

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY JULY 10, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday July 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were County Judge Executive Randy Marcum, Magistrates Mickey Garner, Zac Wilson, Steve Richardson, Larry Skaggs, County Attorney Kevin Shearer, and County Treasurer Kim Blanchet. Magistrate Terry Waddell was absent from the meeting.

**WELCOME, OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE:** Judge Marcum welcomed those present, and Brother Johnny Hood lead the prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the June 12, 2023 regular meeting and the called meeting on July 5, 2023. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Garner seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The 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 Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**DETENTION CENTER REPORT:** Treasurer Blanchet read the jail report as follows: State Reimbursement \$1,258.95; Prescription Co-pay \$397.48; Nurse Visits \$133.64; HB 452 \$356.46; HB 556 (2 checks) \$5,372.00; DUI Fees \$722.85; Social Security \$400.00; HB 413 \$1,958.79; Traffic School \$125.58; Booking Fees \$1,839.56; Vending Commission \$24.65; Phone Commission \$4,782.77; Reimbursement \$613.94; Per Diem \$2,523.66; Interest \$38.55; Jail Expenses Transfer \$250,000.00 for a total income of \$270,551.88. The expenses were \$194,849.04 which makes a difference of income and expenses \$75,702.84. The average inmates for the month were 117. There was 44 hours overtime. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Deputy Ginn provided the Sheriff's report for the month of June. He stated there were 488 calls for service; 33 arrests; 11 Domestic; 11 1045's; 9 1046's; 41 Traffic Stops; 47 Request for Officer; 9 EMS request assist; 10 mental health transports; 39 court paper served; 103 Prisoner Transports; 3463 court security transport miles; 42 vehicle inspections & 34 CCDW permits issued. He stated the Sheriff's office had collected \$1,154.57 in oil & franchise tax for 2023. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY, QUARTERLY & FISCAL YEAR END SETTLEMENT REPORTS & AE TRANSFERS:** Judge Marcum stated the treasurer's monthly, quarterly and year end financial statement as well as the pre-approved AE Transfers were in the packet and asked the court if anyone had any questions regarding those reports. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the reports and accept the pre-approved AE transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$25,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO TOURISM:** Treasurer Blanchet stated we needed to transfer \$25,000.00 from the General fund to the Tourism fund. He stated this is budgeted money. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TRANSFER \$87,150.00 FROM GENERAL TO 911 DISPATCH:** Treasurer Blanchet asked to transfer \$87,150.00 from General fund to the 911 Dispatch fund as budgeted. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TRANSFER \$15,000.00 FROM ABC TO 911 DISPATCH:** Treasurer Blanchet stated that we need to transfer \$15,000.00 from the ABC fund to the 911 Dispatch fund. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TRANSFER \$15,000.00 FROM ABC TO JAIL:** Treasurer Blanchet stated that we need to transfer \$15,000.00 from the ABC fund to the Jail fund. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TRANSFER \$15,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO AIRPORT:** Treasurer Blanchet stated that we need to transfer \$15,000.00 from the General fund to the Airport fund. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TRANSFER \$1,500.00 FROM GENERAL TO EMERGENCY SHELTER:** Treasurer Blanchet stated that we need to transfer \$1,500.00 from the General fund to the Emergency Shelter fund. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TRANSFER \$453.56 FROM DISPATCH FUND TO AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR ENHANCED MEDICAID:** Treasurer Blanchet stated we needed to transfer \$453.56 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 Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**RUSSELL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT DAR PROGRAM:** Jennifer Hardwick with the Conservation District came before the court and thanked the court for the opportunity to speak. She highlighted the many things the district does for the county and asked once again for the fiscal court's matching funds for the dead animal removal grant. Magistrate Garner made a motion to provide the funds for the grant with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**AE TRANSFERS APPROVAL FY 23-24:** Treasurer Blanchet asked for the courts pre-approval to do any AE transfers needed throughout the fiscal year to avoid having to have a special called meeting. She stated we were allowed now to do that as a blanket transfer for the fiscal year. Magistrate Garner made a motion to pre-approve all AE transfers needed throughout fiscal year 23-24 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REPORT FOR FY 22-23:** Treasurer Blanchet read the required report of employees hired for the fiscal year 2022-2023. There was a total of 38 persons hired: 19 females; 19 male; 38 white/Caucasian. There were 14 part time: 7 females; 7 male. There were 24 full time: 12 females; 12 male. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Wilson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**ROAD CHANGES:** Judge Marcum stated we had a couple of road changes. He stated there was a name change from Access Road to Beekeeper Drive in District 3 and the second was to take in B.F.Flatt Lane which was in District 2. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to accept the name change and to take in the new road with Magistrate Garner seconding. All was in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Magistrate Garner asked County Attorney Shearer if he had heard anything about the logging issue on a road. County Attorney Shearer indicated his office had received a packet of information to fill out which they did and that has been submitted and his office was now waiting on them to contact him.

Judge Marcum stated the county took in \$8,307.51 in ABC money for the month of May collected in June.

Judge Marcum stated there was information in the packets from Modern Systems. He went on to state we weren't doing a very good job of securing the courthouse and there were many times he would come in and the doors would be unlocked. He stated he would like to get some type of automatic locking systems for all the doors. He stated what was in the packet was one bid he had received but he has asked another company to come look at it as well in hope they would supply another bid. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow Judge Marcum to proceed as long as he didn't exceed the bid price that was presented in their packets. Magistrate Skaggs seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated he would like to hire Ronald Johnson to be the supervisor at the recycle department. Magistrate Garner made a motion to make the hire with Magistrate Richardson seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated there was another item in their packets which was called IWorks. He stated this was a system in which it could track all road changes, including when it was paved, signs changed, etc. He stated this would streamline how everything works within the road department. He stated he had been invited to go to Madison County to see how their system worked which was something they had designed themselves and they would be selling that system too. Magistrate Garner asked to table this discussion until the next meeting.

Judge Marcum stated there were several citizens in the courtroom and asked what they were here to discuss. One of the citizens came forward and spoke on behalf of all of them. He stated they would like to talk to the court about allowing golf carts on roads especially Hwy 1383 which is a state road and golf carts and 4 wheelers are prohibited. There was much discussion on the topic and the group asked the court to consider the idea if it was possible.

**ADJOURN:** With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



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Randy Marcum  
County Judge Executive



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Kim Blanchet  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk