

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY APRIL 10, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday April 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Randy Marcum, Magistrates Terry Waddell, Mickey Garner, Zac Wilson, Steve Richardson, Larry Skaggs, County Attorney Kevin Shearer, Attorney Don Byrom and County Treasurer Kim Blanchet.

WELCOME, PLEDGE & OPENING PRAYER: Judge Marcum welcomed those present and led everyone in the pledge followed by a prayer by Brother Curt Hill.

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the March 13, 2023 regular meeting. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

PAY BILLS: Judge Marcum submitted a list of regular bills to be approved along with a list of bills that came in late. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Wilson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$314.21; Nurse Visits \$74.22; HB 452 \$381.09; HB 556 \$180.00; State Inmate Housing \$67,358.04; Other County Inmate Housing \$2,210.00; Booking Fees \$1,623.80; Vending Commission \$20.59; Phone Commission \$4,013.63; Per Diem \$1,411.96; Interest \$48.43 for a total income of \$77,635.97. The expenses were \$154,887.19, which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$77,251.22). The average inmates for the month was 103. There was 12 hours overtime. As of today there are 87 state inmates, 3 from Clinton County and 28 from Russell County for a total of 118 inmates. Magistrate Skaggs asked Jailer Dunbar how much it costs per day to house a state inmate. Much discussion ensued regarding costs. Judge Marcum stated according to his calculations the state was paying \$35.34 per inmate for housing but the actual cost was approximately \$69.00 and the county was having to eat that difference. Magistrate Skaggs expressed his displeasure the county was having to pay for state inmate housing with tax payer dollars. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of March. He stated there were 317 calls for service; 8 Domestic; 13 1045's; 5 1046's; 51 officer requests; 3 EMS requests & 3 shots fired calls; 26 mental health transports; 72 court paper served; 6,034 court security transport miles; 42 vehicle inspections and 18 CCDW permits. He stated his office collected \$181,219.61 tax bills from March 1 through March 31. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Sheriff Polston also spoke to the court about the grant running out for the SRO for Jamestown Elementary. He stated he planned on meeting with both the cities as well as the board of education to see if they could help with funding so we can continue keeping the officer.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY & QUARTERLY SETTLEMENT REPORTS & PRE-APPROVED MONTHLY AE TRANSFERS: Judge Marcum stated a copy of the monthly and quarterly settlement reports were in the packet along with the AE transfers and asked for a motion to accept those reports. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the reports with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

1st READING ORDINANCE 23-03 FISCAL COURT 2023-2024 BUDGET AND RECURRING EXPENSES: Judge Marcum stated the budget committee had met and come to an agreement on the budget. Treasurer Blanchet proposed budget totals were General \$3,998,220.00; Road \$1,702,933.00; Detention Center \$2,771,873.00; LGEA \$25,800.00; ASAP \$166,000.00; Grants \$33,100.00; Emergency Shelter \$7,506.00; ARPA \$1,965,881.00; Tourism \$215,000.00; 911 Dispatch \$592,490.00; Airport General \$330,450.00; Airport Project \$197,053.00; Airport Board \$129,660.00; Airport Terminal Project \$1,383.00; ABC \$139,070.00; LATCF \$305,740.00; Opioid Settlement \$299,921.00; Clerk Storage Fees \$46,595.00 for a total of all budget funds of \$12,928,675.00. Judge Marcum stated this was the first reading and no vote was necessary tonight but if the budget was acceptable with everyone we would have the 2nd reading at the regular meeting in May.

2ND READING BUDGET AMENDMENT 23-02: Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the budget amendment ordinance with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 23-02 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT APPLICANT'S AGENT: Judge Marcum stated this was part of the paperwork required for the state and we needed to pass the resolution for the applicant's agent. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to sign resolution 23-02 with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

RESOLUTION 23-03 KYTC RURAL & MUNICIPAL AID AGREEMENT: Judge Marcum stated we had received the resolution and agreement for the county to participate in the County Road Aid money and recommended we pass the resolution and sign the agreement. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to pass the resolution and sign the agreement with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

RESOLUTION 23-04 RCIDA REQUEST FOR COUNTY TO SERVE AS FISCAL AGENT PDI GRANT: Judge Marcum stated he had been contacted by the RCIDA regarding a grant they were eligible for and they were asking the court to be the pass through agency for the grant. Judge Marcum made the recommendation the court be the fiscal agent for the RCIDA. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the judges recommendation with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

MOA FOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT WITH LCADD: Judge Marcum stated there was a resolution in the packets which was for the reapportionment of the districts which has to take place after the census and this will not take effect until the next term in 4 years. He went on to state the court would still have to appoint 3 citizens from different districts to review and approve the reapportionment but the ADD office has access to information that will greatly assist in the process and they were only asking for \$325.00 to provide this service to the court and it was his recommendation to work with them on the redistricting. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

PAY RCIDA AS BUDGETED: Judge Marcum explained we pay the Russell County Industrial Development Authority every year a specified amount which is \$5,000.00. This is a budgeted item on the current fiscal year and we need to get approval from the court to cut the check. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to pay the RCIDA the budgeted amount with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Magistrate Garner stated he had a constituent that wanted to close a portion of Back Creek Road which was in district 2 and it measured .42 miles in length. He also stated he had another constituent that opposed the closure but he wanted to go ahead a get the process started so folks could express their opinion on the proposed closure at the next meeting. Magistrate Garner made a motion to let this serve as the first reading for the proposed closure and get the process started. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated in the packet was a book that had been put together by Pefection Group which showed us some ways the court could save some money in both the courthouse as well as the detention center. He asked the court for a motion to allow him to proceed with the process of obtaining more information and possibly putting this out for bid. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow Judge Marcum to proceed with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated at the last meeting it was discussed about us advertising for a lease at the landfill area for hay. He went on to state Solid Waste Coordinator Ashley Coffey had found out some information from the state that could cause a bit of a problem if there was extensive rainfall and there was concern it would take the cap off so he felt it was best not to move forward with that at this time.


Judge Marcum stated the concert by Kevin Williams was going to be this weekend and he was also bringing a tour bus into the county to highlight the county.

Judge Marcum stated the Free Dump day would be on Tuesday April 18th from 8 – 4.

Magistrate Skaggs asked about where we stood on the 911 building project since it had been tabled a couple of months ago. Judge Marcum stated we still had not received word back from the state if the building design and location had been approved and met the PSAP standards. He went on to state we still have no turn key costs on the total amount the building and moving the equipment would cost and felt it would be best to wait until we had those figures.

Judge Marcum provided the court with the alcohol sales collected. He stated sales were down and we had collected \$3,527.83 for the month of February.

ADJOURN: Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk