

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 14, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday August 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Randy Marcum, Magistrates Mickey Garner, Zach Wilson, Steve Richardson, Larry Skaggs, County Attorney Kevin Shearer and County Treasurer Kim Blanchet. Magistrate Terry Waddell was absent from the meeting.

WELCOME, OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE: Judge Marcum welcomed those present, and Brother Jon Proctor lead the prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the July 10, 2023, regular meeting. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All 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 Richardson made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Jail Allotment \$41,832.37; Corrections Assist \$7,796.24; Prescription Co-pay \$450.85; Nurse Visits \$112.57; HB 556 \$17,342.00; State Inmate Housing (2 checks) \$161,857.20; Clinton Co Inmate Housing \$2,114.60; Booking Fees \$2,029.03; Vending Commission \$25.68; Phone Commission \$3,139.45; Reimbursement \$554.05; Per Diem \$2,448.73; Interest \$47.55; Prior Year Carryover \$382,564.14; Budget Transfer from ABC \$15,000.00 for a total income of \$637,314.46. The expenses were \$241,529.62 which makes a difference of income and expenses \$395,784.84. The average inmates for the month were 107. There was 175 hours overtime. As of today, there are 59 state inmates, 4 from Clinton County and 41 from Russell County for a total of 104 inmates. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of July. He stated there were 512 911 calls for service; 36 arrests; 9 Domestic; 15 1045's; 5 1046's; 46 traffic stops; 50 request for officers; 4 EMS request assist; 38 Damn patrols; 5 prowler complaints; 27 suspicious persons; 4 shots fired; 5 mental health transports; 9 Criminal Summons; 84 court paper served; 2278 court security transport miles; 87 Vehicle Inspections; 8 CCDW and \$442.81 collected in Oil & Franchise tax. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Magistrate Garner mentioned he had brought up the issue about purchasing an ABC truck last month and asked Sheriff Polston if we went ahead and purchased it what could the sheriff give back to the county. Sheriff Polston stated he had the 2021 super duty truck that he currently drives which would have the capacity to pull around the new shredder trailer for recycling. Magistrate Garner made a motion to transfer the money from the general fund into the ABC fund to purchase the truck and when there were sufficient funds in the ABC fund we would repay the general fund. His motion also included the condition the sheriff's office would provide his current truck to be transferred over to the recycle department. Magistrate Skaggs seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & PRE-APPROVED AE TRANSFERS: Judge Marcum stated the treasurer's report and pre-approved AE transfers were in the packet and asked the court if anyone had any questions regarding those reports. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the pre-approved AE transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

RCRR – BILLY DYKES: Mr. John McElroy came before the court and explained how the Russell County Recovery Room works. They stated it was an organization to help addicts get their life back on track and stay off of drugs and/or alcohol. They asked the court for a donation of \$1,000.00 to help with their costs for keeping the recovery room open and available to residents. Magistrate Garner made a motion to provide the requested funds with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

2ND READING ORDINANCE 23-05 RE-APPORTIONMENT OF DISTRICTS: Judge Marcum stated we needed to do the second reading on the magisterial district's re-apportionment. He indicated the ordinance was enclosed in the package and recommended to the court to approve it. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the ordinance as written with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

SET 2021 COUNTY TAX RATES: Judge Marcum stated the compensating rate came in at our current rate of 6.5. He made the recommendation we take the compensating rate and keep the rate at the current 6.5. He also stated the tangible rate had no change. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the compensating rate of 6.5 for real property and 9.2 on tangible with Magistrate Garner seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

RUSSELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - TAX RATES: Judge Marcum stated Ms. Jane Gosser of the health department was there to present their tax rate. Ms. Gosser stated the tax rate for the health department would remain the same at 0.45. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the tax rate with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

TRANSFER \$907.12 FROM DISPATCH TO AMBULANCE SERVICE – ENHANCED MEDICAID PAYMENT: Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$907.12 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 Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

INTERLOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT – RC FISCAL COURT & CITY OF JAMESTOWN: Judge Marcum asked for a motion to sign the inter-local road agreement between the City of Jamestown. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to sign the agreement with Magistrate Garner seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

E911 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Judge Marcum stated we had the E911 Inter-Local agreement between the Fiscal Court, the two cities and the Ambulance Board. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt the agreement and Magistrate Richardson seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

ROCKET DOCKET – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT RENEWAL: Commonwealth Attorney Leveridge gave an overview on how the program works and stated the participation had been down considerably. He went on to state it would be his recommendation not to sign the agreement at this time but to wait a year and then re-evaluate whether or not it would be beneficial to the county.

PERFECTION GROUP PROPOSAL: Judge Marcum stated there were several folks from Perfection Group in the court to present their findings on the condition of the courthouse & detention center. Mr. Tony Apro, Carter Offut & Andrew Apro came before the court to present. They provided documentation on several different factors and concerns that had been discovered. Those being the roof & wall panels, HVAC system, lighting and building envelope. Magistrate Garner asked to table this discussion until such time Magistrate Waddell could be part of the discussion.

OPEN BIDS FOR COURT HOUSE STEPS & MOBILE GRINDER: Judge Marcum stated we had received one bid each for the repair of the courthouse steps and one for the mobile shredder. He preceded to open the bid for the steps which was from Satterly concrete which was \$100,700.00. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the bid with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed. Judge Marcum opened the bid for the mobile shredder which was from Barron Enterprises which was \$112,000.00. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the bid with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Magistrate Garner mentioned that the skid steer which was also included in the recycle grant was actually not in stock and the dealer had no idea when it was going to be in stock. He asked if we would be able to try to get a different skid steer such as a Kobota that might be in stock. Judge Marcum stated his thoughts were we would need to contact Lisa Evans with the state and who administers the recycle grant if that would be permissible before moving forward.

JUDICIAL CENTER BIDS FOR JANITORIAL & MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS: Judge Marcum stated we had not put either of these things out for bid since the inception of the judicial center and suggested the court to allow us to advertise again to see what we can get. He stated the same folks may re-bid but at least the court would show by bidding

it out they were doing their due diligence. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to put both the janitorial and maintenance at the judicial center out for bid with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION – PER KRS 61.810: Judge Marcum stated he needed a motion to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810 for possible litigation. Magistrate Garner made a motion to go into Executive Session with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Magistrate Garner made a motion to come out of Executive Session with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed. Judge Marcum stated there was no action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Marcum stated Robert Baugh was present from 911 Dispatch to update us on the grant we received for the Recorder. The main issue is the provider AT&T stated we needed to upgrade the phone system at 911 dispatch. He stated this would be the hardware and the software and this would be a necessity to have in place in order for our 911 to connect with the other 911 agencies in the state. He stated we had 2 proposals from AT&T. The first was a proposal to pay \$44,000.00 up front and our monthly service would stay the same and the second was to pay \$10,000.00 up front and then our monthly rate would be increased. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pull the funds from the ARPA account and take the proposal to pay the \$44,000.00 up over front. Magistrate Skaggs seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed. There was also discussion about adding 2 more consoles which costs roughly \$25,000 each and securing the building. That may mean doing some remodeling in order to make those needed adjustments.

Judge Marcum stated Mike Selby from the EMS board was also here to speak to the court. Mr. Selby came forward and stated a situation has been occurring at the EMS center when the Community Action Agency was handing out commodities. He went on to state it was imperative for second driveway to be put in order to allow emergency vehicles to get out of the parking lot since the other driveway was being blocked by folks lining up for the commodities and he was asking for the counties help to pay for the 2nd entrance/exit. He stated the estimated cost was \$4,312.00. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pay for the entrance/exit with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum asked the court to modify the county compliment by reducing the number of positions at the recycle center and take the salary of the open position and give that to the exiting workers at the recycle center. Magistrate Garner made a motion to make that change and give the workers the raise with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated we currently have an inter-local road agreement with the City of Russell Springs in District 5 but the city was now asking for another inter-local road agreement with District 4. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to sign the inter-local road agreement with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated there was a road change in the packet for District 1. He stated Cross Road, CR-1750 was being changed to Close Lane at the request of the residents. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the name change with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum asked the court if they would be willing to pay off the KADD loan we currently have for the detention center. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pay it off with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Magistrate Wilson stated he had been in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the expansion dock walkway at the Lake Cumberland Recreation center. He stated they were inquiring when the expansion would be moved to the correct location. He went on to ask the judge and the court to write a letter to the Corps expressing the courts desire to keep it at the current location because the public was very supportive and happy to have it located where it currently sat. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to draft the letter with Magistrate Garner seconding. All was in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated there was some paperwork in the packet on tractors and he stated if we were considering the purchase of a tractor, we would need to bid it out. Magistrate Garner made the motion to advertise for bids on a new tractor with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Attorney Shearer stated he had received information about the South Russell Fire Department and the Jamestown Fire Department merger. He went on to state he didn't feel the fiscal court had a lot to do with the fire departments other than the money we budget to help supplement each of the fire departments. He continued to state it was the desire of the fire departments to still get the funds for both departments even after the merge. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pay out the budgeted \$10,000 each for Jamestown Fire Department & South Russell Fire Department when it comes time to pay them. Magistrate Skaggs seconded the motion. All was in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated we had received \$8,638.92 from alcohol sales for the month of June which was collected in July.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Garner made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7/26 p.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk