

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY APRIL 11, 2022  
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday April 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson, Magistrates Terry Waddell, Mickey Garner, Ronald Johnson, Steve Richardson, Larry Holt, County Attorney Kevin Shearer, Attorney Don Byrom and County Treasurer Kim Fenske.

**WELCOME, PLEDGE & OPENING PRAYER:** Judge Robertson welcomed those present and led everyone in the pledge followed by a prayer by Brother Christian Naylor.

**MINUTES:** Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the March 14, 2022 regular meeting. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

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

**DETENTION CENTER REPORT:** Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$361.21; Nurse Visits \$36.48; HB 452 \$350.90; HB 556 (2 checks) \$8,506.00; DUI Fees \$641.66; State Inmate Housing \$56,600.04; Traffic School \$57.33; Other County Inmate Housing \$1,684.49; Booking Fees \$577.05; Old Bills \$30.00; Vending Commission \$25.74; Phone Commission \$2,657.33; Reimbursement (2 checks) \$775.80; Per Diem \$1,982.83; Restitution \$1,913.78; Interest \$67.44 for a total income of \$76,268.08. The expenses were \$137,810.24, which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$61,542.16). The average inmates for the month was 112. There was 43 hours overtime. As of today there are 62 state inmates, 2 from Clinton County and 58 from Russell County for a total of 122 inmates. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of March. He stated there were 430 calls for service; 50 arrests; 6 mental health transports; 19 Criminal Summons; 79 court paper served; 2,911 court security transport miles; 58 vehicle inspections and 42 CCDW permits. He stated his office collected \$235,362.44 tax bills from March 1 through March 31. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY & QUARTERLY SETTLEMENT REPORTS & PRE-APPROVED MONTHLY AE TRANSFERS:** Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,531,709.33; Road \$327,925.03; Jail \$595,749.12; LGEA \$5,319.66; ASAP \$147,121.04; Grants \$0; Emergency Shelter \$3,631.07; Tourism \$7,549.73; Dispatch \$181,921.95; Airport \$90,802.92; Airport Project \$9,613.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board 40,011.69; Airport Terminal \$0.00; ABC \$109,122.48; ARPA \$1,221,404.92 for a total of \$4,283,983.36. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were balanced and reconciled and all reports had been uploaded to DLG as required. She stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were also included in the packet. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the monthly & quarterly settlement reports and accept the pre-approved AE transfers with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION – THE RETIREMENT OF H.M. BOTTOM'S EMERGENCY SERVICE NUMBER:** Judge Robertson stated the court had discussed at last month's meeting the court's desire to retire the service number of the late Emergency Management Director HM Bottom. He asked Mr. Bottom's family to come before the court which they did. Judge Robertson read the plaque and presented the plaque to his family. He stated service #180 will be officially retired effective April 11, 2022. Members of the fiscal court as well as the Russell Springs Volunteer Fire Department posed for pictures with the family. When all were complete, the family was given a round of applause and a standing ovation.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING ORDINANCE 22-01 FISCAL COURT 2022-2023 BUDGET AND RECURRING EXPENSES:** Judge Robertson stated the budget committee had met and come to an agreement on the budget. Treasurer Fenske stated the

committee had reviewed the budget line item for line item. She stated the proposed budget totals were General \$3,680,242.00; Road \$1,674,909.00; Detention Center \$2,649,582.00; LGEA \$14,500.00; ASAP \$147,720.00; Grants \$40,000.00; Emergency Shelter \$6,506.00; Tourism \$200,100.00; 911 Dispatch \$554,119.00; Airport General \$180,895.00; Airport Project \$2,602,205.00; DFC \$12,102.00; Airport Board \$85,706.00; Airport Terminal Project \$57,597.00; ABC \$140,270.00; ARPA \$2,986,409.00 for a total of all budget funds of \$15,032,862.00. Treasurer Fenske stated the 22-23 budget had increased from the current year budget by about \$4,731,359.00 which was due largely to airport grants and the ARPA money. She also indicated the cost of living adjustment of 7% had been added to all salaries. Judge Robertson stated this was the first reading and no vote was necessary tonight but if the budget was acceptable with everyone we would have the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at the regular meeting in May.

**SET SALARIES FOR NEW TERM ON ELECTED OFFICIALS PER KRS 64.530:** Judge Robertson stated the court was to set the salary schedule for elected officials for the next term as per statute. He asked the magistrates what they had decided upon at the budget meetings. Magistrate Garner stated they did not want a raise in salary but would like to take the cost of living adjustment of 7%. Magistrate Holt made a motion to that affect. Magistrate Garner seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

**TRANSFER \$7,674.24 FROM DISPATCH TO AMBULANCE FOR ENHANCED MEDICAID** Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$7,674.24 from the 911 Dispatch fund to the Ambulance Service. He stated this was for enhanced Medicaid. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**PAY RCIDA AS BUDGETED:** Judge Robertson 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 Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**COMPLIMENT ADJUSTMENTS:** Judge Robertson stated we needed to make some changes to the county compliment. Treasurer Fenske added we had to make adjustments on the beginning salary for some positions to become competitive in the marketplace. She also stated these changes did not affect anyone currently employed. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the changes in the compliment with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 22-04 – ARPA STANDARD ALLOWANCE FOR REVENUE LOSS & USE FOR GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES:** Judge Robertson stated under the ARPA funding the county was allowed to take the standard allowance as loss of revenue, meaning we could utilize the money for typical governmental purposes. He went on to state Resolution 22-04 would allow us to take the ARPA money to reimburse the road fund for all the equipment we purchased last year. He stated the county had spent \$470,420.00 on equipment. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve Resolution 22-04 with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**APPROVE BID FOR DESIGN OF 911 CENTER & ENGINEERING SERVICES:** Judge Robertson thanked the City of Russell Springs for donating the land for the new 911 building. He also stated he had received a bid for the design and engineering services for the building from Precision Engineering, LLC. He stated the bid was for \$28,760.00 and would cover the necessary surveying, civil engineering, layout & design, required permits and creation of the bid documents with plans and technical specifications. He stated it would be his recommendation to accept the bid. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the bid with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Judge Robertson asked Emergency Management Director Ashley Coffey if she wanted to speak to the court about the Free Dump Day and the Waste Tire event. Director Coffey stated the Free Dump day would be on Wednesday April 27 from 8 – 5 and the Waste Tire event would be on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 3 and on the 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 12 at the state highway garage on Voils Road in Russell Springs.

Judge Robertson provided the court with the alcohol sales collected. He stated sales were down and we had collected \$6,068.51 for the month of January sales and of that amount we had paid \$1,195.24 to the City of Jamestown for their portion of the sales. He also mentioned that beginning in May the City of Jamestown would begin collecting their own alcohol regulatory fees.

**ADJOURN:** Magistrate Holt made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



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Gary Robertson  
County Judge Executive



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Kim Fenske  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk