid award for Doylestown Road Bridge Beams awarded to Harbor Steel & Supply Corporation in the amount of \$42,375.00.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2024-39— Doylestown Road Bridge Beams Bid Award.

Judge Taylor stated that it is hard to not use a local business when there is a bid for one, but when the amount is in such a difference like this bid is, they have to be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars.

Magistrate Combs asked if there were any other bridge repairs they are looking at. Shepherd stated that they haven't heard anything else on the bridge inspections, so he is hopeful this is the only one.

Judge Taylor informed the Court that the Doylestown Road Bridge was constructed in 1961 and it went from an 18-ton weight bridge to closure, therefore that is the reason for the repair. The turnaround timeframe for completion of the bridge will be about a month.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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IN RE: Resolution 2024-40— AMK Services LLC P25 Radio Maintenance

Agreement:

Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, presented Resolution 2024-40— AMK Services LLC P25 Radio Maintenance Agreement for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves a maintenance agreement for Madison County P25 Radio System.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-40— AMK Services LLC P25 Radio Maintenance Agreement.

Iseral stated that this is a continuation from the existing agreement over to the new system with the same terms and conditions. It covers through the end of the CSEPP period.

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:

Ryan Wade, Director of Human Resources, recommended the hiring of Jerry Causey as Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective May 1, 2024; the hiring of David Mensink as Animal Control Officer, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective May 1, 2024.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to the hiring of Jerry Causey as Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective May 1, 2024; the hiring of David Mensink as Animal Control Officer, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective May 1, 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

IN RE: Employee Spotlight:

Ryan Wade, Director of Human Resources, spotlighted Jodi Webb, 911 Assistant Director, who has been with them since 2006. A colleague stated that Jodi is always willing to help her department however she can and is a person you know you can count on for any assistance she can offer. Jodi is a valuable member of the 911 team.

IN RE: Enter Executive Session:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to enter into Executive Session at 10:36 AM to discuss proposed or pending litigation. 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 James Brian Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to exit Executive Session at 11:08 AM. At this time there will be no action taken.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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IN RE: Judge's Report:

- Central Kentucky Regional Airport's Food Truck Fly-In and Young Eagles Rally will be Saturday, April 27th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Visit their Facebook page for more information.
- The Madison County Special Olympics Duck Derby fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 27th at Lake Reba's Adventure Falls Miniature Golf Course and Batting Cage Complex at 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM. The race begins at 2:00 PM.
- Greg Gerard, President of Baptist Health Richmond, will give his State of Healthcare Address on Tuesday, April 30th at noon at the ECU Perkins Building in Richmond. Visit richmondchamber.com or call 859-623-1720 to register.
- A Rockin' Derby Eve Party benefiting Hospice Care Plus will be on Friday, May 3rd at 6:00 PM at the Madison County Fairgrounds. Reservations are required. Visit hospicecare.org for more information.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Lochmueller thanked the Judge, expressing that he was happy to be there.

Magistrate Hughes recognized Shelby and Yvonne for attending court today.

Magistrate Botkin stated that the State will be conducting rolling roadblocks on I-75 on Thursday night with KSP to try to fill in the potholes from Clays Ferry to Duncannon. He also stated that they had a good meeting at the Airport yesterday and was glad to see Congressman Barr there.

Magistrate Combs stated that he was glad that the Herndon Ln. project has gotten started, it is a much-needed improvement for that intersection. He also expressed his thankfulness to all the employees and staff members.

Comments from Department Heads:

No comments from Department Heads.

Comments from the Audience and Facebook Comments:

No comments from the Audience.

Jill Williams read a Facebook comment from **Steve Durham** regarding Spectrum having 2 local government channels, one is outdated and the other showing it is no longer available. He asked if this is something the government agencies no longer view as necessary. Jill stated that their government channel was part of the Courthouse which is down currently with that renovation. However, they have continued to evaluate it because there are fewer and fewer citizens that utilize cable and those cable channels. There are other ways to reach citizens as far as streaming through Facebook and YouTube.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion made by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve to pay claims and transfers.

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ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for May 14, 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 James Brian Combs. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.



REAGAN TAYLOR, MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE