

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday December 12, 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 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 Dennis Price.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the November 14, 2022 regular. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve all the minutes with Magistrate Waddell 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.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$513.21; Nurse Visits \$123.80; HB 452 two checks \$708.57; HB 556 \$1,300.00; State Inmate Housing \$84,144.54; Booking Fees \$1,767.14; Vending Commission \$21.54; Phone Commission \$3,690.20; Training Expense Reimbursement \$2,291.92; Canteen Reimbursement \$673.84; Training Reimbursement \$916.19; Per Diem \$2,389.78; Interest \$39.15 for a total income of \$98,579.88. The expenses were \$160,056.73 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$61,476.85). The average inmates for the month was 120. There was 7 ¾ hours overtime. As of today there are 76 state inmates, 1 from Clinton County and 35 from Russell County for a total of 112 inmates. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided the sheriff's report for the month of November. He stated there were 273 911 calls for service; 22 arrests; 10 mental health transports; 29 criminal summons; 94 court paper served; and 2,962 court security transport miles. Sheriff Polston stated his office had collected \$1,161,210.61 in property taxes during the month of November. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Sheriff Polston presented the Inter-Local SRO agreement which is for an officer at Jamestown Elementary. This agreement is between the City of Jamestown, the Fiscal Court, the Board of Education and the Sheriff's office. He went on to state the only changes to the agreement were for the payment amounts from each entity to be paid in a lump sum of \$7,000.00 and the agreement would be auto renewing unless a party gave a 60 day notice. There was a minor increase from the previous year of a total of \$110.83. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the Inter-Local agreement with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Sheriff Polston presented his 2023 budget to the court for approval along with the state advancement and maximum salaries for deputies. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the presented 2023 budget with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. The maximum salaries for deputies was presented and Judge Robertson mentioned it was \$750,000.00 for 2023 which is \$75,000.00 more than it had been for 2022 to which Sheriff Polston agreed and said it was. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the maximum salaries for deputies with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Lastly the state advancement was presented which was for \$375,000.00. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the state advancement with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & PRE-APPROVED AE TRANSFERS: Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,789,158.04; Road \$698,064.33; Jail \$337,610.32; LGEA \$-2,281.87; ASAP \$147,751.29; Grants \$0.00; Emergency Shelter \$3,601.87; Tourism \$14,693.29; Dispatch \$178,562.60; Airport \$262,683.09; Airport Project \$111,052.96; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$79,755.73; Airport Terminal Project \$0; ABC \$92,571.83; ARPA \$2,051,209.82; Clerk Storage Fee Account \$0.00 for a total of \$5,776,534.51. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and the negative fee in the LGEA account had already been corrected and was due to

the purchase of the body cooler which was approved by the court earlier had been paid from the LGEA account when it should have been paid from the General fund. She also stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were included in the packet. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the AE transfers with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$1,918.56 FROM DISPATCH TO THE RC AMBULANCE – ENHANCED MEDICAID: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$1,918.56 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

PAY PULASKI COUNTY \$13,375.00 FOR REGIONAL SHELTER: Judge Robertson stated we contract with Pulaski County for our regional dog shelter. We pay them \$13,375.00 every six months and it's time to pay them again. He stated the new judge has agreed to continue with the regional shelter for a few more months until the new administration has some time to settle in. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pay Pulaski County with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Judge Robertson stated we follow the states holiday schedule and the schedule was in the packet for the magistrates to review. Magistrate Garner made the motion to accept the state holiday schedule with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RC CLERK – 2023 BUDGET & SALARY SCHEDULE: County Clerk Glover presented to the court the 2023 budget for the clerk's office and the maximum salaries for deputies. She went on to state the maximum salary schedule show the total of \$450,000.00 which was for salaries and health insurance. She also stated the form had never included the insurance on it but it was always included in the budget and that is the reason it had increased on the maximum salaries form. Magistrate Garner questioned the increase of the \$90,000.00 due to Clerk Glover stating at the October meeting the additional \$90,000.00 she was requesting for her amended 2022 maximum salary schedule was a "one time" deal and he didn't think it would continue into the 2023 budget. Clerk Glover stated she needed the extra money for salaries in order to fill some positions. Much discussion continued amongst the court and Clerk Glover to which Clerk Glover stated she would change the maximum salaries schedule back to \$300,000.00 plus the insurance and then would re-present her budget and max salary schedule in the first meeting in January.

Judge Robertson stated he had several people that wanted to speak tonight so he was going to allow them to speak a few minutes before continuing with the rest of the business that was on the agenda. He stated Mr. Michael Lapina with the Army Corp of Engineers was present to address the court. Mr. Lapina came before the court and stated a couple years ago the fiscal court had agreed to allow right of way access to J.D. Hamilton, Owner of Lake Cumberland Marina, for utilities for an expansion Mr. Hamilton wanted to do. Mr. Lapina went on to explain Mr. Hamilton had placed the floating dock walkway but it had not been placed in the Army Corp of Engineers approved location and he wanted to express that to the court that something must be done about this. After a lot of discussion, County Attorney Shearer asked Mr. Lapina for a letter of recommendation from the Army Corps of Engineers as to what specifically they wanted the court to do and we would then address the situation. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to table the discussion until next month after we had received information from the Corp with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

County Judge Executive Elect Randy Marcum came before the court and stated he wanted to ask some questions about the 911 building project and the court could address them as they saw fit. His questions were as follows: 1) Does the 911 building make good business sense to do? 2) Does it make Russell County better? 3) Will it enhance our ability to save lives? 4) Has there been any study as to the service as to what their needs are? 5) Do we have all the costs & governmental approval to build it? There was no response from the court from his questions.

Coroner Mark Coots came before the court and let them know he was replacing one of the Deputy Coroners and the replacement would be Bethany Coffey. He stated this change would take effect on January 1, 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS:

911 BID RECOMMENDATIONS: Judge Robertson stated we had the bid opening at 3:00pm today and the engineering firm was present to go over the bids with the fiscal court and make their recommendation. Ms. Kathy McQuire and Mr. Trey Bastin of Precision Engineering came before the court and stated there were 4 bids received and they were as follows:

Hargis General Contracting at \$544,900.00 electronic bid; no bid bond, no attendance & no contact with them.

Mann Construction at \$590,000.00

Tucker Building Company at \$597,453.00

Branscum Construction at \$611,000.

Mr. Bastin & Ms. McQuire made the recommendation to accept the bid with Mann Construction since Hargis General Contracting did not submit the bid bond.

Magistrate Garner made a motion to table this and not accept any bids as of this time because a new administration will be sworn into office in a couple of weeks and he felt it was in the best interest of all to allow the new members to review it and be part of the decision. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. Roll call was Waddell – Yes; Garner – Yes; Johnson – Yes; Richardson – No; Holt – No. The motion carried 3-2 to table the issue until the January meeting.

2ND READING J. REEDER LANE DISCONTINUANCE: Judge Robertson stated we had the 1st reading on this road closure at the last fiscal court meeting in November. He asked if all necessary procedures were followed to which Treasurer Fenske answered yes. Magistrate Garner made a motion to discontinue J. Reeder Lane and remove it from the county road list with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

PVA BOARD APPOINTMENT: Judge Robertson stated he had a PVA appointment that was expiring at the end of the month. He stated Mr. Sam Tarter's term was expiring. He thanked Mr. Tarter for his service on the board and then recommended the appointment of Mr. Gavon Antle to the PVA board for a term beginning 1/1/23 – 12/31/25. Magistrate Garner made the motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

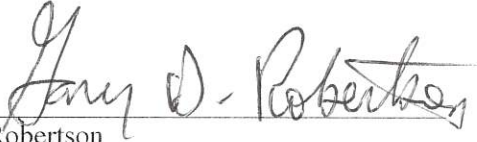
AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Judge Robertson stated there were 3 airport board appointments that were expiring at the end of the month. He recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Clete McAninch for another term beginning 1/1/23 – 12/31/26. Magistrate Waddell made the motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Chad Gosser to another term beginning 1/1/23 – 12/31/26. Magistrate Waddell made the motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson recommended John Stivers for another term beginning 1/1/23 – 12/31/26. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT: Judge Robertson stated the term of Mr. Neal Dalton on the hospital board was expiring on 12/31/22. He thanked Mr. Dalton for his service to the board and made the recommendation to appoint Mr. Larry Helm to his 1st four year term beginning 1/1/23 through 12/31/26. Magistrate Garner made the motion to accept the Judge's recommendation with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

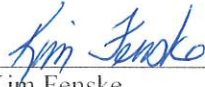
Judge Robertson provided the court with the alcohol sales collected. He stated October was the sales month which was collected in the month of November. He stated sales were down considerably and we had collected \$5,536.59 for the month.

Lastly, County Attorney Shearer addressed the 3 outgoing members of the Fiscal Court. Judge Robertson, Magistrate Holt and Magistrate Johnson. He expressed his appreciation to each of the members and commended them all on their many years of service to the citizens of Russell County. He presented each of them a plaque to show them the appreciation from the Fiscal Court.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Holt made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Johnson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk