

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday February 14, 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 Eric Richardson.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the January 10, 2022 regular meeting. Magistrate Holt made a motion to approve 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 Garner made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Local Corrections Assist \$8,477.83; Prescription Co-pay \$258.38; Nurse Visits \$42.48; HB 556 (2 checks) \$3,180.00; State Inmate Housing \$62,554.64; Social Security Payment \$600.00; HB 413 \$1,696.39; Other County Inmate Housing \$3,162.00; Booking Fees \$1,521.30; Fee Claim \$258.00; Vending Commission \$25.03; Phone Commission \$3,057.16; Reimbursement \$378.93; Per Diem \$2,452.47; Interest \$54.49; Transfer from General to Jail \$724,835.00 for a total income of \$812,554.10. The expenses were \$154,859.20 which makes a difference of income and expenses \$657,694.90. The average inmates for the month was 101. There was 40 hours overtime. As of today there are 62 state inmates, 2 from Clinton County and 30 from Russell County for a total of 94 inmates. Jailer Dunbar also presented his policy and procedures disc to each court member. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the detention center report and policy and procedures disc with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of January. He stated there were 354 calls for service; 28 arrests; 16 mental health transports; 13 Criminal Summons; 74 court paper served; 1,373 court security transport miles; and 52 vehicle inspections. He stated his office collected \$614,985.80 tax bills from January 1 through January 31. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SHERIFF'S 2021 FINAL FEE ACCOUNT SETTLEMENT: Sheriff Polston submitted his 2021 final fee account settlement. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the 2021 final fee account settlement with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & PRE-APPROVED MONTHLY AE TRANSFERS: Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,642,624.81; Road \$500,753.65; Jail \$707,189.98; LGEA \$7,170.33; ASAP \$138,315.96; Grants \$0; Emergency Shelter \$3,960.73; Tourism \$6,661.37; Dispatch \$185,783.63; Airport \$114,444.07; Airport Project \$9,613.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$57,193.95; Airport Terminal \$0.00; ABC \$100,460.23; ARPA \$1,754,227.54 for a total of \$5,240,500.67. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance. She stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were also included in the packet. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the pre-approved AE transfers with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RC CLERK – 2021 FINAL FEE SETTLEMENT: County Clerk Sue Brockman presented the court with her 2021 final fee settlement report and stated in addition to the \$50,000.00 already given to the court she added another \$183,379.30 in excess fees. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the final fee report with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 22-01 – ARPA PREMIUM PAY: Judge Robertson stated at last month's meeting it was discussed to expend some of the ARPA funds to the employees as essential pay which was an allowable expenditure. He presented

Resolution 22-01 which was for the premium pay for essential workers during covid. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-01 with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 22-02 – ARPA WATER PROJECT C WOOLDRIDGE ROAD: Judge Robertson stated also at last month's meeting we had discussed utilizing some of the ARPA funds for a water project for C Wooldridge Road which is another allowable expenditure. He went on to state Governor Beshear would be in the county on Friday to announce some state funded projects and this project may be one of them. However it would be his recommendation to go ahead and adopt the resolution and if this project was one that would be funded by the state then the court could rescind the resolution. He also stated the court had agreed to allot \$15,000.00 as the amount to fund the project. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-02 with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 22-03 – ARPA 911 DISPATCH CENTER/CORNER BUILDING: Judge Robertson stated since we were discussing ARPA funding he wanted to share a letter he had received from the City of Russell Springs. The letter stated the City of Russell Springs would be willing to sell up to 1 acre of land for a proposed new 911 facility to be built on Brian Walters Drive for the sum of \$1.00. The letter also stated the City would offer free natural gas, water and sewer hookup for the facility. Judge Robertson went on to state the court had considered purchasing a facility to house the 911 center previously but that didn't work out. He stated this project would be considered as governmental purposes therefore, the use of the ARPA funds could be utilized to build the facility. He also stated that Ross Sinclair would be handling this and would be putting out the bids for plans and construction. He went on to state he felt the feasible size of the building would be about 3000 square feet and since Coronor Coats had asked for some adjustments to his building which is located across the street, we could accommodate an office for him with a separate entrance also to be located in the 911 facility. Judge Robertson stated he felt the facility could be built for about \$650,000 and it could be less. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the City of Russell Springs proposal for purchasing the land for \$1.00. Magistrate Garner seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-03 to utilize ARPA funding to build a new 911 facility with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

COMPLIMENT ADJUSTMENTS: Judge Robertson stated he would let Treasurer Fenske explain. Treasurer Fenske stated a year or so back we had changed the compliment to reduce the part time slots in 911 dispatch and add full time slots to 911 dispatch and now we were changing them back. She also stated the court needed to try to become a bit more competitive with salaries and some entry level salaries had been increased in the office staff at the detention center. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the changes to the compliment with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RESCUE SQUAD AFFILIATION AGREEMENT: Judge Robertson stated this was something we did every year which addressed the chain of command within the county. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the affiliation agreement with the Rescue Squad and Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

EMERGENCY SHELTER INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT: Judge Robertson stated we had entered into this inter-local agreement with both cities to address the need in the county. He stated it had worked well in the past and if the county wanted to continue then we would sign and then send to each of the cities for their agreement to participate. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to sign the agreement with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

CORNERSTONE DIAGNOSTICS AGREEMENT: Judge Robertson stated he had been contacted by Jeff Padilla of Cornerstone Diagnostics regarding covid testing. Judge Robertson stated a copy of the agreement had been placed in the packet for review by the court and a representative of Cornerstone Diagnostics was present to explain. The representative explained Cornerstone Diagnostics had been awarded a contract from the state to provide covid and antigen testing at no cost to county employees, their families, vendors and actually to the general public. He stated the facility would be responsible for all paperwork and there would be no cost to the county or individuals. Magistrate Johnson stated he loved "free stuff" and made a motion to sign the agreement. Magistrate Garner seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

APPOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE: Judge Robertson stated it was time to appoint the budget committee for the 22-23 budget. He stated he believed it was Magistrate Waddell and Magistrate Garner's turn to sit on the committee and made that appointment. He went on to state the committee will consist of the two magistrates, himself and treasurer Fenske.

AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT: Judge Robertson said he had an airport board appointment that he needed to make. He stated David Flanagan had fulfilled another member's term and that term had expired on 12/31/21. He recommended appointing David to his first full term beginning retroactively to 1/1/22 through 12/31/25. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

EXTENSION BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Judge Robertson said he had two Extension Board appointments he needed to make. Appointments being Melonie Eubank for her second term and Wally Sullivan for his second term. Both appointments begin 1/16/2022 thru 1/15/2026. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the Judge's appointments with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

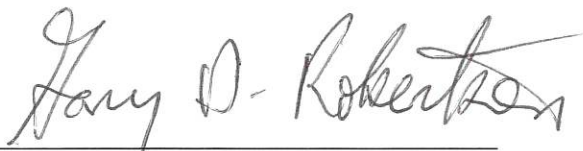
Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$25,045.46 from the grants fund to the general fund to pay back for the 911 CAD upgrade. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to transfer the funds with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated we had some road changes. Treasure Fenske stated these changes were a result from an audit between what the ADD office showed as county roads in comparison to what we showed as county roads. The first road was Hillcrest Road in District 2, CR-1779. This road has always been a county road but was not listed on our list. Magistrate Garner made a motion to add it back to the list with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. The second road was Johnston Circle in District 1, CR-1554 and 0.1200 in length. This is a correction to the CR# and length. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to make the change to the road list with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous. The third road is Tutt Drive in District 2, CR-1815. Homeowner who owns all property surrounding the road has requested the road to be closed. Magistrate Garner made a motion to proceed with the process for closing the road and Magistrate Waddell seconded. The roll call was unanimous.

Magistrate Garner stated he was having issues in his district with vandalism of the road signs. Magistrate Holt stated he was having the same issue in his district as well. Magistrate Garner asked if something could be done and would it be possible to get some trail cameras to see if we could catch the culprits. Judge Robertson stated that would be something we could do. Magistrate Garner made a motion to purchase 3 trail cameras for the road department to see if we could find out who was vandalizing the road signs. Magistrate Holt seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson provided the court with the alcohol sales collected. He stated sales were down and we had collected \$7,166.27 for the month of December sales and of that amount we had paid \$1,342.28 to the City of Jamestown for their portion of the sales.

ADJOURN: Magistrate Garner made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk