

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday January 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Randy Marcum, Magistrates Terry Waddell, Mickey Garner, Zach Wilson, Steve Richardson, Larry Skaggs, County Attorney Kevin Shearer, and County Treasurer Kim Blanchet.

WELCOME, PLEDGE & OPENING PRAYER: Judge Marcum welcomed those present and led everyone in the pledge followed by a prayer by Brother Phillip Miller.

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the December 12, 2022 regular meeting and the called meeting on January 3, 2023. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor none opposed. 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 Garner seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$232.36; Nurse Visits \$63.47; HB 452 \$320.14; HB 556 (3 checks) \$21,080.00; DUI Fees \$1,240.87; State Inmate Housing \$80,787.24; Social Security Payment \$400.00; HB 413 \$1,451.30; Traffic School \$60.06; Fee Claim \$133.62; Clinton County Inmate Housing (2 checks) \$4,370.17; Booking Fees \$1,398.42; Fee Claim \$771.26; Vending Commission \$19.72; Phone Commission \$4,766.67; Reimbursement \$441.75; Per Diem \$2,087.71; Interest \$36.02; for a total income of \$119,660.78. The expenses were \$192,404.87 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$72,744.09). The average inmates for the month was 112. There was 11 hours overtime. As of today there are 76 state inmates, 1 from Clinton County and 39 from Russell County for a total of 116 inmates. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Jailer Dunbar also stated he had solicited bids on the professional contract for health services and had found a better option than the current provider of Southern Health Partners. He stated 3 C's was founded by a physician and pharmacist and many other counties were utilizing their services. He stated the contract was cheaper and the cost pool portion of the contract provided a 100% reimbursement where the current provider only provided an 80% reimbursement. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the new health service contractor with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of December. He stated there were 312 calls for service; 21 arrests; 13 Domestic; 17 1045's; 2 1046's; 52 Officer Requests; 12 EMS Requests; 16 mental health transports; 13 Criminal Summons; 79 court paper served; 2,187 court security transport miles; 26 vehicle inspections and 16 CCDW permits. He stated his office collected \$1,069,175.00 tax bills from December 1 through December 31. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORTS & PRE-APPROVED MONTHLY 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. There were no comments or questions. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the reports & AE transfers with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

RC CLERK – 2023 BUDGET & SALARY SCHEDULE: County Clerk Patti Glover came before the court and presented her 2023 budget and maximum salary schedule for deputies. She stated the 2023 budget was \$5,000,000.00 and she had reduced the maximum salary schedule back to \$300,000.00 as requested at last month's meeting. She also went on to state there was a possibility she would have to amend both the budget and maximum salary schedule later in the

year. Magistrate Richardson made motion to accept the Clerk's budget and maximum salary schedule with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$379,478.00 FROM GENERAL TO JAIL: Judge Marcum asked Treasurer Blanchet to handle the needed transfers. Treasurer Blanchet stated we needed to transfer \$379,478.00 from General fund to Jail fund as budgeted. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$79,476.00 FROM GENERAL TO 911 DISPATCH: Treasurer Blanchet stated we needed to transfer 79,476.00 from General fund to the 911 Dispatch fund as budgeted. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$1,918.56 FROM DISPATCH TO RC AMBULANCE – ENHANCED MEDICAID: Treasurer Blanchet stated we needed to transfer \$1,918.56 from the 911 Dispatch fund to the Ambulance Service. She stated this was for enhanced Medicaid. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

PAY FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD SUPPORT AS BUDGETED: Judge Marcum 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 Richardson to distribute the funds with a second by Magistrate Skaggs. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

APPOINT JUDGE PRO-TEM: Judge Marcum stated he needed to appoint a Judge Pro Tem to serve in the case of his absence. He made a motion to appoint Magistrate Zach Wilson to serve as his Judge Pro Tem. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

EXTENSION BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Judge Marcum stated he had two Extension Board appointments he needed to make. He stated he had recommendations from the Extension Office to re-appoint Sheila McKinley to a second term beginning 1/16/23 through 1/15/26 and Victor Rexroat to a first term also beginning 1/16/23 through 1/15/26. Treasurer Blanchet stated she had been made aware the county's website showed the terms as being 4 year appointments however that was incorrect and should show a 3 year appointment and the correction had been made to the website. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the appointments of both individuals with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

COMPLIMENT CHANGES: Judge Marcum stated the court had been provided a copy of the compliment and asked if there were any questions. There were none. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the compliment changes with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

CORONER MARK COOTS: Coroner Coots came before the court and provided each member a packet of information regarding the purchasing of a new vehicle for his office. He explained he needed a 4 wheel drive vehicle in certain situations and his current vehicle had been stuck on several different occasions. He also explained many times there are multiple calls for the coroner and when one vehicle was taking a body to Frankfort for autopsy there was a void in the county with only 1 back up vehicle. There was discussion within the court regarding the cost and this cost not being in the budget. Judge Marcum stated since there was no motion on the floor we would table the issue.

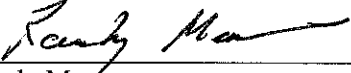
AMBULANCE BOARD APPOINTMENT: Judge Marcum stated his letter of resignation from the Ambulance Board was in the packet for the magistrates and in light of that he needed to recommend a replacement. He recommended Mr. Aaron Poynter to fill the remaining term of his seat which would end on 6/9/2024. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

FISCAL COURT 2022 AUDIT RESULTS: Judge Marcum stated he really like it when an auditor had no findings or no recommendations on an audit and that's the situation with the fiscal court for their FY 21-22. He went on to state that was a great way to start off as judge and he thought Treasurer Blanchet and he commended her.


OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Marcum stated he wanted to bring up the 911 building project again since it was tabled from last month's meeting. He stated he had been in contact with the folks at AT&T and still had nothing in the way of pricing. He also stated he hadn't heard anything from the list of people Gary had left with him so there was nothing we could do at this time. He went on to recommend we table the issue until we had a complete list of the costs associated with the project. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum provided the court with the alcohol sales collected. He stated we sold \$76,611.65 and the regulatory fees collected from that amount were \$4,596.70.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk