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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 25th of February 2025 at 9:30 AM in the Emergency Operations Center Training Rooms A & B 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, and Tom Botkin were present. Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond, Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle, Madison County Jailer Larry Brock, and Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger were also present.

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

Judge Taylor asked Pastor Virgil Gardner of Pleasant Green Predestinarian Baptist Church to lead the Court in prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Mike Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 2-11-2025:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on February 11, 2025.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes	Stephen Lochmueller-Yes
Billy Ray Hughes- Not in Attendance	Tom Botkin- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 2-14-2025:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the minutes from the special called meeting on February 14, 2025.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes	Stephen Lochmueller-Yes
Billy Ray Hughes- Not in Attendance	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: Proclamation— Hunger Awareness Month (Empty Bowls):

Judge Taylor proclaimed the month of March 2025 as Madison County Hunger Awareness Month and urged all citizens to support efforts to end hunger in the County of Madison, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the United States of America, and the World.

Lora Danley and Justin Woosley were in attendance to accept this proclamation. Lora announced that the 26th Empty Bowls project will be Friday, March 28, 2025, at First Baptist Church on the Eastern Bypass from 11:00AM to 2:00PM for eat-in or to-go, and from 2:00PM-3:00PM for soup to-go, with quart and pint jars of soup for sale. For a pottery bowl, vegetable soup, hoe-cake, and a drink there is a minimum \$20 donation, and for just the soup there is a minimum \$10 donation. She also stated that this Saturday, March 1st, between 10:00AM and 4:00PM, there will be a Bowl-a-thon at the ECU Ceramics Studio, for anyone who would like to go, make a bowl, and donate it to the Empty Bowls Project.

IN RE: Proclamation— Children's Champion Month:

Judge Taylor proclaimed the month of March 2025 as Be a Children's Champion Month and encouraged all citizens to support the Children's Champions of Madison County.

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Phillis Adams, Children's Champion President, was in attendance to accept this proclamation. Phillis thanked the Court for all their support throughout the years. She stated that this helps keep up the awareness in the county about the care that is needed for the kids and helps them to have activities for children to be successful. The billboard contest is one of the main events they have, and this year's winner is Danielle Martin. Danielle, as well as the other top winners at the other local elementary schools, will receive a banner of their drawing, and Danielle's drawing will be displayed on the local billboards. Phillis also stated that the Kids Mall Madness will be this Saturday from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. There will be representatives from the city and county government to help with the activities, and she encouraged all the children to come to participate in the fun.

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2025-02— Amending Ordinance 2023-13 Official Zoning Map:

Bert Thomas, Planning and Development Director, presented the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-02— Amending Ordinance 2023-13 Official Zoning Map for the Court's approval. This Ordinance of the Madison County Fiscal Court, Kentucky, amending Ordinance 2023-13, the Madison County Land Development and Subdivision regulations regarding uses allowed.

Bert stated they adopted new text in the land development and subdivision ordinances, which is separate from the map, making the map inconsistent with the land use regulations in regard to the alpha numeric system. This Ordinance doesn't change anyone's zoning, it just cleans up the language and makes the map match the text. Magistrate Botkin stated that Madison County is growing, with more people coming into Madison County. There have been complaints that there is too much building going on and that the County is growing too fast, but at the last conference they went to they learned that there is a housing shortage in Madison County as well as across the state. Madison County is very blessed to have the resources they have, and services they are able to provide. He expressed his appreciation to Bert and to Chris for them getting the maps updated. Judge Taylor reiterated that this has nothing to do with changing the boundaries or moving any lines.

IN RE: Resolution 2025-011—Madison County Ethics Board Appointment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2024-011— Madison County Ethics Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves the appointment of Phillis Adams to the Madison County Ethics Board, with an expiration date of March 1, 2028.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2024-011— Madison County Ethics Board Appointment, appointing Phillis Adams to the Madison County Ethics Board, with an expiration date of March 1, 2028.

Magistrate Botkin stated that Phillis is very involved in the community, and everything that she does is for the citizens and children of Madison County. He expressed his appreciation to her for everything she does.

Magistrate Combs thanked Phillis for serving and volunteering her time.

Magistrate Lochmueller expressed his appreciation to Phillis for her willingness to serve.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes

Stephen Lochmueller-Yes

Billy Ray Hughes- Not in Attendance

Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Resolution 2025-012— Kentucky 911 Services Board Grant Application:

Wendy Lynch, Madison County Emergency Communication Center (911) Director, presented Resolution 2024-012— Kentucky 911 Services Board Grant Application for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the application and administration of 2025-2026 Kentucky 911 Services Board Grants.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2024-012— Kentucky 911 Services Board Grant Application.

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Magistrate Botkin asked Wendy if she knew what the dollar amount of this Grant would be. Wendy stated they would not until they finish but estimated they would be requesting around \$157,000 for their portion.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes	Stephen Lochmueller-Yes
Billy Ray Hughes- Not in Attendance	Tom Botkin- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Resolution 2025-013— Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Data Hosting Services Interlocal Agreement:

Chris Iseral, Chief Informational Officer, presented Resolution 2024-013— Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Data Hosting Services Interlocal Agreement for the Court's approval. This Resolution is related to an interlocal agreement between the Madison County Fiscal Court and the City of Richmond Kentucky for Geographic Information Systems Data Hosting.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2025-013— Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Data Hosting Services Interlocal Agreement.

Magistrate Combs thanked Chris and his team for all the work they have done on this agreement. This is a way to clean up the system and make sure people get to where they need to be when they need to get there.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that he thinks it is admirable that they are working with the City, who unanimously voted for this agreement. This shows good government working together for the benefit of the citizens and their safety.

Judge Taylor agreed, stating that it is the right thing to do for all of Madison County.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes	Stephen Lochmueller-Yes
Billy Ray Hughes- Not in Attendance	Tom Botkin- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Resolution 2025-014— American Battlefield Trust Agreement Second Amendment:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2024-014— American Battlefield Trust Agreement Second Amendment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is authorizing the second amendment to an agreement between the Madison County Fiscal Court, the City of Richmond, and the American Battlefield Trust.

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2025-014— American Battlefield Trust Agreement Second Amendment.

Judge Taylor asked if the City of Richmond will be hearing this amendment tonight. Jill stated she didn't believe it would be unless they moved to amend the agenda as it wasn't posted on their agenda as of yet. She would be happy to give them a call to determine if that needs to be done based on the language of the Amendment.

Magistrate Botkin stated they have been working on this for several years and it is a good thing that it is coming to an end.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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IN RE: Personnel:

Jessica Coffey, HR Director, recommended the hiring of David Hall as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Carl McCray as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant,

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at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of William McGuire as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Ronnie Lakes as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Ernest Bryant as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Noah Eastham as a Seasonal Golf Shop Attendant, at a rate of \$11 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Daniel Wood as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Danny Isaacs as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Allie Foltz as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Amelia Foltz as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Gary Tyree as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; and the hiring of Kamrin Silverburg as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12 per hour; pending successful completion of pre-employment screenings.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the hiring of David Hall as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Carl McCray as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of William McGuire as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Ronnie Lakes as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Ernest Bryant as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Noah Eastham as a Seasonal Golf Shop Attendant, at a rate of \$11 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Daniel Wood as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Danny Isaacs as a Seasonal Outside Cart Attendant, at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Allie Foltz as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Amelia Foltz as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; the hiring of Gary Tyree as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12 per hour, effective March 5, 2025; and the hiring of Kamrin Silverburg as a Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12 per hour; pending successful completion of pre-employment screenings.

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IN RE: Employee Spotlight:

Chris Iseral, Chief Informational Officer, spotlighted Ryan Eidson, Senior Systems Administrator, who has served since 2005. A colleague stated that Ryan is quite intelligent when it comes to computers and technology; and will do his best to resolve any computer problems. He is a valuable member of the team and the County is lucky to have him.

Chris expressed his appreciation to Ryan.

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- Thank you to the road crew, first responders, and custodial team for getting us through the recent winter storm.
- Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc. is continuing to provide assistance through the crisis component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Applications can be submitted until March 15, 2025. Visit www.foothillscap.org for more information or call 859-544-1713 to schedule an appointment.

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- Visit our website at www.madisoncountyky.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.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin thanked the County, State, and City of Berea Road Departments for their work during the recent snow event. Crews are out repairing potholes on the roadways and advised the public to use caution when they see them.

Magistrate Combs echoed the appreciation to the road departments. There was a potentially dangerous situation on Fentress Lane, and he thanked the citizens for reporting it and asked for patience on getting that road repaired.

Magistrate Lochmueller expressed his appreciation to the road department and those in the county government that helped during the storm.

Comments from Department Heads:

No Comments from Department Heads.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

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

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for March 11, 2025, in the Council Chambers' Courtroom in Berea, Ky at 9:30 AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from James Brian Combs to adjourn, seconded by Stephen Lochmueller. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM.



REAGAN TAYLOR, MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE