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HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 14th of May 2024 at 9:30 AM 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 Assistant Attorney Brooke Bowman, Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle, 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 Billy Ray Hughes to lead the Court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Mike Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 4-23-2024:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on April 23, 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 5-7-2024:

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the minutes from the special called work session meeting on May 7, 2024.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller- Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Abstained Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Legislative Update - State Representative Bill Wesley, District 91:

State Representative Bill Wesley of District 91 provided a Legislative update on the 91st District. He thanked the Sheriff and the Sheriff's Department for their efforts in trying to help push through a couple House Bills over the years. He stated that there will be some funding for Fiscal Year's 2025 and 2026 that will be used for the EKV Aviation Program, as well as for the Eastern housing program. Representative Wesley also explained the State funding that will be used to improve, expand, and construct some of the State roads throughout Madison County, including a new I-75 interchange between Berea and Richmond. They will also be doing an urban study on Goggins Lane and Tates Creek, Crutcher Pike and Barnes Mill Road in the near future. He stated that there is growth coming into Madison County and is proud to be a part of that.

Representative Wesley thanked the leaders of Madison County for coming to Frankfort and fighting for Madison County; the Legislators notice that. He also stated that he is on the Taiwan Caucus, and encouraged the Court to think about partnering with Taiwan and inviting them to come to invest more in Madison County, which could lead to more jobs in the area.

Magistrate Botkin expresses his appreciation to Representative Wesley for coming and providing the update to the Court, as well as the funding that will be going toward the Barnes Mill project and the Menelaus and Mayde Road project to make those areas better.

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Magistrate Combs stated that in the past, Representative Wesley just had one Precinct in Madison County but that never made a difference in how he has served Madison County. Representative Wesley stated that he wants to not just represent a part of Madison County, but all of it, and wants to do the best he can for the county.

IN RE: Joint Local Government 911 Fee Presentation Update:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive; Wendy Lynch, 911 Director; and Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, provided a presentation on the Joint Local Government 911 Fee.

Deputy Judge Executive Jill Williams thanked Judge Taylor and the Court for allowing them to present this update. She stated that members of the First Responder community in Madison County have put in a lot of time and energy into making sure this is done in a way that is best for the citizens in Madison County and ensuring that the citizens know that they have looked into every possibility as they moved forward and what is to come in the future of 911. She expressed her appreciation to the Mayors of Richmond and Berea, as well as the Berea City Council and the Richmond Commissioners for the efforts they have taken in April to pass resolutions asking the County to enact a 911 fee. Since that time, there was a Task Force combining all 3 local governments that have worked to put together a resolution and recommendation that went before all 3 governments. The Fiscal Court has had 2 work sessions to dive into the recommendation some more in order to get to the updated recommendation they will present today.

Wendy Lynch, 911 Director, spoke about the evolution of 911 in Madison County. The Joint 911 Center was established in 2008, where all entities are dispatched from one location and all calls coming in to one certified public safety answering point. The mission of 911 is to get the right responder to the right location at the right time. Wendy explained that in 1990, 911 was established in Madison County and all three local governments established a landline fee to fund individual services at \$9.96 annually. In 2008, 911 operations merged to form Madison County 911/ECC and the landline fee was set at \$42 annually, which is \$3.50 per landline. As of today, the landline fee is still \$42 annually, but the budgeted revenue has continued to decrease drastically. They do receive some cell phone funding but after the State takes out their portion and a portion for all agencies to compete for grants, they don't get much at all. All, the Federal program, CSEPP, that has financially supported the infrastructure of emergency communications for more than 25 years, including radio infrastructure and building costs, will be ending soon.

Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, spoke about the Post-CSEPP Task Force and what went into their recommendation determination. They reviewed the annual expenses, and the systems to make a recommendation for the future that is sized for what Madison County needs and aren't paying for things they don't need. They reduced the outdoor warning siren redundancy, eliminated the FM Alert program and the Dasdec system, combined RAVE mass notification systems, as well as eliminating any unnecessary expenses. They also streamlined for the future by updating the 800 MHz radio system at the end of CSEPP to ensure another life cycle, and designed radio infrastructure to optimize for post-CSEPP Madison County. Iseral also broke down the 911 budget and expenses to show the cost of the 911 system. The workforce salaries, benefits, and overtime of the 911 dispatchers is \$2,065,473.11 (which is currently below the NENA National Standard for dispatchers based on the number of calls); Radio Infrastructure, including the system maintenance, towers, cybersecurity, and required inspections is \$866,585.15 to maintain; the Operations expense (which CSEPP has currently been paying for) is \$916,696.74; and the Capital Life Cycle Replacement, which is the radio, PSAP, CAD and facility upgrades over the next 15 years, is \$675,000. The 911 fee money is dictated by KRS on what you can and cannot spend it on and is very detailed on those guidelines.

Iseral also went over a Regional Budget Comparison of other 911 fees across the Commonwealth. The \$4.7 Million budget that Madison County is looking at, isn't that high when comparing it to other counties. If the budget is broken down based on population size, Boone County would be paying \$63.53 per capita, Kenton County would be paying \$66.95 per capita, and Madison County would be paying \$49.43 per capita. The trend of 911 calls has seen an 11% increase in the number of calls in the last 3 years alone. The Madison County 911 center is multi-disciplinary, meaning the type of calls that come in include emergency medical

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dispatch, law enforcement status checks, dispatch for 8 fire departments, as well as monitoring the 911 frequency that all public safety utilizes. It has been more difficult to recruit and retain staff due to the stress and severity of the calls.

Iseral stated that the Task Force felt that it was very important that they determine where the services are being dispatched to, so that those that are using the service are paying for that portion of the budget. They pulled all the 911 call data and determined that 51.47% of the calls came from commercial properties, 32.51% of the calls came from single-family or farm properties, 14.68% from multi-family properties, 3.24% from Madison County School System, 1.34% from Industrial properties, 1.02% from ECU, .45% from Berea College, and .23% from Berea Community School. Iseral stated that there is no one that is exempt from paying this fee. Those that are exempt from paying property taxes, i.e., churches, etc., would still get a bill for the 911 fee. The proposed recommendation to support the 911 mission would be for properties to pay based on the square footage. For single-family/farm dwellings, they would pay \$0.016 per square foot of the home, multi-family dwellings would pay \$0.065 per square foot, occupied exempt properties would pay \$0.122 per square foot, occupied business properties would pay \$0.122 per square foot, occupied industrial properties would pay \$0.0103 per square foot, land only for single-family/farm parcels would pay \$25.00 per year, land only exempt parcels would pay \$47.00 per year, land only businesses parcels would pay \$47.00 per year, and land only industrial parcels would pay \$47.00 per year. The square footage model ensures that everyone is paying their fair share of the 911 fee at the most reasonable price.

Jill Williams stated that Madison County isn't the only one that is implementing a 911 fee. Over the course of the last several years, landlines have decreased, and they are having to look at other areas for funding. The proposed next step would be to have the first reading of the 911 fee adjustment ordinance at the next Fiscal Court meeting on May 28th with the second reading and public hearing on June 11th. The proposed implementation would be having the fee on the 2025 Property Tax Bills and having the Post-CSEPP Task Force to develop an MOU and bylaws. The Communication Plan is to send out a direct mail piece for every property explaining the fee, sending out a letter with the square footage information to property owners based on PVA data for budgeting and to verify information. There will also be an appeal process in which citizens will have the opportunity to complete an online appeal form based on criteria outlined in the ordinance.

Judge Taylor expressed his appreciation for the presentation.

Magistrate Combs expressed his appreciation for all the work that the Task Force has done and for being willing to look through all their concerns and questions they had. He explained that they didn't want the citizens to be overburdened by this fee, and to base it on consumption is the fairest way to do it. This is something that is needed to continue to protect the community and keep us safe.

Magistrate Lochmueller echoed Magistrate Combs' comments. They had spent time in two work sessions discussing potential outcomes and he feels that this is the best solution for the citizens of Madison County. He thanked the City of Richmond and Berea for putting their faith in the Fiscal Court, and he is very proud of the job everyone has done.

Magistrate Hughes stated that he feels much better about this proposal and thanked the Task Force for the work that went into the proposal.

Magistrate Botkin thanked the Council members and Mayor for attending the meeting today to hear this proposal. He stated that Wendy and the Task Force had gotten the budget down to what is needed to be efficient and to be able to service the residents in Madison County.

Judge Taylor stated that the direction that is recommended to stay on schedule that was presented today and to amend the existing Joint 911 Ordinance with this new structure.

Jill explained that the Ordinance that will be presented at the next meeting will supersede the existing landline fee Ordinance, in which it will also eliminate the landline fee in 2026.

Judge Taylor stated that they have had 6 public meetings that have been recorded and are viewable discussing this 911 fee to allow citizens to review it and sent in questions and concerns.

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IN RE: Resolution 2024-41—Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project:

Tim Gray, EMA/CSEPP Director and Fire Chief, presented Resolution 2024-41—Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to approve an amended agreement between John Wade of 12 Perkins Ashcraft Road, Richmond, Kentucky, and the Madison County Fiscal Court for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project. This Resolution supersedes Resolution 2021-133.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2024-41—Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project.

Magistrate Hughes asked how high Mr. Wade is raising his home. Chief Gray stated that he was unsure, there are some steps that they have to go through to determine what the height needs to be.

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 2024-42—Madison County Clerk's Motor Vehicle and Boat Bills

Claim:

Kenny Barger, Madison County Clerk, presented Resolution 2024-42—Madison County Clerk's Motor Vehicle and Boat Bills Claim for the Court's approval. This Resolution is authorizing the payment for the Madison County Clerk's Claim for Calculation of Motor Vehicle and Boat bills for 2024.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2024-42—Madison County Clerk's Motor Vehicle and Boat Bills Claim.

Clerk Barger stated that this is an amended claim because the initial claim that was sent stated there were more vehicles than they actually had.

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 2024-43—Adoption of 2024-2025 Health Insurance Renewal:

Ryan Wade, Director of Human Resources, presented Resolution 2024-43—Adoption of 2024-2025 Health Insurance Renewal for the Court's approval. This Resolution is to adopt 2024-2025 Health Insurance Renewal Rates and Carriers.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2024-43—Adoption of 2024-2025 Health Insurance Renewal.

Judge Taylor stated that the County's broker, Bud Carr, was in attendance to help answer any questions they might have.

Magistrate Hughes stated that he thought there were some counties that didn't offer health insurance for their employees and asked if that was true. Jill Williams stated that was correct. Bud Carr stated that some of the smaller counties might not be able to, but he isn't sure of what they do for retention and recruiting in that case. Magistrate Lochmueller asked if there is an increase in cost this year. Judge Taylor stated that they have increased their contribution by \$50. Magistrate Lochmueller stated that he has been impressed with what the County does and provides for their employees as far as health care goes.

Magistrate Botkin asked if there is any difference in coverage from last year. Bud stated that there was not. The benefits have remained the same for several years. He stated that there is one difference on the HDHP (HSA) plan, in which the deductible went from \$3,000 to \$3,200 due to the IRS guidelines stating that the lowest deductible that is now allowable is \$3,200.

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Judge Taylor stated they are considering increasing the employee contribution on the higher plans because a lot of their claims are coming out of those PPO plans. It isn't part of this resolution because it isn't a financial obligation to 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 2024-44—Waste Tire Grant Funds Application:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2024-44—Waste Tire Grant Funds Application for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the application and administration of Kentucky Division of Waste Management Waste Tire Grant Funds.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-44—Waste Tire Grant Funds Application.

Magistrate Botkin stated that this is a good program to keep tires off the side of the road and out of the ditches and creeks.

Magistrate Combs stated that he is very thankful to have the program in our community; it provides a great service.

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 2024-45—County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement FY2025:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2024-45—County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement FY2025 for the Court's approval. This Resolution is adopting and approving the execution of a County Road Aid Coop Program contract between the Madison County Fiscal Court and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, as provided in the Kentucky revised statutes 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 2024-45—County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement FY2025.

Magistrate Botkin stated that this agreement gives them almost \$1.7 million, which is good.

Judge Taylor stated that this is what they receive from the fuel tax, so as fuel prices increase, the more money they receive. He also reminded the Court that they participate in the emergency program, in which 3% of these funds get held at the State Transportation Cabinet.

Magistrate Hughes stated that the State has implemented the EV tax and hybrid tax, so that should help a little as well.

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 2024-46—Madison County Fire Department and Clark County Fire Department Mutual Aid MOA:

Tim Gray, EMA/CSEPP Director and Fire Chief, presented Resolution 2024-46—Madison County Fire Department and Clark County Fire Department Mutual Aid MOA for the Court's approval. This Resolution is authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement between the Madison County Fiscal Court/Madison County Fire

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Department (MCFD) and the Clark County Fiscal Court/Clark County Fire Department (CCFD) to secure mutual aid fire service.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2024-46—Madison County Fire Department and Clark County Fire Department Mutual Aid MOA.

Magistrate Botkin stated that there was a letter from Chief Steve Asbury of the Clark County Fire Department thanking the Madison County Fire Department for their support and “standing by” during the funeral of Winchester Police Sergeant Marty Jackson II, and Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation to them as well. Magistrate Combs asked Chief Gray if this agreement is something they have had in place before. Chief Gray stated that to his knowledge they had never had an agreement with Clark County. Magistrate Combs asked if there was anything that spurred this agreement. Chief Gray stated that they had a couple calls in which Clark County had called for assistance, and they have been doing water training together as well since they both cover the Boonesborough area.

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: Continued Madison County Detention Center Food Service Management Discussion:

Steve Tussey, Jailer, provided an update on where the Jail is in regard to the Detention Center Food Service Management. In review, Jailer Tussey stated that they put out their Food Service for bid and they got 2 bids back with their existing contractor Kellwell with their bid of a sliding scale of a per meal price of \$1.48, and the other bid was from Tiger who they have their commissary account with a bid of \$1.54. Jailer Tussey stated that they have had Kellwell for many years, and over that time they have had some issues with Kellwell and Kellwell has had some issues with the Jail. He stated that they have inmates that work in the kitchen under Kellwell supervision, but they do have deputies going in and out of the kitchen throughout the day. He explained that the jail kitchen is over 35 years old and was designed to provide a service to 160 inmates; currently they have over 320 inmates. Kellwell has been a good partner in that anytime there is an issue, they deal with it and vice versa with the Jail. He stated that his only issue is that their issues are reoccurring, for instance the calorie count is low, or they have the same food several days in a row, etc.; they do immediately deal with the issue, but it will happen again a couple of weeks later. Due to this, Jailer Tussey is recommending that they switch providers to Tiger. He has done a lot of research on their food contracts and every Jail he spoke with was very pleased with Tiger's food service operation. Tiger is a little more expense, and he will support and work with whatever company the Court decides to go with.

Magistrate Botkin stated that they had tasked Judge Taylor to meet with Kellwell and asked him what he learned from that meeting.

Judge Taylor stated that he did set down with Kellwell who made it very clear that they want the contract. They had told the Jail to bid the contract out because they were losing so much money due to food theft at the Detention Center with a 35-40% loss (average is 5% loss). Kellwell said that they had video of inmates going into the kitchens unsupervised and taking food. They also said that they don't charge for re-fire or recooking (or reheating) meals, and always eat the food cost for any mistakes they make. Kellwell stated that if food security and theft is under control, and locks are put on the food service items, they will revisit and lessen their price. Jailer Tussey stated that they have had some issues with the locking mechanism on their coolers, but they have upgraded those so that inmates can't get into them.

Magistrate Botkin asked Jailer Tussey what a Scratch Kitchen was. Jailer Tussey stated that it was basically part of their commissary operation that they do out of the kitchen in which an inmate can order a chicken sandwich or fries from the kitchen and it would be charged just like a commissary item which is a plus to the Jail. It gives the commissary more funds to spend on the Jail.

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Magistrate Botkin asked if they were being doubled charged on meals. Jailer Tussey said that he wasn't aware of any situations in which they had been doubled charged. Magistrate Botkin asked about the food items that needed to be locked up. Jailer Tussey stated that there is a dry storage room in the kitchen, and they have the coolers, which are secured and Kellwell and Jailer Tussey are the only ones that have a key.

Magistrate Botkin stated that neither contract had a penalty for poor performance or reoccurring issues, and he feels there should be. Jailer Tussey stated they would look at adding that if the Court would like.

Magistrate Combs stated that if they have met the standard and it's the cheaper price, then that is the contract they should go with.

Judge Taylor stated that he felt, based on the scoring and the price, that they have an obligation to go with Kellwell.

Magistrate Lochmueller agreed with Judge Taylor. He stated that there seems to not have been good communication between the Jail and Kellwell, which is something that could be improved upon, as well as some execution issues with keeping the food storage unlocked, which has been fixed. These are issues that have been worked out and therefore Magistrate Lochmueller feels they should go with the lower bid.

Judge Taylor stated that they will be creating a Resolution for the next court that will give Kellwell this bid.

Magistrate Botkin stated Steve should be a part of that contract with the wording that they want in the contract.

IN RE: Personnel:

Ryan Wade, Director of Human Resources, recommended a status change for Emily R. Kratochwill from a part-time Kennel Technician I to full-time Kennel Technician I, at a rate of \$13 per hour, effective May 15, 2024; a status change for Maggie M. Ratliff from a part-time Director of Animal Care and Control to full-time Director of Animal Care and Control, at a rate of \$23.10 per hour, effective May 8, 2024; correcting the salary for Camden T. Eubank, which was approved for the amount at a rate of \$9.24 per hour but should have been \$9.74, effective March 13, 2024; and the promotion of Brandon Chitwood from a Firefighter II to a Firefighter III, at a rate of \$10.59 per hour, effective May 22, 2024.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the status change for Emily R. Kratochwill from a part-time Kennel Technician I to Full-time Kennel Technician I, at a rate of \$13 per hour, effective May 15, 2024; a status change for Maggie M. Ratliff from a part-time Director of Animal Care and Control to full-time Director of Animal Care and Control, at a rate of \$23.10 per hour, effective May 8, 2024; correcting the salary for Camden T. Eubank, which was approved for the amount at a rate of \$9.24 per hour but should have been \$9.74, effective March 13, 2024; and the promotion of Brandon Chitwood from a Firefighter II to a Firefighter III, at a rate of \$10.59 per hour, effective May 22, 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 Leah Johnston, Animal Shelter Admin, who has been with the County since 2022. A coworker stated that her dedication combined with the constant enthusiasm for her job and the animals at the shelter has greatly improved the environment of the shelter and contributed to its success. Leah spearheaded the 2024 Adoption Pawty and knocked it out of the park; having her as a part of the Animal Shelter team ensures the best care for the animals and community.

Ryan stated that when they lost Katie, Leah and Bobby were what kept the animal shelter going, and she is a good employee.

RE: Judge's Report:

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- The Berea College Forestry Outreach Center is hosting a SummerFest at the Pinnacles on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Visit their Facebook page for more information.
- Madison County Health Department is hosting a drive-thru rabies vaccination clinic at the Berea Health Department location on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 AM - Noon. Vaccines are \$10 per vaccination (cash only). All animals must be in a crate or on a leash. Visit their Facebook page for more information.
- Richmond Parks and Recreation is hosting a Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 18th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Lake Reba Park near Paradise Cove Aquatic Center. Visit their Facebook page for a list of activities and more information.
- Join the Madison County Fiscal Court and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources for a ribbon cutting at Wilgreen Lake on Thursday, May 30th at 10:00 AM. We are celebrating the completion of the construction project for the boat ramp, boat trailer parking area, courtesy dock, and kayak launch at Wilgreen Lake.
- Richmond Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Dream Big Leadership Luncheon featuring ECU Men's Head Basketball Coach A.W. Hamilton on Friday, May 31st at noon at the ECU Perkins Building. There will also be a special graduation presentation honoring Leadership Madison County's Class at 2024. Visit www.richmondchamber.com to purchase tickets.
- Volunteers are needed for the Kentucky River Sweep at Boonesborough State Park on Saturday, June 8th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. T-shirts and lunch will be provided for volunteers. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and help us keep the Kentucky River clean. Please call 859-624-4739 for more information.
- Madison County Government and its related offices will be closed Monday, May 27th for the Memorial Day holiday. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, May 28th at 8:00 AM.

Comments from Magistrates:

Judge Taylor expressed his appreciation to the Berea Mayor and the Berea City Council for allowing the Fiscal Court to use their Council Chambers' Courtroom. He also encouraged the Court to look over the Sheriff's Quarterly Financial Report that is in Dropbox. He also stated that Kentucky Boats will be having an open house at their new location this Saturday.

Magistrate Lochmueller thanked Brandon McIntosh and the Kentucky State Transportation Department for clearing out a bad blind spot on Clay Ln. and 25 within a reasonable amount of time.

Magistrate Hughes stated that he was at a nuclear conference last week. Kentucky is interested in increasing their nuclear footprint and wanted to make the Court aware of what is going on with the opportunities in the nuclear environment.

Magistrate Botkin stated that nuclear is coming and expressed his appreciation to Magistrate Hughes for bringing it up. He also thanked Robyn and Elizabeth for helping him, as well as Scott Shepherd for going out with him looking at projects and fixing those problems. He stated that he also had some line-of-sight issues, and Brandon McIntosh had those taken care of as well. He stated that this is Police Week and expressed his appreciation to the Sheriff, the Richmond Police Department, and the Berea Police Department for all they do for the community.

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Magistrate Combs expressed his appreciation to all law enforcement, as well as all first responders, for what they do. He stated that the Herndon Ln project is done and is glad that is back open. He also encouraged the public to go vote during the coming election.

Clerk Barger stated that Early Voting starts Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, and Election Day is 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. He stated that they have the new location in Berea at the Ignite Academy South, and a new location in Richmond at the Richmond Active Living Center. He also encouraged the public to vote.

Sheriff Coyle stated that the quarterly financial report is in good shape but is concerned about the fuel line item and vehicle maintenance. They are still waiting for their new vehicles to come in, which is causing them to work on the existing vehicles. They are also still short 4 deputies. He commended Shane Johnson for his good police work during a recent vehicle stop.

Judge Taylor thanked Sheriff Coyle for the work they have done on clearing off the truckers on the exit ramps of I-75.

Jailer Tussey stated that last week was National Correctional Workers Week. They had a cookout Friday and expressed his appreciation and praise for his team.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Jailer Tussey for inviting them to the cookout.

Comments from Department Heads:

No Comments from Department Heads.

Comments from the Audience and Facebook Comments:

No Audience or Facebook Comments.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

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

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for May 28, 2024, 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 Stephen Lochmueller. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM.



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