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Meeting of; Madison County Fiscal Court
Meeting Type; Regularly Scheduled

REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 8th of October 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 Michael 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 Leonard Bratcher, Red Lick Baptist Church member and Southern Madison Water District Board Member, to lead the Court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Mike Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 9-24-2024:

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on September 24, 2024.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes Stephen Lochmueller- Yes
Billy Ray Hughes- Abstained Tom Botkin- Abstained
Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Proclamation – Kentucky Extension Homemakers Week:

Judge Taylor proclaimed October 13th through October 19, 2024, as Kentucky Extension Homemakers Week and urged all citizens to participate in Extension Homemakers activities in their communities.

Robin Harris, Homemaker President, and Evonne Kincer, Homemaker Vice President, were in attendance to accept this proclamation.

Evonne Kincer invited everyone to come out to the Madison County Extension Office to learn more about the Extension and about the Extension Homemakers. There are so many ways for everyone to serve and learn.

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2024-16—Prohibition of Cannabis Business Operations Within Unincorporated County Jurisdiction:

Judge Taylor presented 1st Reading Ordinance 2024-16—Prohibition of Cannabis Business Operations Within Unincorporated County Jurisdiction for the Court's approval. This is an Ordinance relating to the prohibition of cannabis business operations within Madison County Fiscal Court's unincorporated county jurisdiction.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brain Combs to acknowledge the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-16—Prohibition of Cannabis Business Operations Within Unincorporated County Jurisdiction as presented.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that the Cities of Richmond and Berea have already passed this, and he believes that what they are doing today will not inhibit or cause anyone not to have access to medical cannabis.

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: 1st Reading Ordinance 2024-17—Land Use Change 4050 Irvine Road from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-4 General Business:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Development Director, presented 1st Reading Ordinance 2024-17—Land Use Change 4050 Irvine Road from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-4 General Business for the Court's approval. This is an Ordinance approving the zone change of 4050 Irvine Road, Waco, Kentucky, and authorizing the amendment of the official zoning map of Madison County, Kentucky.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to acknowledge the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-17—Land Use Change 4050 Irvine Road from UC-7 Agriculture to UC-4 General Business as presented.

Magistrate Hughes asked if there was any opposition or concerns brought up during the Planning Commission hearing. Bert stated that there was one gentleman that had some questions on how the property might be developed and managed, but once those questions were answered there were no other issues.

Judge Taylor stated that they need to be mindful in the future of approving site development plans on properties that could need potential road widening and turning lanes.

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: 1st Reading Ordinance 2024-18—Land Use Change 2319 Union City Road from RC-7 Agriculture to RC-1 Single-Family Residential:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Development Director, presented 1st Reading Ordinance 2024-18—Land Use Change 2319 Union City Road from RC-7 Agriculture to RC-1 Single-Family Residential for the Court's approval. This is an Ordinance approving the zone change of 2319 Union City Road, Richmond, Kentucky, and authorizing the amendment of the official zoning map of Madison County, Kentucky.

Motion by James Brain Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to acknowledge the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-18—Land Use Change 2319 Union City Road from RC-7 Agriculture to RC-1 Single-Family Residential as presented.

Magistrate Botkin asked about 4 exclusions that are found in section 1 of the legal description. Bert stated that those exclusions are “surveyor speak” of the legal description of the property and are not what is being conveyed.

Magistrate Hughes asked if this was a unanimous vote. Bert stated that it was not; it was 5 to 1 for, with one abstention. He also asked if the Planning Commission has ever turned down a zone change request for a significant subdivision. Bert stated that he believed there was one, but he couldn't be sure. Magistrate Hughes requested if he would research that and get back with them.

Magistrate Botkin stated that they all probably received emails with concerns about Union City Road, and that he agrees that the road that runs under the CSX Railroad bridge is a disaster. It is a State road and believes that they need to work hard on getting the State to make improvements on it.

Magistrate Hughes stated that the residents in the area have as much interest in what happens to the property as the developer since they will live in that area once the development is complete.

Stuart Olds, attorney for the applicant, stated that during the Planning Commission meeting, Mary Eipert did a great job of summarizing why this zone change was important, and he suggested the Court watch that meeting to get a better understanding of that summarization.

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	

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IN RE: Resolution 2024-100—Madison County-AOC Courthouse MOU Third

Addendum:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2024-100—Madison County-AOC Courthouse MOU Third Addendum for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves a third addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Madison County Fiscal Court, the Madison County, Kentucky Public Properties Corporation, and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-100—Madison County-AOC Courthouse MOU Third Addendum.

Magistrate Botkin wanted to remind the public that there are no local tax dollars involved in this renovation.

Judge Taylor stated that they are looking at some time in March of 2025 for the Courthouse to be open.

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 2024-101—Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program MOA:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2024-101—Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program MOA for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-101—Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program MOA.

Judge Taylor stated that this is through the Bluegrass Area Development District in Lexington.

Magistrate Botkin asked if they would be able to provide input on parts of the highways that need improvement.

Scott stated that the data collection people are just collecting data on how many accidents have occurred and what suggestions they feel should be an improvement. Right now, it is just a data collection process.

Magistrate Combs stated that this process is being proactive instead of reactive.

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 2024-102—CSEPP FY23 Grant Funding MOA Contract

Extension:

Tim Gray, EMA/CSEPP Director and Fire Chief, presented Resolution 2024-102—CSEPP FY23 Grant Funding MOA Contract Extension for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves the extension of the FY23 CSEPP Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Grant funds for Madison County Fiscal Court.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2024-102—CSEPP FY23 Grant Funding MOA Contract Extension.

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 2024-103—CSEPP FY24 Grant Funding MOA Contract:

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Tim Gray, EMA/CSEPP Director and Fire Chief, presented Resolution 2024-103—CSEPP FY24 Grant Funding MOA Contract for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves the CSEPP FY24 Grant funding contract.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-103—CSEPP FY24 Grant Funding MOA Contract.

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 2024-104—Northern Madison County Sanitation District Board

Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2024-104—Northern Madison County Sanitation District Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves the appointment of James (Jim) Rowe to the Northern Madison County Sanitation District Board, with an expiration date of October 27, 2028.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-104—Northern Madison County Sanitation District Board Appointment, approving the appointment of James (Jim) Rowe to the Northern Madison County Sanitation District Board, with an expiration date of October 27, 2028.

Magistrate Hughes asked how long Mr. Rowe has been on this board. Judge Taylor stated that he believes it has been since the board existed, and he expressed his appreciation of his 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 2024-105—State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program Subaward Agreement for Northern Madison County Sanitation District:

Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer, presented Resolution 2024-105—State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program Funds Subaward Agreement for Northern Madison County Sanitation District for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves a subaward agreement between the County of Madison, Kentucky and Northern Madison County Sanitation District.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2024-105— State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program Subaward Agreement for Northern Madison County Sanitation District.

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:

Hannah Morgan, HR Director, recommended the promotion of James D. Wilson from General Laborer/Equipment Operator to Assistant Foreman, at a rate of \$21.50 per hour, effective October 9, 2024; the change of status of Kendra Kendrick from Full-Time Admin Assistant to Part-Time Admin Assistant, at a rate of \$21.63, effective October 9, 2024; and the hiring of Kristen Slone as Animal Care and Control Director, at a salary of \$62,500 per year, effective October 16, 2024.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the promotion of James D. Wilson from General Laborer/Equipment Operator to Assistant Foreman, at a rate of \$21.50 per hour, effective

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October 9, 2024; the change of status of Kendra Kendrick from Full-Time Admin Assistant to Part-Time Admin Assistant, at a rate of \$21.63, effective October 9, 2024; and the hiring of Kristen Slone as Animal Care and Control Director, at a salary of \$62,500 per year, effective October 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	

IN RE: Employee Spotlight:

Hannah Morgan, HR Director, spotlighted Merwyn Rhodus, Madison County Firefighter since 2004. A colleague stated that Merwyn is a hard worker and dedicated to his job.

IN RE: Enter Executive Session:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to enter into Executive Session at 10:33 AM to discuss a personnel matter. This Executive Session is allowable under KRS 61.810 Section 1, subsection F.

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 Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Brian Combs to exit Executive Session at 10:42 PM.

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: Termination:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to terminate Serena Frye.

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	

RE: Judge's Report:

- The New Developments (a band from Berea, KY) will be performing at the Chestnut Street Pavilion Concert Series on Saturday, October 12th. Gates open at 6:30 PM, and the music starts at 7:00 PM. This is a free community event.
- The Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training's Law Enforcement Basic Training classes is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 15th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at 4449 Kit Carson Drive in Richmond.
- A Re-entry Simulation will be held on Friday, October 18th from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM in the Kit Carson Commons-Central Bank Room in Richmond. The simulation is based on real-life experiences of people

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who have been incarcerated and are returning to their communities. It will allow you to experience the challenges of re-entry after incarceration. Registration is required for participants. Email robyn.moreland@eku.edu for more information.

- Madison Central High School FFA is having a Chili Cook-off & Silent Auction Fundraiser on Friday, October 18th from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM in the Madison Central multi-purpose room. Contact Keeley Cooper at 859-248-6168 or Taylor Masters at 859-376-0329 for more information.
- Run Berea's Half Marathon & 5K ("Run Your Arts Off") will be held on Saturday, October 19th at the Berea Pinnacles. The race begins at 8:00 AM. Visit their Facebook page for more information.
- The Kentucky Guild of Artists & Craftsmen is hosting a Fall Art Market on Saturday, October 19th from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Sunday, October 20th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM on the Kentucky Artisan Center lawn in Berea. Admission and parking are free. Visit their Facebook page for more information.
- The annual Boots and Bluegrass will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Lynwood Estate in Richmond. Tickets can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com.
- Join us for the Madison County Animal Shelter Howl-a-ween Adoption Event on Friday, October 25th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at White Hall Park in Richmond.

Comments from Magistrates:

Judge Taylor expressed his appreciation to Berea Mayor and City Council for allowing the Court to use their chambers. He also stated that Madison County is blessed to have so many entities that work well together and help each other during situations like Hurricane Helene.

Magistrate Lochmueller thanked all the County staff for the hard work they do. He suggested they start having district meetings again, maybe one a quarter. He also encouraged the public to go out and vote during Early Voting and Election Day.

Magistrate Hughes stated there will be a Waco Fall Frenzy to benefit the Waco Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday and Sunday, October 19th and 20th.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Scott and the Road Department for their clean-up efforts during Hurricane Helene. He expressed his appreciation on the pavilion and sidewalks that will be going up at Wilgreen Lake soon. On Friday, he was able to attend the Hope's Wings luncheon in Berea and stated that the number of people that have lost their lives due to domestic violence has increased since last year; and he encouraged people to reach out to the Sheriff's Office if they know of such situations that are occurring. He also stated that the State will be out on Lancaster Road working and laying blacktop and advised the public to use caution when they see the crews out.

Magistrate Combs thanked Scott and the Road Department for their help with the hopper they had out on 1016 last weekend and notified the public of the upcoming tire amnesty event.

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Clerk Barger stated that there are 2 amendments on the ballot that the public needs to be aware of and educate themselves on before they head to the polls. He stated that they are mailing cards out to every household that has a registered voter to educate them on Early Voting and locations.

Sheriff Coyle stated that they opened the tax collection department up on October 1st, with a lot of people coming in. They have 3 new Court Security Officers that should be coming into work soon but will have one deputy short by the end of the month. They have seen an increase in traffic accidents, and he advised the public to use caution and slow down on the roadways. He also thanked the Road Department and first responders for all the work they did during the storm last week.

Comments from Department Heads:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, stated that this past Saturday, they held the Household Hazardous Waste Event in collaboration with Veolia, who is trained to dispose of hazardous waste. They had 342 participants this year, which is the most they have ever had, and collected 1,100 gallons of oil, and 2 pallets of automobile batteries. He encouraged everyone to visit their website and see the pictures that were taken of this event. The tire event will be October 17th, 18th, and 19th at 208 Clarksville Ln, from 8 to 4 on Thursday and Friday, and 8 to 12 on Saturday. Anyone that is not a tire business can bring tires to them, whether they are on the rim or not, or of any tire size.

Comments from the Audience Comments:

No Comments from the Audience.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion made by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve to pay the claims and transfers.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for October 22, 2024, in the Richmond City Hall Commission Chambers in Richmond, Ky at 11:09 AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Billy Ray Hughes to adjourn, seconded by Stephen Lochmueller. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.



REAGAN TAYLOR
MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE