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## **HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING**

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 at 9:30 AM in the Fiscal Courtroom of the Courthouse Annex Building in Richmond, Ky. Present was the Honorable Reagan Taylor in the chair presiding and the following members of the Fiscal Court: James Brian Combs, 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 Sherry Green, Pastor at St. Paul A.M.E. 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 10-14-2025:**

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on October 14, 2025.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes      Stephen Lochmueller- Not in Attendance

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). She stated that this report is through the Fiscal Year 2025.

### **IN RE: Proclamation — Madison Central Girls' Golf Team State Champions:**

Judge Taylor proclaimed October 28, 2025, as Madison Central Girls' Golf Team State Champions Day and encouraged all Madison Countians to join us in congratulating these young ladies on a job well done.

Assistant Coaches Holly Knecht and Brandon Fritz, MCHS Principal, Superintendent Randy Neeley, and MCHS Girls' Golf Team members Molly Neeley, Mackenzie Federspiel, Aubrey Barrow, Rosie Patterson, and Haley Federspiel were in attendance to accept the proclamation.

Judge Taylor also recognized and thanked the parents for supporting their daughters.

Assistant Coach Holly Knecht thanked the Court for the recognition, the girls for working so hard, and the parents that have been there every step of the way. She encouraged the girls to soak this honor in and is excited to see what the future holds for them.

Molly Neeley stated that she has been on the team for six years, and this is her 2<sup>nd</sup> State Championship. This group of girls has worked so hard this season, broke two records, and have grown closer together as friends. She will cherish this friendship and this honor forever.

Rosie Patterson thanked the Court for providing this recognition. She is thankful for having this group of girls to look up to.

Aubrey Barrow thanked the Court for having them, and Madison County for investing into the Parks and Recreation, which has allowed them to grow in the golf program.

Mackenzie Federspiel thanked her team and the Court for the recognition. She stated that the recognition not only encourages them in their future golf careers but also encourages younger athletes.

Haley Federspiel stated that playing on this team has changed her life for the better and also thanked the Court for their recognition.

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Judge Taylor stated that a team score of 281 is unbelievable, and he expressed how proud he was of them.

### **IN RE: Proclamation — Operation Green Light for Veterans:**

Judge Taylor, in observance of Operation Green Light, encouraged the citizens of Madison County to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4-11, 2025.

Several County employee veterans were in attendance to accept the proclamation, including Madison County Sheriff's Office employees Tony Terry, Steven Lasslo, Todd Allen, John Northern, Chris Campbell, Griffin Pfisterer, Matt West, Rob Stinson, Jonathan Osborne, Tristan Harp, Kenton Humphrey, and Steve Karkoski; Detention Center employees Larry Brock, Steven Cline, Taylor Wiles, and John Claypoole; Fire Department employees Steve Asbury, Thomas Pettit, Matthew Webb, and Nathaniel Wells; Road Department employee Bobby Seals; Planning and Zoning employee Vernon Hubbs; and Magistrate Tom Botkin.

Magistrate Botkin thanked all the County employee veterans for their service to Madison County. There are about 17 million veterans in the United States, representing about 6% of the population, and even though they may be small in number, they are strong in mind.

### **IN RE: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 2025-010 — Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Fund FY26 Budget Amendment:**

Sarah Stewart, Treasurer, presented 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 2025-010 — Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Fund FY26 Budget Amendment for the Court's approval. This is an Ordinance relating to the budget amendment of the Madison County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Fund budget.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes was seconded by James Brian Combs to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 2025-010 — Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Fund FY26 Budget Amendment.

There were no public comments.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes      Stephen Lochmueller- Not in Attendance

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes      Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

### **IN RE: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 2025-011 — Restructuring of 911 Fee Collection for the Madison County Communications Center:**

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 2025-011 — Restructuring of 911 Fee Collection for the Madison County Communications Center for the Court's approval. This is an Ordinance relating to the restructuring of funding of the Emergency Communications Center/Enhanced 911 service through implementation of a water meter fee in the unincorporated areas of Madison County, Kentucky, and repealing Ordinance 07-11.

Motion by Tom Botkin was seconded by James Brian Combs to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 2025-011 — Restructuring of 911 Fee Collection for the Madison County Communications Center.

Jill pointed out that the non-commercial classification is any account that is not required to pay Kentucky sales tax based on state law. Commercial classification is any account that is required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district and has a water meter that is one (1) inch or less. An industrial or large commercial classification is any account that is required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district and has a water meter that is greater than one (1) inch. The fees that have been established based on these three (3) categories are \$3.50 for non-commercial, \$12.50 for commercial, and \$25 for industrial or large commercial. She stated that the use of the fees collected under this Ordinance shall be exclusively for the provision, operation, maintenance, and improvement of Madison County 911 Emergency Communications System as outlined in KRS 65.760.

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Judge Taylor stated the KRS is very specific on what they can spend those funds on and asked Jill to go over that. Jill stated that KRS 65.760 specifically outlines what it can pay for and what it cannot pay for. For example, it can pay for radio infrastructure, but it can't pay for portable or mobile radios. It can pay for all things that are core specific to operating a dispatch center and system, like how they answer the phone, the personnel, the benefits, etc., but not things that are not core to those duties. She stated that it is the only KRS that she has seen that is so specific to have a list of what it does not allow. They do get audited on that on a regular basis in addition to the regular audits from the State 911 Board to ensure they are complying with the KRS. That law also applied to the land line fees and any fees that are collected under CRMS funds, so they are accustomed to these regulations. It is why they operate a 911 fund separate from the general fund.

Jill also stated that the landline fee will go away as of December 31, 2025, and the new water meter fee will start on January 1, 2026, so there will be no duplication of a fee or collection mechanism.

Magistrate Botkin thanked those that helped in determining a model for the 911 Fee Collection and believed this model will be acceptable to everyone.

Judge Taylor stated that for the noncommercial fee, there is a form that farmers can fill out to exempt them from paying the sales tax. The Judge's Office, the Extension Office, and the utility companies want to work with farmers to make sure they are aware of the application that could exempt them from paying sales tax on their water meter because some of them might not even know about it. Jill added that the Agriculture Sales and Use Tax Exemption form allows the farmers to have that exemption number, and applies to all utilities, not just water, and other sales tax things.

Magistrate Botkin asked if the Extension Office has these forms. Jill stated that they do.

Magistrate Hughes stated that he has had good feedback concerning this fee structure.

There were no public comments.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes      Stephen Lochmueller- Not in Attendance

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes      Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

## **IN RE: Resolution 2025-099 — Collection of the Madison County 911 Water Meter Fee:**

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2025-099 — Collection of the Madison County 911 Water Meter Fee for the Court's approval. This Resolution is requesting and directing cooperation of water districts, associations, and utilities in the collection of the Madison County 911 water meter fee.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2025-099 — Collection of the Madison County 911 Water Meter Fee.

Magistrate Botkin asked if there was a cap on the fee the water companies can charge. Jill stated the administrative fee is determined and agreed upon by the Fiscal Court and the utility district. There is not a cap, but the law and OAG opinion says that it has to be fair, reasonable, and consistent with the cost that it takes to do that service. The average fee across the 14 communities they talked to that have already established a water meter fee is 2.7%.

Magistrate Botkin asked if the fee could be different between water districts. Jill stated that their goal is to have a joint MOA Resolution between all utility districts so that the terms of the agreements are the same for every utility district.

Magistrate Hughes asked if the administrative fee is in addition to the monthly fee or if it is subtracted out.

Judge Taylor stated that it is subtracted out of the fee and has been figured in the financial model.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes      Stephen Lochmueller- Not in Attendance

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes      Tom Botkin- Yes

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Reagan Taylor – Yes

**IN RE: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 2025-012 — Franchise for the Operations and Maintenance of a Telecommunications System in Madison County, Kentucky:**

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 2025-012 — Franchise for the Operations and Maintenance of a Telecommunications System in Madison County, Kentucky for the Court's approval. This is an Ordinance relating to the Madison County Fiscal Court creating a franchise for the operation and maintenance of a telecommunications (non-cable) system in the county of Madison, Kentucky, setting forth conditions accompanying the grant of franchise and providing the regulation and use of said system.

Motion by Tom Botkin was seconded by James Brian Combs to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 2025-012 — Franchise for the Operations and Maintenance of a Telecommunications System in Madison County, Kentucky. Magistrate Botkin thanked everyone that was involved in this Ordinance.

There were no public comments.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

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| James Brian Combs-Yes | Stephen Lochmueller- Not in Attendance |
| Billy Ray Hughes- Yes | Tom Botkin- Yes                        |

Reagan Taylor – Yes

**IN RE: Resolution 2025-100 — Petition for Grave Removal and Reinterment – John Reid Cemetery:**

Preston Worley, McBrayer, PLLC, started by providing an overview of these grave removals and reinterment requests. Preston stated that this is a sensitive issue and isn't something they see very often. It starts when a property owner seeks to determine what they might like to do with their land, surveys the land, and finds out that there is an abandoned older cemetery, or unknown inhabitants within the cemetery on their land. The landowner may choose to partition off and build around the cemetery, or in the situation of very old graves, in which descendants can't be found, or the inhabitants can't be determined, it may be more appropriate to remove those graves and reinter them in a public cemetery designed to honor those. They are trying to allow the property owners to have an opportunity to better use their land and to appropriately respect the graves that are there by having licensed funeral directors to move them to a public cemetery.

Preston stated that there are examples in the Kentucky Revised Statutes of grave removal for both when a private landowner seeks to remove graves, and then when a local government seeks to remove graves for public purposes. In the case of a private landowner seeking to remove a grave, per KRS 381.755, they will seek the Fiscal Court to deem the graves abandoned. If the Fiscal Court deems the graves abandoned, they then go the Department of Vital Statistics to file an application to move the graves by providing them with all the known information about those that are buried there and what will be done to move those graves. To be deemed abandoned, the graves must have been unattended for at least ten (10) years to the best knowledge of the property owner. In the case of John Reid Cemetery, the property owner has owned the property for over ten (10) years and has spoken with the people who owned it previously. The case of the Hockaday and Crigley Cemetery's (both owned by the same property owner), the properties have changed owners many times since the last known descendants. They believe all three cemeteries have been abandoned and untended for ten (10) years, and they are asking the Court, based on the statutory standard, to determine that these cemetery sites have been abandoned.

Magistrate Combs asked if the owners have considered an alternative for moving the graves. Preston stated that from his understanding from the two owners, because of the nature of the way the sites are, they are in direct contradiction to what they are trying to do or are trying to avoid those sites being an impediment to what they

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may want to do. These grave sites are so scattered and not well maintained, and there could be a likelihood that some sites could be accidentally disturbed.

Magistrate Combs asked if these cemeteries have had access or a right-of-way that descendants could have gone to the sites to maintain. Preston stated that at one time, likely so, since the span of time that the graves have been there goes back 50 or 100 years ago. From the John Reid Cemetery, they have affidavits from descendants of two (2) of the graves that state they are comfortable with them being moved, and the other four (4) graves are unknown individuals. He explained that at one point in time, there would have been an opportunity for these graves to have been maintained but they have been abandoned for so long, it was before the ownership of these current property owners. State law does say that access cannot be denied to someone to access the property to care for a grave.

Magistrate Combs asked when the owners found out the cemeteries were there. Preston stated that it usually coincides with when a survey is done for development purposes.

Magistrate Combs also asked about when the notice goes into the paper. Preston stated that the 60-day notice has already been in the paper.

Magistrate Combs stated that he was able to find a descendant for one of the graves in the Hockaday Cemetery online. He doesn't feel comfortable disturbing graves that are over 200 years old and believes that the owners should look into descendants through the Historical Society of Kentucky. He feels that these graves should be pioneer graves and marked as such, and that the developments should be planned around the cemeteries.

Judge Taylor asked where the Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery was at. Chase Thomas, Project Manager, Funeral Director & Embalmer Apprentice at Oldham, Roberts, & Powell Funeral Home, and Justin Woosley, Oldham, Roberts, & Powell Funeral Home, stated that the Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery is located in Madison County across from the main entrance of the Blue Grass Army Depot. This is the cemetery that the graves that were located within the Depot were moved to in the 1940's.

Magistrate Hughes asked how many graves were moved off of the Depot. Justin stated that it was about 800. Magistrate Hughes also asked if the Historical Society has been contacted to look into the information of those buried there and tried to determine descendants of those at these cemeteries. He would like to have some input from them concerning these sites. Chase stated that he would absolutely be open to meeting with the Historical Society to get their input on the lineage of those buried there.

Judge Taylor asked about the particular cemetery behind Buc-ee's having belonged to the Ramsey's before Begley Properties bought it. Preston stated that it had been owned by the Chenault's, and the Ramsey's before being purchased by Begley Properties. Judge Taylor asked if those families knew of the cemetery being on the property. Preston stated that he isn't sure if the previous owners knew about it, but the current owners did not know it was there until they discovered it.

Magistrate Botkin asked what the process of disinterment looked like. Billy Butcher, Funeral Director & Embalmer, Oldham, Roberts, & Powell Funeral Home, stated that each grave would be done one at a time, and the next grave would not be started until the previous one was completed. They would use very small equipment, and shovels during the excavating process. Once remains are discovered, they would be placed in one container per grave and moved to the new cemetery into a new grave with a marker. Each individual will be placed in individual graves.

Magistrate Botkin also asked how much space was available in the Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery. Chase stated that he has spoken with Brenda Burton, who is the President of the Friends of the Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery, and she stated that they are confident that they have space available.

Magistrate Combs asked if the original headstones would be utilized at the new cemetery. Chase stated that they would be.

Brenda Burton, President of The Friends of the Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery, and 5<sup>th</sup> great-granddaughter of John Reid, stated that she has a lot of investment in making sure this process is handled properly. She explained that John Reid is an important historical figure in this area. He fought in the Revolutionary War, was a signer of the Albemarle Declaration of Independence (which was signed prior to our national Declaration of

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Independence), was one of the earliest settlers in this area, and was friends with Daniel Boone. He was also a slave owner, so it is possible that some of those slaves are buried in the cemetery. Currently, John Reid Cemetery is covered with debris and is in terrible condition.

The Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery was created during the time of World War II when they were establishing the Army Depot. At that time, there were 150 farms that were displaced, with 39 cemeteries that were removed, and those individuals were reinterred in either Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery or Speedwell Cemetery because they were segregated at that time. The property the cemetery is on is unowned, due to a failed trust, and their group has voluntarily started to maintain and reclaim the land. They have been able to reclaim about half of the cemetery, but there is still about 400 that are currently still covered in overbrush.

Magistrate Combs asked what her request would be of the John Reid Cemetery as a descendent of the family. Brenda stated that it can't go on as it is, and that it would take a lot to get it up to the point that it would be visitable, while being able to sustain that for the next 50-100 years.

Judge Taylor asked Brenda if The Friends of Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery had been set up as a nonprofit. She stated that they had been and are currently talking about what can be done with the ownership of the cemetery.

Magistrate Botkin asked why the decision was made to move the individuals to a cemetery where they are already struggling with the upkeep on it, instead of Memorial Gardens or Richmond Cemetery. Chase stated that he had learned about the Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery and had reached out to ask about their willingness to help with the reinterment. Brenda had made it clear at that time about the struggle to maintain the cemetery, but knowing why that land was initially used in reintering the graves from the Depot, she felt that it would be appropriate to use at this time. In support of the cemetery, the funeral home has decided to help with some of the ongoing maintenance by annually donating funds for that effort.

Preston stated that the location of final interment will be part of the State permitting process. With a local funeral home willing to help the newly formed nonprofit for a cemetery that was initially designed for public reinterment, it would hopefully help the entire process as well as being the best location to respect these individuals that are being reinterred.

Judge Taylor asked Preston to clarify that their job is to acknowledge and agree upon whether or not these three (3) cemeteries are abandoned and don't have to make a decision on the interment process. Preston stated that he was correct.

Judge Taylor asked what happens once they are done with the number of graves in each cemetery that they know are there. Chase stated that they will do some exploratory digging outward from the outermost graves.

Magistrate Hughes asked if they had relocated very many graves of this age. Chase stated of this age, they have not, so they really don't know what they will find. Preston explained that Chase has done a lot of research on the records of those cemeteries and that is how they have a general sense of how many graves are in each one. Donna Kavanaugh, member of the Historical Society and of The Friends of the Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery, the Speedwell Cemetery, and the Maple Grove Cemetery, stated that she understands the need to move the cemeteries but also thinks that there needs to be some consideration in how and why it's done. She asked for them to consider in the future to place the notice on other forums instead of just in the newspaper, explaining that the removal of graves needs to be publicized more. The Reid name would have changed from Reid to Reed for African Americans by this time, and there are some Reed descendants in Madison County. The Hockaday name is also an ancestral name in the African American community of Madison County. Donna stated, that as Mr. Reid was a slave owner, there had to have been slaves that died at some point during that time frame, and those individuals could have been buried to the east of the cemetery, within the cemetery, or even outside of the cemetery area in unmarked graves with only a field stone on it. She implored that they search further than just a few feet from the outermost known grave. She also believes that someone with the Historical Society or from The Friends of the Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery needs to be there during the disinterment process to make sure the respect is given to these individuals.

Jim Davis, Member of The Friends of the Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery and retired funeral director, reiterated that The Friends of the Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery don't own the property, but they have worked to clean it

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up, repair the cemetery all through volunteers. His main concern is to be able to keep up the maintenance on both the Bluegrass Memorial Cemetery and the Speedwell Cemetery. He stated he has reservations on abandoning the cemeteries but if it is done, that it be done with dignity and that each individual grave is put into an individual container and then into an individual grave of their own.

Magistrate Botkin has some concerns about moving individuals from one cemetery to another cemetery that is in disarray. The decisions that he has made as a Magistrate are determined by whether something is legal, moral, and ethical; in this area it is legal, but he has concerns on the other two aspects.

Magistrate Hughes stated that he would like to hear more from the Historical Society concerning this topic and what other options there are as far as locations to reinter the individuals in the cemeteries. Judge Taylor stated that he would like to give the owners some action items to follow up on.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he would like to know from the Historical Society if there is a process that they can incur on these types of cemeteries that could be known at pioneer cemeteries and can't be moved.

Magistrate Combs stated that he would prefer a descendant say that these graves need to be moved as the location isn't a suitable location for their ancestors.

Preston stated that for the Hockaday and Crigler Cemeteries, they could not find a descendant but did find some for the John Reid Cemetery. Magistrate Combs stated that he had contact information for a descendant of the Hockaday Cemetery.

Judge Taylor asked the Court if they would like to go through with the reading of the Resolution for the Reid Cemetery and not present the other Resolutions for Hockaday and Crigler Cemeteries until the owners can come back with more information. The Court was in agreement, as well as Preston and the Funeral Home directors.

Judge Taylor presented Resolution 2025-100 — Petition for Grave Removal and Reinterment – John Reid Cemetery for the Court's approval. This Resolution is pursuant to KRS 381.755 and 901 KAR 5:090 authorizing the removal and relocation of graves in an abandoned cemetery located upon property known as John Reid Cemetery, located 100 yards north of the old Madison County Fairgrounds Arena, situated in the northeast intersection of EKV Bypass and US 52/Irvine Road, owned by Spangler Apartments, LLC, a Kentucky Limited Liability Company, and Richmond Dev. Co., LLC, a Kentucky Limited Liability Company. Motion by James Brian Combs was seconded by Billy Ray Hughes to approve Resolution 2025-100— Petition for Grave Removal and Reinterment – John Reid Cemetery.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes      Stephen Lochmueller- Not in Attendance

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes      Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

### **IN RE: Resolution 2025-101 — Petition for Grave Removal and Reinterment – Hockaday Cemetery:**

Not presented and considered expunged.

### **IN RE: Resolution 2025-102 — Petition for Grave Removal and Reinterment – Crigler Cemetery:**

Not presented and considered expunged.

### **IN RE: Resolution 2025-103 — FEMA DR-4864 Public Assistance Grant MOA:**

Tim Gray, Fire Chief/EMA Director, presented Resolution 2025-103 — FEMA DR-4864 Public Assistance Grant MOA for the Court's approval. This Resolution approves the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Military Affairs, Division of Emergency Management and various second party subrecipients of DR-4864.

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Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2025-103 — FEMA DR-4864 Public Assistance Grant MOA.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes      Stephen Lochmueller- Not in Attendance

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes      Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

**IN RE: Resolution 2025-104 — Southern Madison Water District Board Appointment:**

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2025-104 — Southern Madison Water District Board Appointment for the Court's approval. This Resolution is appointment of the Madison County Fiscal Court to the Southern Madison Water District Board, appointing Kevin Fields, with an expiration date of June 9, 2028.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2025-104 — Southern Madison Water District Board Appointment, appointing Kevin Fields, with an expiration date of June 9, 2028.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation for Kevin being at Court today and for being willing to serve.

Magistrate Combs thanked Kevin for serving.

Motion carried on roll vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes      Stephen Lochmueller- Not in Attendance

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes      Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

**IN RE: Resolution 2025-105 — Dove's Landing Subdivision Road Adoption:**

Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor, presented Resolution 2025-105 — Dove's Landing Subdivision Road Adoption for the Court's approval. This is a Resolution for Madison County Fiscal Court to adopt the following roadways for County maintenance in Dove's Landing Subdivision: Olive Branch Dr., Silas Court, Lillie Court, Ryker Court, Purity Way, Divine Dr., and Bentley Way.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes was seconded by Tom Botkin to approve Resolution 2025-105 — Dove's Landing Subdivision Road Adoption.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes      Stephen Lochmueller- Not in Attendance

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes      Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

Court was recessed from 11:28 AM until 11:32 AM.

**IN RE: Senate Bill 63 Discussion for Street-legal Special Purpose Vehicles (SLSPV):**

Judge Taylor discussed Senate Bill 63, which was approved by Legislator for Street-legal Special Purpose Vehicles (SLSPV). He stated that he has received several emails and phone calls asking if this would be something Madison County would consider, and he wanted to discuss the pros and cons of what it would entail.

Clerk Barger explained that these types of vehicles have to be inspected by the Sheriff's Department with a list of requirements that must be on the vehicle. There are also requirements for where you can and cannot operate these vehicles. He stated that they have already been licensing these because people can take them to other counties to drive them. The spirit of this statute was to try to create more tourism in counties with riding parks, like Laurel and Harlan County, that will allow them to ride from the park to a restaurant or other stores. The one thing that customers in the Clerk's Office state have hampered the licensing for such vehicles is the insurance on them.

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Judge Taylor stated there are only certain roads that the statute spells out these vehicles can be on and agreed that there are a lot of requirements on these vehicles. He stated that if they do act on this, it is only within the unincorporated limits of the county, the cities will have to act on their own if they want to allow these vehicles.

Clerk Barger clarified that this does not include golf carts.

Judge Taylor stated that he does have some safety concerns about this type of vehicle being on the roadways with regular vehicle traffic when they are not use to those vehicles being on the road.

County Attorney Haymond stated that one thing for the Sheriff's Department to keep in mind is the enforcement of this. In addition to what roadways these vehicles can be operated on, there are specific limitations on the amount of time a vehicle can be driven on certain roadways, which could cause some confusion and dispute.

Sheriff Coyle stated that it will be complex and overwhelming to enforce this statute.

Magistrate Combs stated that they need to have some clarification on whether the Court approves this statute or not in Madison County because he has seen an increase of ATVs and UTVs in his area since the passing of this Senate Bill thinking that people believe it is legal.

Magistrate Hughes asked if they knew if the cities were getting feedback on this Senate Bill. Sheriff Coyle stated that the cities have mainly been asked about golf carts, which they both denied.

Magistrate Botkin stated that the most complaint calls he has received during his tenure have been about four-wheelers and ATVs on the roadways, so he will never vote to approve this Senate Bill in Madison County. Sheriff Coyle also stated that individuals do have to have a driver's license to be able to operate these vehicles.

### **IN RE: Personnel:**

Jessica Coffey, HR Director, recommended the hiring of Quincy Collier as CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer, at a rate of \$20 per hour, effective October 29, 2025.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the hiring of Quincy Collier as CDL Truck Driver/General Laborer, at a rate of \$20 per hour, effective October 29, 2025.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes      Stephen Lochmueller- Not in Attendance

Billy Ray Hughes- Yes      Tom Botkin- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

### **IN RE: Judge's Report:**

- I want to say thank you and give a Citizen Shoutout to Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Lesshafft for their donation to the MCECC (911) Fund.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Lesshafft acknowledged the importance of having 911 services throughout the community and wanted to show their support and gratitude with a donation.
- Due to the weather forecast for Wednesday, we have decided to postpone the Madison County Animal Shelter Howl-a-ween Adoption Event until Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at White Hall Park in Richmond.
- The State of the County will be livestreamed on Richmond Chamber of Commerce Facebook page at 12:15 PM on Thursday, October 30, 2025.
- Mayor Bruce Fraley's State of the City Address will be at noon on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Berea Gallery & Event Center. Visit [www.bereakychamber.org](http://www.bereakychamber.org) to register for the event.

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- Visit our website at [www.madisoncountyky.gov/community-events](http://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.
- Madison County Government and its related offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veterans Day. Offices will reopen on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Just a reminder...Due to our offices being closed on Tuesday, the Fiscal Court meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in Berea.

### **Comments from Magistrates:**

**Magistrate Hughes** stated all is well in the First District.

**Magistrate Botkin** thanked Scott Shepherd and Brandon McIntosh for all their work on the County roadways. He also expressed his appreciation to all the veterans.

**Magistrate Combs** stated he didn't have anything to report.

### **Comments from Department Heads:**

**No Comments from Department Heads.**

### **Public Comments:**

**No Public Comments.**

### **IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:**

Motion made by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by Tom Botkin to approve to pay claims and transfers.

### **ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:**

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for November 12, 2025, in Council Chambers' Courtroom in Berea, Ky at 9:30 AM.

### **IN RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion from James Brian Combs to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM.

  
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REAGAN TAYLOR, MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE