

Meeting Date: 6/1/2026
Meeting of: Madison County Fiscal Court
Meeting Type: Special Called

HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in a special called session on the 1st of June 2026 at 10:30 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 Attorney Jennie Haymond, Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle, 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 Magistrate James Brian Combs to lead the Court in prayer.

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

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2026-002 — Administrative Code for FY 2026-2027:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented 1st Reading Ordinance 2026-002 — Administrative Code for FY 2026-2027 for the Court's approval. This is an Ordinance relating to the adoption of the FY 2026-2027 Madison County Administrative Code and Repealing Ordinance 2025-007.

Jill stated that they tracked the changes on the packet so the Court could determine what changes were made. Magistrate Hughes stated that the document required everyone to have an email as part of their source of communication, and Jill clarified that they provide every employee an email address as part of their onboarding process.

The 1st Reading Ordinance 2026-002 — Administrative Code for FY 2026-2027 was read and acknowledged by the Court.

IN RE: 1st Reading Ordinance 2026-003 — Fiscal Court Budget for FY 2026-2027:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented 1st Reading Ordinance 2026-003 — Fiscal Court Budget for FY 2026-2027 for the Court's approval. This is an Ordinance relating to the adoption of the FY 2026-2027 Madison County Fiscal Court Budget.

Magistrate Lochmueller stated that it seems that the allotment of money dedicated to the Jail has decreased. He suggested that in the future, with the overcrowding at the Jail, the Jail should transfer more inmates out to bring the population to a more efficient level.

Magistrate Botkin agreed, stating that the amount they allotted last year was \$800,000 and this year it was \$550,000, which has a lot of reasons factored into it, including Court programs and the County Attorney's diversion program.

Judge Taylor stated that even with the programs that have reduced the number of inmates, they still have an overcrowding issue. It is the job of the Jailer to determine the number of inmates they house while still keeping the jail safe.

Magistrate Hughes stated that when they transfer inmates out, it does cost the Sheriff's Office more.

Sheriff Coyle explained that they have to send cruisers all over the state to pick up inmates, and it does get expensive and harder to keep employees.

The 1st Reading Ordinance 2026-003 — Fiscal Court Budget for FY 2026-2027 was read and acknowledged by the Court.

IN RE: Resolution 2026-047 — Request for Approval to Exceed 65% Expenditure Limitation for ARPA Fund Budget:

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Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, presented Resolution 2026-047 — Request for Approval to Exceed 65% Expenditure Limitation for ARPA Fund Budget for the Court's approval. This is a Resolution relating to a request for written authorization from the Department for Local Government (DLG) to exceed the sixty-five percent (65%) expenditure threshold for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Budget.

Motion by James Brian Combs seconded by Stephen Lochmueller to approve Resolution 2025-047 — Request for Approval to Exceed 65% Expenditure Limitation for ARPA Fund Budget.

Magistrate Hughes asked if DLG had to give them approval. Judge Taylor explained that DLG had asked them to get this letter to send in with the budget.

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: Approve the Transfers and Pay the Claims:

Motion made by Billy Ray Hughes seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the transfers and to pay claims.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for June 9, 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 James Brian Combs. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.



REAGAN TAYLOR, MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE