

Meeting Date: 6/30/2026
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 30th of June 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 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 Combs to lead the Court in prayer.

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

IN RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes 6-23-2026:

Motion by Tom Botkin seconded by James Brian Combs to approve the minutes from the regularly called meeting on June 23, 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: Approve the Transfers and Pay the Claims for FY 2025-2026:

Motion made by Stephen Lochmueller seconded by Tom Botkin to approve the transfers and pay the claims for FY 2025-2026.

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: Disaster Event Update:

Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive, provided an update on the disaster event from Saturday, June 27, 2026. She asked for prayers for the families of those that lost their lives and those affected during this disaster event and expressed her appreciation and pride in the entire Madison County team for their efforts during this time. They had about 16 different agencies that responded to Madison County within a couple of hours, provided 68 water rescues within the first 2 hours, and had over 1,500 calls to the 911 center within the first 12 hours. As of Monday, there are at least 45 residential structures that have been majorly impacted with 28 of those homes being destroyed or having structural damage, at least 3 businesses that have been majorly impacted, about 15 county roads that have been majorly impacted; and 32 bridges and culvert projects that have been reported as having major damage. They have already met the local threshold for the disaster, and the State is working on sending the federal declaration to meet the State threshold for a disaster.

The City of Richmond and Madison County have devised a Debris Management Plan with a Debris Drop-off location behind Madison Central or Curbside Pickup. They do ask that for curbside pickup; the debris be separated based on household, vegetation, or construction type of debris. The State has also set up a self-reporting link or QR code for those that have property damage to report.

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Jill stated that there have been a lot of people and organizations that have stepped up to provide resources and assistance during this time. The First Baptist Church in Richmond, the Southern Baptist recovery efforts, and Enrich have helped served as the primary notification location, helped facilitate locations for those needing a place to stay, and provided needed resources. Antioch Christian Church has also served as a distribution center to hand out supplies and resources to the Bates Creek Community, which has been the area hardest hit. Baptist Health has also had people on site to support the first responders and those that might need assistance during this traumatic event.

Madison County EMA is serving as command central for information and is distributing the information to the parties that are able to facilitate the requests, whether that be locally or through the State. They ask those that have a need due to the disaster to contact the Madison County EMA by calling 859-624-4787 option 9 or by emailing ema@madisoncountyky.gov.

Judge Taylor thanked KYEM for their assistance and support during this time. He also stated that he is thankful for the CSEPP program that provided training over the years for such situations.

Jill expressed her appreciation for all the first responders for pulling together and working together during this difficult time. She stated that for those that would like to make a donation of any form to call the Emergency Operation Center at 859-624-4787 option 9 to make sure all resources are being utilized and meet the needs of the victims.

Magistrate Combs stated that there will also be a need for help later on, as it takes months or even years to recover from such disasters.

Magistrate Lochmueller thanked all the volunteers and other agencies that have provided assistance.

Magistrate Botkin commended the first responders and the road department for their hard work during this time.

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge Taylor announced the next court date for July 14, 2026, in the Council Chambers' Courtroom in Berea, Ky at 9:30 AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Billy Ray Hughes to adjourn, seconded by Stephen Lochmueller. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.



REAGAN TAYLOR, MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE