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HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 22nd of April 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, Billy Ray Hughes, and Tom Botkin were present. Madison County Attorney Jennie Haymond, Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle, 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 Charles Duncan, Pastor at Rugged Cross Cowboy 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 4-8-2025:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on April 8, 2025.

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 stated that per KRS compliance requirements, she will have the full fund draft budget to the Court by May 1st.

IN RE: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Update— Casey Smith, Section Supervisor:

Casey Smith, Section Supervisor with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, provided an update on the Transportation Cabinet. Clyde Newcomer and Jake Butcher, Richmond's Section Office Road Engineers for Madison and Garrard Counties, were also in attendance for the update.

Casey discussed the Rural Secondary Program, which is a KRS mandated program with 22.2% of the fuel tax going toward the maintenance improvements on rural secondary roads. He stated that they have reintroduced the resurfacing cycle, which was something they had eliminated in previous years but has come into question from the Rural Municipal Aid Office. Madison County is currently on a resurfacing cycle timeframe of 14-19 years and has 122.206 miles of rural secondary roads. For Fiscal Year 2026, the percentage of FLEX funds that Madison County will receive based on Maintenance Rating is 15%, which is a projected amount of \$271,188. The amount of funding that has been left over for projects that are to be utilized on rural secondary roads were \$913,529, making the projected total of project funds \$1,184,717.

Casey provided recommendations for roads to resurface; KY 499 (Crooksville Rd/Brassfield Rd) 3.401 miles for an estimated cost of \$620,000; KY 595 (Poosey Ridge) 1.016 miles for an estimated cost of \$185,000; and KY 876 (Barnes Mill Rd) 0.6 miles for an estimated cost of \$108,529. The recommendation for utilizing FLEX funds for resurfacing is KY 1983 (Menelaus Rd) for an estimated cost of \$105,000.

Magistrate Hughes stated that the map that was provided with the roads that have been resurfaced over the last 10 years doesn't have the new Highway 52 on it. Casey stated that with that road being a very new route, it has been updated on their GIS database but hasn't been updated on the map.

Magistrate Botkin stated that on KY 876, about 2/10th of a mile from the end of the 0.6-mile recommendation, there is a sharp curve with a steep drop-off where the blacktop is breaking up, and he would like Casey to consider coming out to that point for the resurfacing. Casey stated that the Rural Secondary Program is just for

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the resurfacing, but there may be other programs that they could use to work on shoulder repair that might help fix that.

Magistrate Combs asked if they had been able to assess any type of damage Madison County received from the recent floods. Clyde stated that what had been reported so far was there were some slides on River Road that were directly caused by the storms. Magistrate Combs also asked if they look at roads that had undercut where the ditches had eroded under the road and are starting to break off at the shoulder. Clyde stated that they will look at those, but he isn't sure if they had received calls on those yet or not.

Magistrate Lochmueller asked if the Jay Webb property on River Road had been assessed. Clyde stated that it has been looked at and doesn't seem to have moved in the last year or two and the bedrock under the road looks good as well. They will continue to keep track of it.

IN RE: Resolution 2025-028—Rural Secondary Program FY 2026 and Flex Funding:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2025-028— Rural Secondary Program FY 2026 and Flex Funding for the Court's approval. This Resolution is for the Madison County Fiscal Court to vote on the recommended use of FY 2026 Rural Secondary Program Funding. The roads being recommended for the 2026 fiscal year are KY 499 (Crooksville Road/Brassfield Road), KY 595 (Poosey Ridge), and KY 876 (Barnes Mill Road). The road being recommended for the use of FLEX Funds for the 2026 Fiscal Year is KY 1983 (Menelaus Road).

Motion by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2025-028— Rural Secondary Program FY 2026 and Flex Funding with the recommendation to approve the routes for the use of the FY 2026 Rural Secondary Program and to not approve the use of FLEX Funds on a state-maintained roadway.

Magistrate Hughes thanked those that had to foresight to have a Rural Secondary Program.

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 2025-029— County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement FY 2026:

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2025-029— County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement FY 2026 for the Court's approval. This Resolution is adopting and approving the execution of a County Road Aid Cooperative 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, 2025, 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 Tom Botkin was seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2025-029— County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement FY 2026.

Judge Taylor stated that the amount they will have in the budget for County Road Aid will be \$1,765,080, which is 3% of the apportionment due to the fact that the County participates in the Emergency Fund.

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 2025-030—Revised 2025 Fiscal Court Meeting Schedule:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2025-030— Revised 2025 Fiscal Court Meeting Schedule for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves a revised 2025 Madison County Fiscal Court meeting schedule and supersedes Resolution 2024-122.

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Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve presented Resolution 2025-030— Revised 2025 Fiscal Court Meeting Schedule.

Judge Taylor stated that the purpose of adding a new meeting to the schedule in June was due to approve year end expenses based on recommendations from the auditors and DLG.

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 2025-031— Transmission Line Easements to East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2025-031— Transmission Line Easements to East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. for the Court's approval. This Resolution is authorizing the Grant of Transmission Line Easements to East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2025-031— Transmission Line Easements to East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

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 2025-032— Community Project Funding (CPF) Grant Program Application:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2025-032— Community Project Funding (CPF) Grant Program Application for the Court's approval. This Resolution is regarding the submission of an application for the Community Project Funding Grant Program to support Economic Development through partnership with Scott County, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, and the City of Berea; and authorizes the Judge/Executive to represent Madison County in applying for said funding.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2025-032— Community Project Funding (CPF) Grant Program Application.

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 2025-033— Conveyance of Real Property from Madison Airport Board, Inc. to Madison County Fiscal Court:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2025-033— Conveyance of Real Property from Madison Airport Board, Inc. to Madison County Fiscal Court for the Court's approval. This Resolution authorizes the conveyance of real property from the Madison Airport Board, Inc. to the Madison County Fiscal Court (County) for the construction of an Emergency and Disaster Relief Facility, containing approximately 1.90 acres (Lot 1) and 3.54 acres (Lot 2), more or less.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2025-033— Conveyance of Real Property from Madison Airport Board, Inc. to Madison County Fiscal Court.

Jill stated that the intention is for the Airport Board to pass the resolution at their upcoming board meeting, which will be on the first Tuesday in May.

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IN RE: Personnel:

Jessica Coffey, HR Director, recommended the hiring of Britten Robinson as Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12 per hour, effective May 7, 2025; the hiring of Hannah Riley as Full-time Kennel Technician II, at a rate of \$15 per hour, effective April 23, 2025; the hiring of Sandra Holland as Part-time Kennel Technician, at a rate of \$13 per hour, effective April 23, 2025; the status change of Victoria R. Thompson from Full-time Animal Control Officer to Part-time Animal Control Officer, at a rate of \$20 per hour, effective April 9, 2025; the status change of Kyra J. Soto from Full-time Hybrid Kennel Technician to Part-time Hybrid Kennel Technician, at a rate of \$15 per hour, effective April 9, 2025.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the hiring of Britten Robinson as Seasonal Grounds Maintenance, at a rate of \$12 per hour, effective May 7, 2025; the hiring of Hannah Riley as Full-time Kennel Technician II, at a rate of \$15 per hour, effective April 23, 2025; the hiring of Sandra Holland as Part-time Kennel Technician, at a rate of \$13 per hour, effective April 23, 2025; the status change of Victoria R. Thompson from Full-time Animal Control Officer to Part-time Animal Control Officer, at a rate of \$20 per hour, effective April 9, 2025; the status change of Kyra J. Soto from Full-time Hybrid Kennel Technician to Part-time Hybrid Kennel Technician, at a rate of \$15 per hour, effective April 9, 2025.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Jessica for fixing the pay classes.

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 all County employees in all departments with April being National County Government Month, expressing their appreciation for the employee's service and dedication to Madison County.

Judge Taylor thanked Robyn for her work on the visual flyer she prepared that showcased the different entities within the County Government.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he has interacted with almost every office within the County, whether it was professionally or personally, and expressed his appreciation to all the employees for what they do for the county.

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- Join us for a Town Hall Meeting at 5:30 PM on Thursday, April 24th, at White Hall Park. This event is open to the public for community discussions.
- Richmond Chamber of Commerce's 44th Annual Business on the Greens Golf Tournament will be on Monday, May 19, 2025, at the University Club at Arlington. Registration ends on May 5, 2025. Contact Richmond Chamber of Commerce for more information.
- Save the Date – The courthouse dedication will be held on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at the courthouse. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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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 Hughes welcomed Andy McDonald, journalist for WBONTV, and Dennis House, with the Richmond In-Depth, and expressed his appreciation to them for attending court today. The Farmer's Market Spring Opening Day will be on May 3rd, at White Oak Pond Christian Church.

Magistrate Botkin thanked Chris and Austin for their help with mapping questions or issues he has had in the past. He also thanked the constituents that call when there are issues that need addressing.

Magistrate Combs also thanked the constituents for calling with issues as well as when they call back thanking the County when those issues get fixed. He thanked Scott and Melissa for all the work they do at the Road Department when the magistrate forwards road issues to them. He thanked Jill and Robyn as well, for all the work they do for the magistrates.

Magistrate Lochmueller reiterated the Town Hall Meeting that will take place at White Hall Park on April 24th, with an alternate location being at Tates Creek Baptist Church on Boonesborough Rd if the weather doesn't cooperate. He thanked the Animal Shelter for all the hard work they have done over the last few months to improve the Shelter. He also stated that there are some individuals in the community that are giving a negative portrayal of apartments without data or facts to back up the claims. Apartments are important for Madison County and the cities of Richmond and Berea so those that can't afford a house have a place to live. **Sheriff Coyle** provided an update on the Sheriff's Department. They now have 3 part-time CSOs in place, 3 cadets that worked in Court Security but are now at the academy, and they did have their 5 new cruisers and 1 minivan for court transportation delivered and are out on the road. However, they are down their Court Security Supervisor and a deputy, both due to medical issues.

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 May 13, 2025, 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 10:24 AM.

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