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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 10th of February 2026 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, Stephen Lochmueller, Billy Ray Hughes, and Tom Botkin were present. Madison County Assistant Attorney Brooke Bowman, 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 Josh Crawford, Senior Pastor of Covenant Community Church, to lead the Court in prayer.

Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Mike Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Special Meeting Minutes 1-29-2026:

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the minutes from the special called meeting on January 29, 2026.

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: Proclamation — FRYSC Appreciation Week 2026:

Judge Taylor proclaimed the week of February 9 – 13, 2026 as Family Resource and Youth Services Coordinators Appreciation Week and urged all citizens to honor the Madison County Family Resource and Young Services Coordinators for the services they provide to our students and families each day with their “Whatever it Takes” motto.

Amy Carmichael, Madison County Board of Education Representative, as well as FRYSC Coordinators Hope Burchett, Melissa Case, Katrina Coyle, Mandie Gay, Becky Maupin, Traci McIntosh, Marisa Stipes, Ashley Taylor, Kim Quinlan, Amber Vaughn, Tonya Snyder, and Tonya Sparks were in attendance to accept the proclamation.

Amy stated that Madison County has been blessed for the past 35 years to have Family Resource and Youth Service centers in each school. She also thanked the Court for their continued support over the years, and supporting their mission.

Magistrate Botkin stated that he has had firsthand opportunities to see these ladies in action, and they truly are angels. He expressed his appreciation for all they do for the children in Madison County.

IN RE: Resolution 2026-008 — ASAP Harm Reduction Grant Application FY27:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2026-008 — ASAP Harm Reduction Grant Application FY27 for the Court’s approval. This is a Resolution confirming the Madison County Fiscal Court to serve as the applicant agent for the FY27 ASAP Harm Reduction Grant and authorizing the Judge/Executive to sign on behalf of the County.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2026-008 — ASAP Harm Reduction Grant Application FY27.

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James Brian Combs-Yes	Stephen Lochmueller- Yes
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Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Resolution 2026-009 — General ASAP Grant Application FY27:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2026-009 — General ASAP Grant Application FY27 for the Court's approval. This is a Resolution confirming the Madison County Fiscal Court to serve as the applicant agent for the FY27 General ASAP Grant and authorizing the Judge/Executive to sign on behalf of the County.

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve Resolution 2026-009 — General ASAP Grant Application FY27.

Shannyn Drummond, the new ASAP Chair, introduced herself, and invited the Court to attend their meetings.

Magistrate Botkin expressed his appreciation to Shannyn, stating that she has done a great job leading.

Judge Taylor expressed his appreciation for all the ASAP Board does and to Shannyn for her work.

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:

Jessica Coffey, HR Director, recommended the status change of Nathaniel Wells from a Firefighter II to Firefighter Recruit, at a rate of \$18.50 per hour, effective February 11, 2026; the status change of Brayden Thacker from Firefighter II to Firefighter Recruit, at a rate of \$18.50 per hour, effective February 11, 2026; the hiring of Davis Nesselrode as part-time Firefighter, at a rate of \$9.24 per hour, effective February 25, 2026; the hiring of Parker Horn as Firefighter, at a rate of \$11 per hour, effective February 11, 2026; the hiring of Austin Martin as Firefighter, at a rate of \$18.50 per hour, effective February 11, 2026; and the hiring of Jeffrey Gilbert as part-time Firefighter, at a rate of \$9.24 per hour, effective February 25, 2026.

Motion by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the status change of Nathaniel Wells from a Firefighter II to Firefighter Recruit, at a rate of \$18.50 per hour, effective February 11, 2026; the status change of Brayden Thacker from Firefighter II to Firefighter Recruit, at a rate of \$18.50 per hour, effective February 11, 2026; the hiring of Davis Nesselrode as part-time Firefighter, at a rate of \$9.24 per hour, effective February 25, 2026; the hiring of Parker Horn as Firefighter, at a rate of \$11 per hour, effective February 11, 2026; the hiring of Austin Martin as Firefighter, at a rate of \$18.50 per hour, effective February 11, 2026; and the hiring of Jeffrey Gilbert as part-time Firefighter, at a rate of \$9.24 per hour, effective February 25, 2026.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

James Brian Combs-Yes	Stephen Lochmueller- Yes
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IN RE: Employee Spotlight:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, spotlighted the MCECC (911) Team. Multiple colleagues stated that during the recent winter storms, the 911/Dispatch team didn't just answer calls, they became the calm in the storm, coordinating hundreds of rides for essential healthcare personnel, directing efforts with the road department, and keeping first responders connected and supported throughout an incredibly challenging weekend. The work they do is demanding on the best days, but when conditions are at their worst, they show us

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what true dedication looks like. Their ability to manage countless moving parts, make quick decisions, and keep the community safe doesn't go unnoticed. The 911/Dispatch team are nothing short of amazing and the County is deeply grateful for everything they do; they make a difference every day.

Magistrate Combs stated that he had a fire emergency at his home and the first responders were there within minutes. He expressed his appreciation to the 911/Dispatch team and their dedication to the community.

IN RE: Judge's Report:

- The 911 fee should be on water bills now and no longer on landline telephone bills.
 - We received the following statement from our Metronet contact: *"Unfortunately, our third-party vendor did not update its tables in our billing system in a timely fashion, so the old E911 fee was erroneously billed. For the customers who were charged the incorrect amount on their January bills. In addition, we identified 22 customers who will see the incorrect amount on their February bills, and the corresponding credits will be applied on their March bills. We apologize to Madison County and to our customers there for this billing error."*
 - If you have been charged on your landline bill, please notify your service provider that the fee should be refunded or credited to your account. Feel free to contact the Judge's Office if you need further assistance regarding this matter.
- 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 on Monday, February 16th for the Presidents' Day holiday. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, February 17th at 8:00 AM.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin thanked the Road Department and First Responders for their actions during the last snow and ice event. He stated the State Road Department will be out today clearing off the piles of snow that are in the turning lanes and intersections. During the conference this past week, HB557 was presented, which is a bill that will help jails get reimbursements for their counties. He asked the public to contact legislators and encourage them to support that bill. Also, he has been receiving calls about potholes in the roads from the salt. He encouraged the public to contact the State Road Department at 859-624-6866 to report any potholes on State roads so they can add them to their list, or to contact him.

Magistrate Combs stated that he was grateful to be able to go to the conference last week, and to learn new things that can help the County. He reiterated that they need the support of the HB557 and encouraged the public to help them to get that passed.

Magistrate Lochmueller reiterated to the public the importance of HB557, which will help with the funding of the jails. He thanked the Road Department for their continued work on the roads. He also asked Jill to talk about the upcoming event that they will be having in support of the Madison County Animal Shelter.

Jill stated that on April 24th at 7:00 PM, in partnership with Kentucky SAVE and For Paws Unleashed, they will be hosting a Casino Night at Chenault Vineyards. This event has been hosted in years past benefiting Kentucky SAVE, bringing in a lot of donations for animal welfare, and this year it will benefit the Madison County

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Animal Shelter as well as Kentucky SAVE. The event has already been posted online, and opportunities to be a sponsor, buy a table, or individual tickets are already available.

Magistrate Hughes talked about the \$1 Billion that Senator Mitch McConnell helped secure for the Blue Grass Army Depot.

Magistrate Lochmueller also thanked Judge Taylor and other elected officials that helped support Mitch McConnell in getting this funding secured.

Judge Taylor stated that they are very grateful and excited about this funding.

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 February 24, 2026, in Fiscal Courtroom of the Courthouse Annex Building in Richmond, Ky at 9:30 AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Billy Ray Hughes to adjourn, seconded by Tom Botkin. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM.



REAGAN TAYLOR, MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE