

Meeting Date: 12/17/2024

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 17th of December 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 Assistant Attorney Brooke Bowman, Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger, and Sheriff Mike Coyle were also present.

It being determined a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

Judge Taylor asked Jason Koerner, Southland Christian 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 11-26-2024:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on November 26, 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: Sheriff's Quarterly Financial Report:

Mary Margaret Young presented the Quarterly Financial Report for the Sheriff's Department. She provided a breakdown of the Sheriff's Department Budget from the 3rd Quarter through FiscalBooks as well as a more detailed breakdown of each category's spending within the Department. They don't get their money until November with the start of the October tax collection, so she stated that the Financial Report will change drastically in the 4th Quarter.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that the Sheriff's Department does a great job. He explained that the Fiscal Court supports the Sheriff's Department in roles that are outside the confines of their normal duties, like covering a third shift for the Kentucky State Police (KSP) due to the lack of deputies the KSP has. Additional dollars are being added to the Sheriff's Department for the protection of the citizens, but that will have to be something they will need to look at going forward.

IN RE: Proclamation—Fellowship of Christian Athletes Month-2024:

Judge Taylor proclaimed December 2024 as Fellowship of Christian Athletes Month and encouraged citizens to join in celebrating the impact of FCA and its unwavering mission to inspire students, student athletes, and coaches throughout our community to live out their faith boldly.

Jeremy Wasch, FCA Area Representative, was in attendance to accept the proclamation, as well as Area Director Andy Owens, FCA Area Representatives Michelle Toole and Chase Burdette, ECU FCA Representatives, Madison Central FCA Teacher Sponsors and Student Leaders, and Madison Southern FCA Teacher Sponsors, and Student Leaders.

Jeremy stated that they are honored with this proclamation and thanked the community for all their support.

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IN RE: 2nd Reading Ordinance 2024-19—Land Use Change 1978 Boonesborough Road from R-7 and RC-7 Agriculture to UC-1 Single-Family Residential:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Development Director, presented 2nd Reading Ordinance 2024-19—Land Use Change 1978 Boonesborough Road from R-7 and RC-7 Agriculture to UC-1 Single-Family Residential for the Court's approval. This is an Ordinance approving the zone change of 1978 Boonesborough Road, 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 2nd Reading Ordinance 2024-19—Land Use Change 1978 Boonesborough Road from R-7 and RC-7 Agriculture to UC-1 Single-Family Residential as presented.

Preston Worley, Attorney with McBrayer, PLLC, was in attendance to answer any questions on behalf of the applicant. Bert stated that this was a unanimous decision from the Planning Commission based on the concept of 1 acre lots. There were some questions from adjacent property owners that were answered during the hearing. Magistrate Lochmueller asked if this development had a planned turning lane off of Boonesborough Road. Bert stated that he believes the applicant is working with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet on that, and it will be up to the State to make that decision.

Preston Worley stated that they did do a traffic study, and it stated that there would not be a material impact on the surface of the road. However, at full build-out, it could merit a left turn lane, which is why the applicant is working with the State now to decide when that can be put in, along with any other improvements the State might have for that area.

There were no public comments.

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: Resolution 2024-120—Northern Madison County Sanitation District Board Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2024-120— Northern Madison County Sanitation District Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves the appointment of Johnny Webb to the Madison County Sanitation District Board, with an expiration date of January 12, 2029.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-120— Northern Madison County Sanitation District Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves the appointment of Johnny Webb to the Madison County Sanitation District Board, with an expiration date of January 12, 2029.

Magistrate Hughes stated that he is very proud of Johnny Webb and the work he does.

Judge Taylor stated that the Sanitation Board is a good board, with members that care. He expressed his appreciation to all the members on the board for their 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 2024-121— Madison Airport Board, Inc. Appointment:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2024-121— Madison Airport Board, Inc. Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves the appointment of Steve Tussey to the Madison Airport Board, Inc., with an expiration date of January 1, 2029.

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Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-121— Madison Airport Board, Inc. Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves the appointment of Steve Tussey to the Madison Airport Board, Inc., with an expiration date of January 1, 2029.

Magistrate Combs thanked all those that serve on the County boards and commissions, and for giving of their time.

Magistrate Lochmueller also thanked those that serve, stating that the fact that they take time out of their personal lives to serve the County is very rewarding and he expressed his adoration toward those individuals.

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 2024-122—Fiscal Court 2025 Meeting Schedule:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2024-122—Fiscal Court 2025 Meeting Schedule for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves the 2024 Madison County Fiscal Court Meeting Schedule.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-122—Fiscal Court 2025 Meeting Schedule.

Judge Taylor stated that the meeting for November 12, 2025, is on a Wednesday instead of a Tuesday, because Veterans Day is on that Tuesday.

Magistrate Botkin thanked the Richmond Mayor and City Commissioners for allowing them the use of the Richmond City Hall Commission Chambers.

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 2024-123—Establishment of Cul-de-sac on Courage Road:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2024-123—Establishment of Cul-de-sac on Courage Road for the Court's approval. This is a Resolution of the Madison County Fiscal Court authorizing the establishment of a Cul-de-sac on Courage Road and authorizing actions necessary to accomplish same.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-123—Establishment of Cul-de-sac on Courage Road.

Magistrate Hughes asked when they thought this would happen. Scott stated that they are hoping to have it done by the end of January.

Magistrate Combs stated that he is glad to see that at the end, there will be a deed transferring the discontinued road back to the property owners.

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 2024-124—Bluegrass REALTORS LEDO Funding Application:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2024-124—Bluegrass REALTORS LEDO Funding Application for the Court's approval. This is a Resolution of the Madison County Fiscal Court approving an application for Bluegrass REALTORS Local Economic Development Organization (LEDO) Funding.

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Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-124—Bluegrass REALTORS LEDO Funding Application.

Magistrate Combs stated that this is a testament to how regional development and economic development benefits the community.

Judge Taylor stated that this \$2000 quadruples by having each entity apply, so if they are successful, \$8,000 could go toward marketing the site.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that he has spoken with Jeff Vanhook, who is very excited to work with everyone on this regional park.

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 2024-125—Madison County Fire Department Building Design-Build Bid Award:

Tim Gray, Fire Chief/EMA Director, presented Resolution 2024-125—Madison County Fire Department Building Design-Build Bid Award for the Court's approval. This is a Resolution for the Madison County Fiscal Court to approve a bid award for the Madison County Fire Department Building Design/Build.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-125— Madison County Fire Department Building Design-Build Bid Award.

Magistrate Botkin asked Chief if this is the building that he wants and if he could get everything that he needs in there. Chief Gray stated that yes, it was.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that it would be nice for the northern side of the county to be able to have fire and emergency services closer to that area; he is very excited about it.

Magistrate Hughes asked if this is paid through ARPA funds. Judge Taylor stated that \$2 Million of it is. He also asked about the timeline to get it approved. Judge Taylor stated that they are under a deadline to get it allocated by December 31, 2024, but don't have to spend it until December 31, 2026.

Magistrate Hughes asked if they had looked at other potential locations in northern Madison County for a fire station or was this the best location. Chief Gray stated that they did look at other locations, but the biggest issue they had was trying to acquire the land to put the station. Magistrate Hughes stated that the County could issue the power eminent domain if they felt like another area was better serviced. Magistrate Lochmueller stated that he had looked for two years to try to get a location on the northern end of Madison County for a fire station and had a difficult time finding a location in which someone was willing to sell their land. He agrees that it doesn't catch everyone, but no matter where it would be, it wouldn't catch everyone. He feels that this location will be positioned to benefit from the growth that is happening on the northern side of the county.

Judge Taylor stated that there is a small window of time to build a station in the northern side of the county, and this is not removing the White Hall Volunteer Fire Station. When looking at building a fire station, they are looking at building for the future and this location is better positioned for future growth.

Chief Gray stated that he and Chris have mapped out different spots for over four years and this location has been the best site based on location, topography, and coverage for a station. Planning for the future, this site would still service the county in 40 years or more.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that they have a willing provider, in a location that the Fire Chief and County says will be a good location, and he would hate to lose this location to try to condemn someone else's property that might not work out in the long run.

Jill stated that this is about the 6th location that they investigated, looked into, and done mileage reports, and has no reservations on this property serving the geographic area.

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Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2024-126—State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program MOU and Interagency Agreement:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2024-126—State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program MOU and Interagency Agreement for the Court's approval. This is a Resolution for the Madison County Fiscal Court to approve a Memorandum of Understanding and Interagency Agreement between Madison County, Kentucky and the Madison County Road Department for completing the land and site preparation work for construction of the County's new fire station on Carr Lane in Richmond, KY. Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-126— State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program MOU and Interagency Agreement.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he spoke with Scott Shepherd over some questions he had and is more comfortable with his concerns after speaking with him.

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 2024-127—Prohibition of Medical Marijuana Usage in the Workplace:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2024-127—Prohibition of Medical Marijuana Usage in the Workplace for the Court's approval. This is a Resolution regarding the use of marijuana, with or without prescription, in the workplace of Madison County in response to SB 47.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2024-127— Prohibition of Medical Marijuana Usage in the Workplace.

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 2024-128—Purchase Agreement for 4955 Goggins Lane:

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2024-128—Purchase Agreement for 4955 Goggins Lane for the Court's approval. This is a Resolution for the Madison County Fiscal Court to approve the purchase of real property pursuant to KRS 67.080(1)(9b)(1).

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-128—Purchase Agreement for 4955 Goggins Lane.

Magistrate Combs stated that there is growth out on Goggins Lane that will result in a traffic nightmare. This purchase is something the County can do to help provide some traffic relief since it would connect to a County road.

Judge Taylor stated that he is excited about the opportunity to connect to that portion of Goggins and believes it will be minimal in expense. This will connect Goggins Lane to US-25 to help provide traffic relief.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that he is excited about it because it shows that working with others, i.e. the State, benefits all the citizens, both in the City of Richmond and in the County.

Magistrate Combs stated that when looking at the price, it is a good purchase, and it will help benefit the citizens.

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Magistrate Lochmueller added that it would provide a little residual value as well. Judge Taylor stated that once it is all done, they could potentially sell back some of the land.

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:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, recommended the change of status of Serenity Blevins from a Part-Time Non-Certified Dispatcher to a Full-Time Non-Certified Dispatcher, at a rate of \$18.46 per hour, effective December 18, 2024; the change of status of Greylan Marks from Part-Time to Full-Time Firefighter Recruit, at a rate of \$18.50 per hour, effective February 12, 2025; the hiring of Jessica Coffey as Director of Human Resources at a rate of \$75,000 per year, effective December 30, 2024; the hiring of Brandon Phelps as a CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer at a rate of \$18 per hour, effective December 18, 2024; and the hiring of Richard Gray as a CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer at a rate of \$18 per hour, effective December 18, 2024.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the change of status of Serenity Blevins from a Part-Time Non-Certified Dispatcher to a Full-Time Non-Certified Dispatcher, at a rate of \$18.46 per hour, effective December 18, 2024; the change of status of Greylan Marks from Part-Time to Full-Time Firefighter Recruit, at a rate of \$18.50 per hour, effective February 12, 2025; the hiring of Jessica Coffey as Director of Human Resources at a rate of \$75,000 per year, effective December 30, 2024 the hiring of Brandon Phelps as a CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer at a rate of \$18 per hour, effective December 18, 2024; and the hiring of Richard Gray as a CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer at a rate of \$18 per hour, effective December 18, 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:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, spotlighted Jennifer Kermeen, Deputy Sheriff since 2014. Sheriff Coyle stated that Deputy Kermeen is an excellent deputy, who is very active in outside activities and fundraisers for different charity events. She is a member of the MSO Honor Guard team as well as a full-time K-9 officer with her K-9, Spike, and was awarded the 2024 Female Police Officer of the Year by the Kentucky Women's Law Enforcement Network in Bowling Green, KY. She is recognized by the agency and her peers for her unwavering dedication to improving the lives of Madison County residents.

Sheriff Coyle stated that Deputy Kermeen projects the example of the employees they have at the Sheriff's Department. She has been involved in a lot of different organizations outside of the Sheriff's Department, as are several others in their department. She has moved up within the Sheriff's Department starting out as a Court Security Officer to a Road Deputy and serves the community with pride.

Magistrate Botkin stated that the award she received is a very big deal and he expressed his appreciation to her. Judge Taylor expressed his appreciation to Deputy Kermeen.

IN RE: Enter Executive Session:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to enter into Executive Session at 10:37 AM to discuss a personnel matter. This Executive Session is allowable under 61.810 section 1, subsection F to discuss personnel.

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Billy Ray Hughes- Yes Tom Botkin- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Exit Executive Session:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to exit Executive Session at 10:58 AM.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- Kentucky River Foothills is accepting applications for the Subsidy portion of their **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** through December 20, 2024, or until funds are depleted. The agency encourages all potentially eligible or vulnerable households to apply as soon as possible.
- Visit our website at www.madisoncountky.gov/community-events to see a list of some of the events happening throughout our community. If you have an event you would like to feature on this page, simply click on the "Submit an Event" button and complete the form.
- Madison County Government and its related offices will be closed the following days for Christmas and New Year's:
 - Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas Break. Offices will reopen on Thursday, December 26th at 8:00 AM.
 - Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Break. Offices will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd at 8:00 AM. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone.

Comments from Magistrates:

Judge Taylor expressed his appreciation to the Richmond Mayor and Richmond Commission for allowing them to use their Chambers.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that he was very proud of all those that serve on the County boards; it has been a great year, and they have accomplished a lot of great things for the County. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Magistrate Hughes stated that he gets requests concerning the white stripes on the sides of the County roads due to visibility and asked if they would look at considering doing that in the future.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation to all the employees of the County departments. He thanked Steve Tussey for his six years of service toward the County.

Magistrate Combs wished everyone a Merry Christmas and expressed his appreciation for all the work the County employees have done over the year. He thanked Judge Taylor, the Berea Mayor, Scott County Judge Executive, and Fayette County Mayor for the Regional Partnership Economic Development and for all the work they have put in to get it started.

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Judge Taylor showed a video that was put together for the Kentucky Economic Development Association Conference spotlighting the Central Kentucky Business Park Authority and all the participants.

Comments from Department Heads:

No Comments from Department Heads.

Public Comments:

No Comments from the Public.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

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

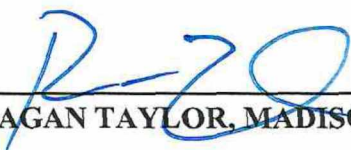
Magistrate Botkin asked about a bank service charge for \$14,500. Sarah stated that was the fee for Three + One. Judge Taylor asked Sarah to track that charge so they can compare the dollar amounts when Three + One provides their quarterly statements.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for January 14, 2025, in the Berea Annex Council Chambers in Berea, Ky at 9:30 AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Tom Botkin to adjourn, seconded by James Brian Combs. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.



REAGAN TAYLOR, MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE