

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 10, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday January 10, 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 Wayne Keith.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular meeting. Magistrate Johnson 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: Prescription Co-pay \$248.56; Nurse Visits \$63.20; HB 452 \$458.15; HB 556 (2 checks) \$4,314.00; DUI Fees \$1,024.00; State Inmate Housing \$61,959.18; Traffic School \$51.87; Booking Fees \$1,882.30; Vending Commission \$18.03; Phone Commission \$3,097.75; Reimbursement 296.04; Per Diem \$2,440.91; Interest \$18.75; for a total income of \$75,872.74. The expenses were \$130,782.12 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$54,909.38). The average inmates for the month was 102. There was 1½ hours overtime. As of today there are 59 state inmates, 3 from Clinton County and 33 from Russell County for a total of 95 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 December. He stated there were 413 calls for service; 28 arrests; 14 mental health transports; 23 Criminal Summons; 67 court paper served; 1,526 court security transport miles; and 46 vehicle inspections. He stated his office collected \$896,549.90 tax bills from December 1 through December 31. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

SHERIFF'S 2020 FINAL TAX SETTLEMENT: Sheriff Polston submitted his 2020 final tax settlement. He stated his office had collected a total of \$10,800,238.47 for taxes and had balanced within \$1.00. He commended his office staff for their efforts! Magistrate Johnson made a motion to accept the 2020 tax settlement 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 \$2,128,467.48; Road \$86,530.06; Jail \$49,495.08; LGEA \$7,929.79; ASAP \$138,897.27; Grants \$0; Emergency Shelter \$4,142.05; Tourism \$8,594.17; Dispatch \$127,803.60; Airport \$118,414.27; Airport Project \$9,613.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$55,295.68; Airport Terminal \$0.00; ABC \$100,564.58; ARPA \$1,752,367.15 for a total of \$4,600,215.60. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and the dispatch account was out of balance by \$3,550.00 due to the state putting a deposit into the wrong account as well as the road fund being out of balance in the amount of \$800.00 due to the bank cashing a check for \$64.98 instead of how it was written which was for \$864.98. She stated the bank had already corrected their error and once we transferred the money from the dispatch account into the general account this would be corrected as well. 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 Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

2nd READING ORDINANCE 21-07 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Fenske read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the budget amendment with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

RUSSELL COUNTY 4-H: Judge Robertson stated there were 3 local students who had competed in the state 4-H shooting competition. He invited Cass Foley, Eli Foley and Sarah Stephens to come before the court. All three students will now be able to go to the National competition later this year. The entire court congratulated each of the students and acknowledged their accomplishments.

TRANSFER \$724,835.00 FROM GENERAL TO JAIL: Judge Robertson asked to transfer \$724,835.00 from General fund to Jail fund as budgeted. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$96,806.00 FROM GENERAL TO 911 DISPATCH: Judge Robertson asked to transfer \$96,806.00 from General fund to the 911 Dispatch fund as budgeted. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$100,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO ROAD AS LOAN: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$100,000.00 from the General fund to the Road fund due to a cash flow issue. He stated this was just a loan until more of our CRA money came in. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$1,276.21 FROM DISPATCH TO RC AMBULANCE – ENHANCED MEDICAID: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$1,276.21 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 Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER \$3,550.00 FROM DISPATCH FUND TO GENERAL FUND TO CORRECT STATE ERROR: Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$3,550.00 from the Dispatch fund to the General fund to correct an error made by the state. Treasurer Fenske added an AOC reimbursement should have been deposited into the general fund but had been placed in the dispatch fund. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

PAY FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD SUPPORT AS BUDGETED: Judge Robertson stated we needed to vote to pay our annual support to the local Fire Departments and Rescue Squad. These funds are budgeted items. Funds budgeted are \$10,000 to Jamestown Fire Department, \$10,000 to Russell Springs Fire Department, \$10,000 to Eli Fire Department, \$10,000 to South Russell Fire Department, \$4,000 to Faubush Fire Department and \$10,000 to Rescue Squad. Motion was made by Magistrate Holt to distribute the funds with a second by Magistrate Richardson. The roll call was unanimous.

APPROVE 2022 COUNTY PERSONNEL COMPLIMENT: Judge Robertson stated we needed to approve the appointment of county personnel as required by the auditors. A list of county employees, their respective positions along with their pay rate was provided to each of the Magistrates. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the county employee personnel list with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Judge Robertson stated Mayor Hinton & City Clerk Tyler McGowan were here tonight to provide an update on the water projects. Clerk McGowan stated all roads had been submitted to KIA and he hadn't heard back anything in regards to those roads submitted. He did state C Wooldridge Road had already been approved by the KY Division of Water and Judge Robertson interjected that all the roads submitted would have to be bid. Clerk McGowan concurred. Clerk McGowan stated he had all the approvals needed for C Wooldridge Road and those lines could be laid. There was discussion regarding the project and the cost of the project and was the county interested in splitting the costs in order to complete the project. Magistrate Garner a motion to provide \$15,000.00 to the City of Jamestown, of the county's ARPA funds to move forward with the water project on C Wooldridge Road. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated since we were on the subject of the ARPA funds we would move on to the previously discussed essential pay. Magistrate Garner stated he wanted to make a motion to provide recycle, road and office personnel

essential pay in the amount of \$5,000.00. Judge Robertson stated we would have to apply this to all county employees. Treasurer Fenske interjected other counties were doing, or had done this as well and in order to make it easier to administer they were providing a set amount to full time employees and part time employees and they were also setting a date range required for employment during the pandemic. There was discussion about the amounts given in surrounding counties and Judge Robertson stated we would have to pass a resolution first in order to provide the essential pay stipend. He also suggested the timeframe for being eligible for the essential pay be set at 7/1/21 through 12/31/21 and still be employed by the county at the time the resolution is passed by the court. Magistrate Garner made his motion of providing essential pay of \$5,000.00 to all full time employees and \$2,500.00 to part time employees who were employed from 7/1/21 through 12/31/21 and are still employed at the time the resolution is passed. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

Magistrate Garner stated he had hired a couple of guys to help with snow removal in his district during this last snow storm and he stated he would like the county to not do snow removal on parking lots. He stated he wasn't talking about just any parking lot but those parking lots the county road department personnel currently do. He went on to state he felt the county roads should come before those parking lots. Judge Robertson stated he had been called by the ADD office asking if the county could plow the lot and he had sent a tractor up to do it but the tractor froze up and so a truck and plow were sent. He added this was something that had always been done and the only parking lots that generally were done were county entities like the LC Area Development District, the Extension Service and sometimes the health department. Magistrate Garner made a motion to no longer use any county trucks and plows to do these parking lots but a tractor could be used to help as long as we had the employees to be able to do it. Magistrate Johnson 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 \$7,849.94 for the month of November sales and of that amount we had paid \$1,543.22 to the City of Jamestown for their portion of the sales.

ADJOURN: Magistrate Waddell made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk