

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 8, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday August 8, 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 Phillip Miller.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the July 11, 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 Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RUSSELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - TAX RATES: Judge Robertson 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 Garner made a motion to accept the tax rate with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Jail Allotment \$42,007.37; Corrections Assist \$7,519.51; Prescription Co-pay \$564.05; Nurse Visits \$166.57; HB 452 \$365.45; HB 556 (5 checks) \$21,041.59; DUI Fees \$1,319.16; State Inmate Housing (2 checks) \$119,436.74; Social Security \$200.00; HB 413 \$1,888.56; Traffic School \$76.44; Clinton Co Inmate Housing (3 checks) \$7,305.42; Booking Fees \$616.66; Vending Commission \$23.75; Phone Commission \$3,945.74; Reimbursement \$381.09; Per Diem \$1,641.78; Interest \$52.47; Prior Year Carryover \$227,983.64; Budget Transfers from General and ABC \$394,479.00 for a total income of \$831,012.73. The expenses were \$217,808.18 which makes a difference of income and expenses \$613,204.55. The average inmates for the month was 112. There was 8½ hours overtime. As of today there are 63 state inmates, 2 from Clinton County and 36 from Russell County for a total of 101 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 July. He stated there were 379 911 calls for service; 13 arrests; 9 mental health transports; 4 Criminal Summons; 48 court paper served; and 5,010 court security transport miles; 65 Vehicle Inspections and 6 CCDW. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & PRE-APPROVED AE TRANSFERS: Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,339,367.51; Road \$396,009.58; Jail \$613,204.55; LGEA \$12,795.33; ASAP \$143,602.84; Grants \$0.00; Emergency Shelter \$4,656.95; Tourism \$48,664.77; Dispatch \$193,603.89; Airport \$84,094.49; Airport Project \$27,012.26; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$43,042.95; Airport Terminal Project \$0; ABC \$85,705.91; ARPA \$2,498,164.24 for a total of \$5,502,026.28. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance. She also stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were included in the packet. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the AE transfers with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RCRR – BILLY DYKES: Mr. John McElroy and Sam Wilson 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 Johnson stated if \$1,000.00 could save a least one life it would be worth it for the county. He made a motion to provide the requested funds with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SET 2021 COUNTY TAX RATES: Judge Robertson stated the rates had not been changed since 1994, however since the property values in the county had increased so much if we took the compensating tax rate the county rate would decrease from 6.7 to 6.5. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the compensating rate of 6.5 for real property with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson then stated there was no change to the tangible tax of 9.2 so he recommended the tangible rate remain the same. He asked the courts feelings on this. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to leave the current rate of 9.2 per \$100.00 of assessed value for Tangible, Aircraft and Documented Watercraft per \$100.00 of assessed value. Magistrate Holt seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous

RESOLUTION 21-11 – KYTC RURAL & MUNICIPAL AID FLEX FUNDING: Judge Robertson stated KYTC had approved us for \$216,686.00 of flex funding. He stated we had sent in 4 roads and the cost of asphalt at that time was \$87 a ton but now the asphalt cost was \$109 a ton. He stated if we did all 4 of the roads we would be going over by about \$140,000.00. He stated it would be his recommendation to just do what we could with the 4 roads selected and try to finish them at another time or if the court wanted to transfer the extra money from the general fund to the road fund then we would be able to complete all of the roads. Magistrate Holt made a motion to transfer a \$125,000.00 from the general fund to the road fund with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$3,837.12 FROM DISPATCH TO AMBULANCE SERVICE – ENHANCED MEDICAID PAYMENT: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$3,837.12 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 Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$200,000.00 FROM AIRPORT PROJECT TO AIRPORT GENERAL: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$200,000.00 from the airport project account to the airport general account. Treasurer Fenske stated this was for a grant they had obtained from the state. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

E911 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES – REVISED: Judge Robertson stated the E911 Board had revised these SOP's. Emergency Management Director Coffey came before and stated the board had met and had approved these policies & procedures and stated they had been reviewed by County Attorney Shearer. She stated these SOP's had not been updated for quite some time. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the revised SOP's for 911 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

INTERLOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT – RC FISCAL COURT & CITY OF JAMESTOWN: Judge Robertson explained this was something we do every year with both the City of Jamestown and the City of Russell Springs. He stated we had already done the inter-local road agreement with the City of Russell Springs and he recommended we go ahead and enter into the agreement with Jamestown as well. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to sign the agreement with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

E911 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Judge Robertson 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 Waddell seconded. The roll call was unanimous.

ROCKET DOCKET – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT RENEWAL: Commonwealth Attorney Leveridge gave an overview on how the program works and provided an update. The report showed there were 45 participants, 10,215 days saved which amounts to \$259,490.00. He also presented a Memorandum of Understanding that agrees for his office to provide the service from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 for the amount of \$34,829.00. There was much discussion amongst the court regarding if it was worth it or not. Some magistrates had gotten comments about arrests being made and the very next day the individual would already be out of jail. Attorney Leveridge told the court this was a bonding issue and not relevant to the rocket docket. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the MOU with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was Holt – yes; Waddell – yes; Johnson – no; Richardson – no; Garner - yes. The motion passed.

1st READING REVISED ORDINANCE 95-6 TOURISM ORDINANCE: Judge Robertson stated the tourism director and the board had asked County Attorney Shearer to revise the ordinance to reflect the changes the state legislature made during last session. Director Danielle Wilson came before the court and County Attorney Shearer explained the change

which was to include RV Parks, Camp Sites and possibly Houseboat Rentals to the transient tax. There was some discussion about if houseboat rentals would be included or not but the feel of the court was to allow the tourism commission to collect on all aspects of tourism if they could. Judge Robertson stated we would have the 2nd reading of the amended ordinance at next month's meeting.

911 DISPATCH BUILDING PROJECT: Judge Robertson stated Ms. Kathy McGuire of Precision Engineering was in the court to provide us an update. Ms. McGuire provided some drawings of the new 911 building and also submitted a proposal for her firm to do all the administration of bid advertisement, pre-bid, bid opening; recommendation of subcontractor; administration of the contract with the contractor; submission of pay requests; closeout of all documents when work is complete. The total proposal cost was \$3,000.00. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the proposal with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Judge Robertson stated he had received a resignation letter from library board member Stephanie McGowan and he needed to appoint a replacement. He stated the library had provided some names for him to consider. Judge Robertson recommended Brittany Stephens to fill the remaining term of Ms. McGowan effective immediately. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENT: Judge Robertson stated he had received notification from tourism board member Tom Holt that Anissa Hammond could no longer serve on the board, therefore he needed to appoint a replacement for the remainder of her term. Judge Robertson recommended Jared Popplewell to fill the remainder of her term which will expire 6/30/25. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

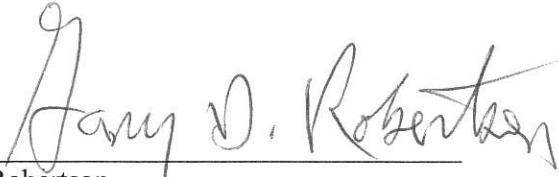
OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Robertson stated the alcohol sales were up a little from last month. He stated we collected about \$11,148.04 for the month of June sales which were collected in July.

Judge Robertson stated he along with other members of the fiscal court had taken several loads of supplies over to Breathitt County since they had been hit so hard by the recent flooding event. He wanted to thank everyone for their support.

Magistrate Garner wanted to ask the court about the dress code policy over at the recycling center and county garage and was it necessary for the employees there to wear pants. He stated it was very hot over in those two building and would the employees be allowed to wear khaki colored shorts or denim shorts. Treasurer Fenske stated administrative code only stated employees would need to be dressed appropriately. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow the workers at the county road garage and recycle center be allowed to wear shorts. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated we had a road change to deal with. Magistrate Johnson stated he wanted to take in Hollow Point Road in to the county road system. He stated it was 0.2690 miles in length and it met the county qualifications to take in. Magistrate Johnson made the motion to take the road into the county road system with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

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 6:57 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk